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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.

(\* The requirement to include notice of Bills introduced was only added to Rule 16.3 in January 2003. However, such notices have in practice been recorded in the Annex to the *Minutes of Proceedings* from the outset.)

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## Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

### No. 1, Tuesday 12 May 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Joe C. Ochei, Minister, Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Jesus House Aberdeen and Chair of Trustees RCCG Jesus House Inverness, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21719—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

Tuesday 12 May 2020—

after

Scottish Government Debate: Suppressing COVID: The Next Phase

insert

Scottish Government Debate: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 13 May 2020—

delete

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

insert

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.15 pm Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Update: Lord Advocate

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

Thursday 14 May 2020—

insert

2.00 pm Members' Virtual Question Time: Finance and Economy

3.00 pm Members' Virtual Question Time: Health

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question asking for what reason COVID-19 cases identified in Edinburgh on 2 March 2020 were not made public was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman).

**5. Suppressing COVID: The Next Phase:** The Parliament debated Suppressing COVID: The Next Phase.

**6. Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21711—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21720—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement that the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill, the Parliament agrees:

(a) to consider the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill as follows: stage 1 on Wednesday 13 May 2020; stage 3 on Wednesday 20 May 2020;

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill at stages 1 and 2, paragraphs 5 and 6 of Rule 9.21 of Standing Orders be suspended and replaced with:

“5. The COVID-19 Committee shall consider, and report to the Parliament on, the general principles of the Bill. Once that Committee has reported on the Bill, the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill and decide, on a motion of the member in charge of the Bill, whether to agree to those general principles. Any provisions in the Bill conferring powers to make subordinate legislation, or conferring powers on the Scottish Ministers to issue any directions, guidance or code of practice, are not required to be considered by the committee mentioned in Rule 6.11.

6. Stage 2 of the Bill shall be taken by the COVID-19 Committee. The committee mentioned in Rule 6.11 is not required to consider the Bill if it has been amended at stage 2 so as to insert or substantially alter provisions conferring powers to make subordinate legislation, or conferring powers on the Scottish Ministers to issue any directions, guidance or code of practice.”;

(c) that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the COVID-19 Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 19 May 2020 for the purpose of considering the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill at stage 2; and

(d) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill, Rules 9.7.8.A and 9.7.8B of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21721—That the Parliament agrees that for meetings of committees or sub-committees established by the Parliament, for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus, COVID-19, this being the period up to and including 26 June 2020, and such further period or periods as are determined by the Presiding Officer from time to time following consultation with the Bureau and notified to the Parliament in the Business Bulletin:

Rule 11.8.3 be suspended and replaced with-

“3. Except as provided in any direction given to a committee by the Parliament, members of a committee (other than a Committee of the Whole Parliament) or sub-committee shall vote either by show of hands, or by means of a roll call vote as described in Rule 11.7.4, or by an electronic voting system. The convener shall determine at the start of each meeting which of those methods of voting the convener considers it appropriate, in all the circumstances of the meeting, to use for that meeting.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21722—

That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Agriculture Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

## No. 2, Wednesday 13 May 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 3. Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21712—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21710—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21726—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business:

Tuesday 19 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 20 May 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 27 May 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Children (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Children (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 28 May 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Local Government and Communities

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21727—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 16, Abstentions 19).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21728—That the



Parliament agrees that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 0, Abstentions 19).

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

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

**No. 3, Thursday 14 May 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Members' Virtual Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**2. Members' Virtual Question Time:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

The meeting closed at 3.39 pm.

## No. 4, Tuesday 19 May 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21795—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

Tuesday 19 May 2020—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting Care Homes during COVID-19

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-21778—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-20970—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21684—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to;

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) 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 Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

## No. 5, Wednesday 20 May 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21805—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Wednesday 20 May 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

7.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 21 May 2020—

insert

12.30 pm First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 (Lockdown: Next Steps)

2.30 pm Members' Question Time: Local Government and Communities

3.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 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, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 83, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 93.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

84 (For 41, Against 38, Abstentions 0)

91 (For 59, Against 19, Abstentions 0)

92 (For 41, Against 38, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 22, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 22, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 22, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 19, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 19, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
- 13 (For 22, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 22, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 15 (For 22, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
- 17 (For 22, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
- 79 (For 19, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
- 81 (For 22, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 82 (For 22, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 94 (For 21, Against 56, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 85 and 86.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**4. Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21791—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**5. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21813—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 (Transport)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 (Economy)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement (virtual): COVID-19 (Education)

17.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 27 May 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Mobilisation of Scottish Manufacturing Base and Sourcing to Support NHS Scotland

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Children (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Children (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 28 May 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Education and Skills

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Health and Sport

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Communities and Local Government

Tuesday 2 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 3 June

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 4 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21798—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 June 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21799—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 June 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21800— That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 7 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21801—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 18 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21802—That the Parliament agrees that the Direct Payments (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/135) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.44 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.44 pm.



**No. 6, Thursday 21 May 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 (Lockdown: Next Steps).
- 2. Members' Question Time:** Questions on Local Government and Communities were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on testing of hospital patients discharged to care homes, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman).
- 4. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

## No. 7, Tuesday 26 May 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Brian Casey, Parish Minister, Springburn Parish Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 (Transport).
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 (Economy).
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 (Education).
6. **Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

## No. 8, Wednesday 27 May 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Mobilisation of Scottish Manufacturing Base and Sourcing to Support NHS Scotland.
- 3. Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-21834—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Scotland) Bill.

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

- 4. Children (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-20712—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Scotland) Bill, agrees to;
  - (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) 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 Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21847—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business;

Tuesday 2 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19: Next Steps for the NHS

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19 Next Steps (Economy)

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 3 June 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Brexit

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 4 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Tuesday 9 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 10 June 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 11 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Justice and the Law Officers

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21848—That the

Parliament agrees that consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 2 October 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21849—That the Parliament agrees that the Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/138) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 0, Abstentions 11).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

**No. 9, Thursday 28 May 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Communities and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

**No. 10, Tuesday 2 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Keith Mack, Minister, St John's & King's Park Church, Dalkeith, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. COVID-19: Next Steps for the NHS:** The Parliament debated COVID-19: Next Steps for the NHS.
- 4. COVID-19 Next Steps (Economy):** The Parliament debated COVID-19: Next Steps (Economy).
- 5. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

## No. 11, Wednesday 3 June 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Referral of SSIs:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21913—That the Parliament agrees that the following SSIs be considered by the Parliament—

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment Order 2020 [draft];

Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft].

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell MSP) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit.

**4. Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 11, 12 and 15.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

7 (For 58, Against 12, Abstentions 0)

9 (For 59, Against 12, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 16 was disagreed to (by division: For 19, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**5. Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21891—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) For 74, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21902—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection



*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Reporting to Parliament on the Coronavirus Acts

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19 Next Steps (Communities)

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 10 June 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 (Tourism)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 11 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Justice and the Law Officers

Tuesday 16 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 17 June 2020

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 18 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Economy, Fair Work and Culture

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Education and Skills

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21903—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 19 June 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21921—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 25 September 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21904—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Environment Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21906—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Parliamentary Recess Dates:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21926—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S5M-17943 and under Rule 2.3.1, that the parliamentary recess dates of 27 June to 30 August 2020 (inclusive) be replaced with 27 June to 9 August 2020 (inclusive) with the exception of 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July and 6 August 2020, on which dates business may be programmed by the Bureau.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21915—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21916—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

**14. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

**No. 12, Thursday 4 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 2. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Finance were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.29 pm.

## No. 13, Tuesday 9 June 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rabbi Moshe Rubin, Rabbi of Giffnock & Newlands Hebrew Congregation and Senior Rabbi of Scotland, led Time for Reflection

**2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21992—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 9 June 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 10 June 2020—

after

2.30 Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 (Tourism)

insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Showing Solidarity with Anti-Racism

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

7.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Reporting to Parliament on the Coronavirus Acts.

**5. COVID-19 Next Steps (Communities):** The Parliament debated COVID-19 Next Steps (Communities).

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21993—

That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.29 pm.

## No. 14, Wednesday 10 June 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 (Tourism).
- 3. Business Motion:** Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22019—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business on Thursday 11 June 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

insert

*followed by* Topical Questions

The motion was agreed to.

- 4. Showing Solidarity with Anti-Racism:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-22004—That the Parliament understands and shares the deep concern and horror that many feel about racism and racial injustice across the world; expresses and shares the sympathy, grief and anger of so many at the death of George Floyd; stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement; discourages mass gatherings at this time in the interests of public health and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and encourages people to find alternative ways to lend their voice to protest peacefully on this important matter; believes that there is a responsibility on us all to identify and dismantle barriers of structural racism that exist in our society and institutions; agrees that it is up to all in society to tackle racism and advance race equality, and believes that racism is a societal evil that we must all stand united against, and work to eradicate.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-22004.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22004 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Showing Solidarity with Anti-Racism), insert at end "; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Government expert advisory group on COVID-19 and the impact on ethnic minority communities, and calls for action now to best support black and minority ethnic (BAME) workers and their families as the health and economic crisis unfolds and for the collection of detailed data through Public Health Scotland on the impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups, to assist in identifying the reasons for differential impacts".

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

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-22004.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22004 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Showing Solidarity with Anti-Racism), leave out from “across the world” to “equality” and insert “and police brutality across the world; expresses and shares the sympathy, grief and anger of so many at the death of George Floyd; stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and considers that the UK Government must immediately suspend all export licences for tear gas, rubber bullets and riot gear to the US; recognises that public protest should be conducted safely in the current public health crisis; encourages people to continue to find safe ways to lend their voice to protest against racism in all its forms; believes that there is a responsibility on us all to identify and dismantle barriers of structural racism that exist in our society and institutions; agrees that it is up to all in society to tackle racism and advance race equality; \* agrees that Scotland should establish a slavery museum to address our historic links to the slave trade; regrets the fact that so many monuments and street names still celebrate the perpetrators and profiteers of slavery, and calls on all levels of government to work to address this toxic legacy”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 0, Abstentions 11).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament understands and shares the deep concern and horror that many feel about racism and racial injustice and police brutality across the world; expresses and shares the sympathy, grief and anger of so many at the death of George Floyd; stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and considers that the UK Government must immediately suspend all export licences for tear gas, rubber bullets and riot gear to the US; recognises that public protest should be conducted safely in the current public health crisis; encourages people to continue to find safe ways to lend their voice to protest against racism in all its forms; believes that there is a responsibility on us all to identify and dismantle barriers of structural racism that exist in our society and institutions; agrees that it is up to all in society to tackle racism and advance race equality; agrees that Scotland should establish a slavery museum to address our historic links to the slave trade; regrets the fact that so many monuments and street names still celebrate the perpetrators and profiteers of slavery; calls on all levels of government to work to address this toxic legacy; believes that racism is a societal evil that we must all stand united against, and work to eradicate; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Government expert advisory group on COVID-19 and the impact on ethnic minority communities, and calls for action now to best support black and minority ethnic (BAME) workers and their families as the health and economic crisis unfolds and for the collection of detailed data through Public Health Scotland on the impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups, to assist in identifying the reasons for differential impacts.

**5. Disclosure (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, 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 and 38.

Amendment 39 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**6. Disclosure (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved S5M-21976—That the Parliament agrees that the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**7. Business Motion:** Liz Smith on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21999—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics for 2018

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Fiscal Implications of COVID-19

*followed by* Legislation Consent Motion: Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 17 June 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: 2019-20 Provisional Outturn Statement

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Justice Sector Response, Recovery and Renewal

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Mental Health - Transition and Recovery

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislation Consent Motion: Domestic Abuse Bill

*followed by* Legislation Consent Motion: Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 18 June 2020

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister Statement: COVID-19 Next Steps

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.20 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Order 2020

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 24 June 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 25 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Health and Sport

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Communities and Local Government

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22000—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22001—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22002—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/164) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22003—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

**No. 15, Thursday 11 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 2. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 4. Topical Questions (Virtual):** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

The meeting closed at 3.28 pm.

## No. 16, Tuesday 16 June 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend James Maciver, Minister, Stornoway Free Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22053—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 16 June—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 17 June—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

8.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics for 2018.

**5. Fiscal Implications of COVID-19:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-22033—That the Parliament recognises the significant and ongoing fiscal pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the additional funding made available to date by the UK Government; notes that the funding requirements of responding to COVID-19 have significantly exceeded that additional funding; agrees that additional fiscal flexibilities beyond those in the Fiscal Framework are required to be able to respond sufficiently to the pandemic, including support to businesses, communities and public services; further agrees that Scotland's public finances should not face undue risks via the Fiscal Framework on account of any differential impact of COVID-19, and agrees that all parties and spheres of government should continue to work collaboratively and transparently on the collective fiscal response.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-22033.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22033 in the name of Kate Forbes (Fiscal Implications of COVID-19), leave out from “that the funding requirements” to “impact of COVID 19” and insert “the Scottish Government’s current borrowing powers and the extent to which they have been used in the current 2020-21 budget; further notes that the Scottish Government now plans to make use of a further £66 million of reserves, leaving a total of £165 million in the Scotland Reserve; acknowledges that the UK Government is estimated to have spent in excess of £10 billion in Scotland throughout the course of this crisis to date; agrees that the Fiscal Framework concluded by both the UK and Scottish governments in 2016 is currently operating as it should; welcomes the protection of 800,000 Scottish jobs, thanks to the UK Government’s unprecedented economic interventions”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-22033.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22033 in the name of Kate Forbes (Fiscal Implications of COVID-19), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “notes that the funding requirements of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic have been substantial for both the Scottish and UK governments; welcomes the additional funding made available by the UK Government to tackle the pandemic, providing support for businesses and to retain jobs; further notes that both the Scottish Government and local authorities have contributed additional resources, that councils are equally exposed to financial risk and that there is likely to be a budget shortfall in local government; agrees that additional short-term flexibilities in the Fiscal Framework should be negotiated with the UK Government; notes that the limitations in the Fiscal Framework were agreed by the Scottish Government, and welcomes the opportunity to review this next year; agrees that all parties and levels of government should continue to work collaboratively and transparently on the collective fiscal response, and urges the Scottish Government to bring forward a package of measures to restart the economy.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT) by division: For 55, Against 18, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-22033.4 was pre-empted.

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-22033.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22033 in the name of Kate Forbes (Fiscal Implications of COVID-19), insert at end “; recognises that economic recovery from COVID-19 will require a very substantial fiscal stimulus package as well as continuation of the job retention scheme in at least some sectors such as the hospitality industry; notes that the need for these further measures is recognised at EU level and regrets that the UK will be unable to participate in the EU’s stimulus package as a result of the UK Government’s choices, and believes that all fiscal interventions to respond to and recover from the COVID-

19 pandemic must be designed to build back a better, fairer and more sustainable economy, and that investment in a green economy must be the most urgent priority for all governments, instead of supporting the continuation of exploitative and unsustainable practices.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT) by division: For 53, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-22033.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22033 in the name of Kate Forbes (Fiscal Implications of COVID-19), leave out from “; notes” to “differential impact of COVID-19” and insert “and directly to individuals and businesses in Scotland; notes that the funding requirements of responding to COVID-19 have been significant, and have also put pressure on local authorities responsible for delivering many of the services required to tackle the pandemic; agrees that additional fiscal flexibilities beyond those in the Fiscal Framework should be considered to be able to respond sufficiently to the pandemic, including support to businesses, communities and public services; further agrees that Scotland’s public finances should not face undue risks via the Fiscal Framework on account of any differential impact of COVID-19; believes that local government in Scotland should be treated fairly and transparently by the Scottish Government.”

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that the funding requirements of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic have been substantial for both the Scottish and UK governments; welcomes the additional funding made available by the UK Government to tackle the pandemic, providing support for businesses and to retain jobs; further notes that both the Scottish Government and local authorities have contributed additional resources, that councils are equally exposed to financial risk and that there is likely to be a budget shortfall in local government; agrees that additional short-term flexibilities in the Fiscal Framework should be negotiated with the UK Government; notes that the limitations in the Fiscal Framework were agreed by the Scottish Government, and welcomes the opportunity to review this next year; agrees that all parties and levels of government should continue to work collaboratively and transparently on the collective fiscal response; urges the Scottish Government to bring forward a package of measures to restart the economy; recognises that economic recovery from COVID-19 will require a very substantial fiscal stimulus package as well as continuation of the job retention scheme in at least some sectors such as the hospitality industry; notes that the need for these further measures is recognised at EU level and regrets that the UK will be unable to participate in the EU’s stimulus package as a result of the UK Government’s choices, and believes that all fiscal interventions to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic must be designed to build back a better, fairer and more sustainable economy, and that investment in a green economy must be the most urgent priority for all governments, instead of supporting the continuation of exploitative and unsustainable practices.



**6. Legislative Consent Motion: Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-22034—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 20 May 2020, so far as they 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 5.37 pm.

## No. 17, Wednesday 17 June 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on 2019-20 Provisional Outturn.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Justice Sector Response, Recovery and Renewal.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Mental Health – Transition and Recovery.
- 5. Business Motion:** Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22065—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (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: 50 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 35 minutes

Groups 7 and 8: 2 hours 20 minutes

Groups 9 to 12: 3 hours 15 mins.

The motion was agreed to.

### **6. Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 32, 34, 41, 42, 43, 44, 14, 45, 46, 47, 48, 27, 49, 50, 51, 29, 55A, 55B, 55, 63 and 31.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 35 (For 42, Against 38, Abstentions 0)
- 39 (For 61, Against 19, Abstentions 0)
- 59 (For 42, Against 37, Abstentions 1)
- 60 (For 41, Against 38, Abstentions 0)
- 30 (For 60, Against 19, Abstentions 0)
- 62 (For 41, Against 37, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 33 (For 22, Against 56, Abstentions 1)
- 36 (For 21, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 37 (For 21, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 38 (For 21, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 40 (For 21, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 20, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
- 53 (For 21, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 61 (For 21, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 56A (For 20, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
- 56 (For 20, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 28, 29A and 58.

The following amendments were not moved: 52 and 54.

The Presiding Officer extended the a time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill:**

The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) moved S5M-22044—That the Parliament agrees that the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Legislative Consent Motion: Domestic Abuse Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-22045—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Domestic Abuse Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 3 March 2020, relating to amendments to the law of Scotland concerning extra-territorial jurisdiction over certain offences committed outside the UK by a UK national or habitual resident of Scotland in order to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing violence against women and combating violence and domestic violence, 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).

**9. Legislative Consent Motion: Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill – UK Legislation:**

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-22046—That the Parliament agrees that the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 27 February 2020, providing a clear approach to the domestic implementation of the 1996, 2005 and 2007 Hague Conventions at the end of the

Implementation Period and providing a power for the Scottish Ministers or the Secretary of State with the consent of the Scottish Ministers to, on the UK entering any international agreement on Private International Law, implement that agreement in order for it to have legal effect in domestic law, in so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22057—That the Parliament agrees (a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 June 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Order 2020

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Recommendations

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 24 June 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 25 June 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Health and Sport

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Communities and Local Government

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People

Tuesday 11 August 2020

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

Wednesday 12 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 13 August 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 June 2020, 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.

**11. Referral of SSIs:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22054—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22055—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22056—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of its consideration of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill, in Rule 9.5.3B of Standing Orders the number “10” be suspended and replaced with the number “7”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14 Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.

**No. 18, Thursday 18 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Next Steps.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

**No. 19, Tuesday 23 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 PM.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Miss Miriam Hussain, Young Women Lead Committee Member, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22125—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 23 June 2020—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Education Recovery

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 June—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert



2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm Ministerial Statement: Providing Financial Stability for Farmers and Crofters

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman).

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Education Recovery.

**5. Local Government Finance (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-22114—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Recommendations:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-22119—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations of the independent Advisory Group on Economic Recovery in its report, Towards a robust, resilient wellbeing economy for Scotland, and thanks the membership of the group for their deliberations; further notes the considerable impact that COVID-19 has had on the different sectors and regions of the Scottish economy, and recognises the considerable and collective action that will be required from government, private and third sectors, trade unions and the people of Scotland to support a green and sustainable economic recovery that enhances the wellbeing of all.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-22119.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22119 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Recommendations), insert at end “, and

welcomes the contribution of the UK Government in protecting livelihoods, jobs and businesses in Scotland during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-22119.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22119 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Recommendations), insert at end “, and welcomes the focus on establishing a jobs guarantee scheme, which should be tailored to ensure it provides necessary additional assistance for young workers, women and BAME and disabled workers, who are all likely to be hit hard by this economic crisis.”

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

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-22119.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22119 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Recommendations), insert at end “; recognises the disproportionate economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis on young people, and therefore welcomes the valuable role that a jobs guarantee scheme could play in protecting livelihoods, preventing unemployment and accelerating the transition to a net-zero economy; notes that young people are also more likely to suffer from precarious incomes and expensive and insecure housing, and considers that economic recovery must address the root causes of these problems; agrees that there is a need both for a significant increase in capital investment and for the Scottish Government to take public stakes in businesses, but considers that both these interventions must be actively led according to clearly defined principles, rather than according to commercial imperatives.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-22119.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22119 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Recommendations), insert at end “; notes that the Scottish Government has committed to a formal response by the end of July 2020; believes that a more urgent response is needed on provision of childcare for anyone required to return to work given the report's statement that school and childcare closures represent “a disproportionate impact on women’s employment”, and further calls for a formal estimation within its plans of the amounts paid by the UK Government directly to people in Scotland under furlough, unemployment benefits and other COVID-related payments, in order to give a better assessment of the resources both required and available to support people.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 12, Abstentions (0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations of the independent Advisory Group on Economic Recovery in its report, Towards a robust, resilient wellbeing economy for Scotland, and thanks the membership of the group for their deliberations; further notes the considerable impact that COVID-19 has had on the different sectors and regions of the Scottish economy; recognises the considerable and collective action that will be required from government, private and third sectors, trade unions and the people of Scotland to support a green and sustainable economic recovery that enhances the wellbeing of all; welcomes the contribution of the UK Government in protecting livelihoods, jobs and businesses in Scotland during the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the focus on establishing a jobs guarantee scheme, which should be tailored to ensure it provides necessary additional assistance for young workers, women and BAME and disabled workers, who are all likely to be hit hard by this economic crisis; recognises the disproportionate economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis on young people, and therefore welcomes the valuable role that a jobs guarantee scheme could play in protecting livelihoods, preventing unemployment and accelerating the transition to a net-zero economy; notes that young people are also more likely to suffer from precarious incomes and expensive and insecure housing, and considers that economic recovery must address the root causes of these problems; agrees that there is a need both for a significant increase in capital investment and for the Scottish Government to take public stakes in businesses, but considers that both these interventions must be actively led according to clearly defined principles, rather than according to commercial imperatives; notes that the Scottish Government has committed to a formal response by the end of July 2020; believes that a more urgent response is needed on provision of childcare for anyone required to return to work given the report's statement that school and childcare closures represent "a disproportionate impact on women's employment", and further calls for a formal estimation within its plans of the amounts paid by the UK Government directly to people in Scotland under furlough, unemployment benefits and other COVID-related payments, in order to give a better assessment of the resources both required and available to support people.

**7. Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was agreed to (without division).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**8. Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-22115—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**9. Committee Announcement:** Gillian Martin, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, made an announcement on a Report on Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Environment Bill.

**10. Referral of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22126—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.54 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

**No. 20, Wednesday 24 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Providing Financial Stability for Farmers and Crofters.
- 3. Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-22121—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill.

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

- 4. Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21907—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22128—That the Parliament agrees— (a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 August 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Reporting to Parliament on the Coronavirus Acts

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 12 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Brexit Update

*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

Thursday 13 August 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism

Tuesday 18 August 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Preliminary Stage Debate: Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 19 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 20 August 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Justice and the Law Officers

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 10 August 2020, 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. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22129—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 4 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22130—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22131—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity

Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Fisheries Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22132—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/169) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22133—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/170) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22134—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/171) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22135—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22136—That the Parliament agrees that the Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22137—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).



**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22143—That the Parliament agrees that the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/182) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/184):** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-22120—That the Parliament recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/184) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.30 pm.

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

The meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

**No. 21, Thursday 25 June 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 2. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Communities and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.18 pm.

**No. 22, Thursday 9 July 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Next Steps.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Chancellor's Summer Economic Update.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Further and Higher Education.
- 4. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.58 pm.

**No. 23, Thursday 16 July 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement (Virtual):** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Labour Market Statistics.
- 2. Ministerial Statement (Virtual):** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on The Care Promise.
- 3. Ministerial Statement (Virtual):** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Transport.

The meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

**No. 24, Thursday 23 July 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Progress Towards Reopening Schools.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Childcare.

The meeting closed at 3.34 pm.

**No. 25, Thursday 30 July 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm

**1. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Next Steps.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on the Internal Market.

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

## No. 26, Tuesday 11 August 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Jon Plunkett, Care & Support Manager, Corbenic Camphill Community, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22404—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 August 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Reporting to Parliament on Coronavirus legislation

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: SQA exam results 2020

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Covid-19

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 12 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Ensuring a safe and welcoming return to school for children, young people and staff

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: An Implementation Plan for Economic Recovery

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 13 August 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 August 2020, 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.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Reporting to Parliament on Coronavirus Legislation.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on SQA Exam Results 2020.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and, along with the Cabinet Secretaries for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) and Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson), answered questions on COVID-19.

**7. Business Motion:** Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22405—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 13 August 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Rural Economy and Tourism

insert

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism

3.20 pm Motion of No Confidence

4.20 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**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. 27, Wednesday 12 August 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Ensuring a safe and welcoming return to school for children, young people and staff.

**3. An Implementation Plan for Economic Recovery:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-22396—That the Parliament notes the serious damage to the economy already caused by COVID-19 in Scotland and across the globe; recognises that the country will continue to face economic damage affecting individuals, communities and businesses for some time to come; resolves to work collectively in a national mission to build a resilient, inclusive and green recovery, which will build on the natural, economic, social and individual strengths of Scotland to deliver a wellbeing economy; notes the publication of the reports, Economic Recovery Implementation Plan: The Scottish Government's response to the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery and Addressing the labour market emergency: The Scottish Government's response to the Report by the Enterprise & Skills Board sub-group on measures to mitigate the labour market impacts from COVID-19, and calls for cross-party consensus in taking forward the actions required to deliver on both the recommendations of those groups and the additional actions proposed by the Scottish Government on procurement, sector recovery, SME support and digital support to ensure that Scotland continues to develop its path to recovery, and acknowledges that further actions for recovery will be set out in its forthcoming Programme for Government, Infrastructure Investment Plan and the updated Climate Change Plan.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-22396.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22396 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (An Implementation Plan for Economic Recovery), insert at end “; calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government to ensure the continued success in Scotland of the Chancellor's unprecedented support measures, which have protected at least 891,500 Scottish jobs, and asks the Scottish Government to recognise and respond to requests from key stakeholders for a detailed policy memorandum outlining the timescales and detailed methodology for the implementation of the proposals in the Economic Recovery Implementation Plan and for Ministers to provide the Parliament with that information at the earliest opportunity.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 6, Abstentions 1).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-22396.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22396 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (An Implementation Plan for Economic Recovery), insert at end “; recognises that Scotland needs to make an urgent response to the economic impact of COVID-19, and urges the Scottish Government to bring forward the Scottish Child Payment, invest in flexible childcare and bring forward within the next month a quality job guarantee scheme that provides a living wage and focuses on a green and just recovery, which not only invests in those requiring work but also invests in everyone’s future.”

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

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-22396.5—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22396 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (An Implementation Plan for Economic Recovery), leave out from “, and calls for” to end and insert “; welcomes the job guarantee scheme, which has been needed since before the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises the need for the COVID-19 recovery to focus on building a fairer, greener and more equal wellbeing economy; believes however that these goals require clearer definitions and political will, which have not been shown by the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery; considers that those who put GDP growth ahead of addressing inequality or the climate emergency are ideological zealots whose advice should be rejected; notes the enormous potential to create green jobs and cut emissions by supporting the energy efficiency sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately commit specific resources beyond the 2020-21 budget to scale-up existing home energy efficiency programmes, as promised by the First Minister.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-22396.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22396 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (An Implementation Plan for Economic Recovery), insert at end “, and believes that cross-party consensus will be easier to build if Scottish ministers reverse their decision to halt entitlement to expanded nursery schooling for a whole academic year, take clearer steps to reverse the decade of centralisation of enterprise agency work and provide the formal estimation of the amounts paid by the UK Government directly to people in Scotland under furlough, unemployment benefits and other COVID-19-related payments, as agreed by the Parliament on 23 June 2020, in order to give a better assessment of the resources both required and available to support people.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 59, Abstentions 6).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the serious damage to the economy already caused by COVID-19 in Scotland and across the globe; recognises that the country will continue to face economic damage affecting individuals, communities and businesses for some time to come; resolves to work collectively in a national mission to build a resilient, inclusive and green recovery, which will build on the natural, economic, social and individual strengths of Scotland to deliver a wellbeing economy; notes the publication of the reports, Economic Recovery Implementation Plan: The Scottish Government's response to the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery and Addressing the labour market emergency: The Scottish Government's response to the Report by the Enterprise & Skills Board sub-group on measures to mitigate the labour market impacts from COVID-19, and calls for cross-party consensus in taking forward the actions required to deliver on both the recommendations of those groups and the additional actions proposed by the Scottish Government on procurement, sector recovery, SME support and digital support to ensure that Scotland continues to develop its path to recovery, and acknowledges that further actions for recovery will be set out in its forthcoming Programme for Government, Infrastructure Investment Plan and the updated Climate Change Plan; calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government to ensure the continued success in Scotland of the Chancellor's unprecedented support measures, which have protected at least 891,500 Scottish jobs, and asks the Scottish Government to recognise and respond to requests from key stakeholders for a detailed policy memorandum outlining the timescales and detailed methodology for the implementation of the proposals in the Economic Recovery Implementation Plan and for Ministers to provide the Parliament with that information at the earliest opportunity; recognises that Scotland needs to make an urgent response to the economic impact of COVID-19, and urges the Scottish Government to bring forward the Scottish Child Payment, invest in flexible childcare and bring forward within the next month a quality job guarantee scheme that provides a living wage and focuses on a green and just recovery, which not only invests in those requiring work but also invests in everyone's future.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22408—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 August 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Internal Market

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 19 August 2020

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Health

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Redress Scheme for Survivors of Historical Child Abuse in 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

Thursday 20 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

3.25 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

3.45 pm Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Second Year Progress Report

4.15 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 August 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 26 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 27 August 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Economy, Fair Work and Culture

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Education and Skills

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Health and Sport

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 August 2020, 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. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

## No. 28, Thursday 13 August 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; and Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Motion of No Confidence:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-22392—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, in light of his mismanagement of schools' education and, in particular, of this year's awarding of grades to school pupils and the unfairness of the system applied by the SQA.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

**3. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22424—That the Parliament agrees that Murdo Fraser be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a member of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

## No. 29, Tuesday 18 August 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr David J Graham, Minister, Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick, and Dirleton Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Internal Market:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-22437—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to withdraw its proposals for a UK internal market regime, which are incompatible with devolution and the democratic accountability of the Scottish Parliament; notes that the proposals would be detrimental to businesses, consumers and citizens across Scotland, and agrees that they would fundamentally undermine legitimate devolved policy choices on a range of matters, including the environment, public health and social protections.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-22437.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22437 in the name of Michael Russell (Internal Market), leave out from “UK Government” to end and insert “Scottish Government to engage constructively with the UK Government on all legislative and other measures being undertaken to safeguard the integrity of the UK internal market, while also safeguarding the powers of devolved administrations to pursue competent policy divergence; understands concerns that any barriers to trade between Scotland and the rest of the UK internal market would be detrimental for jobs, businesses, consumers and citizens across Scotland, given that over 60% of Scotland’s trade is with the rest of the UK and that over 550,000 jobs in Scotland are directly supported by this trade, and recognises that it is vital to secure Scotland’s trade with the rest of the UK in light of the unprecedented economic crisis caused by COVID-19.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-22437.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22437 in the name of Michael Russell (Internal Market), insert at end “and these proposals would hinder the capacity to utilise state aid interventions, including public ownership, to generate locally-rooted economic development grounded in local democracy.”

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

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-22437.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22437 in the name of Michael Russell (Internal Market), insert at end “; notes that the consultation on the proposals

was only four weeks long and almost entirely covered a period when the Scottish Parliament, the Welsh Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly were in recess, and that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy refused an invitation to give evidence to the Finance and Constitution Committee; regards this as an unacceptable sign of contempt for the parliamentary process, and agrees that for the UK Government to proceed with legislation as proposed without the consent of the Scottish Parliament would be a clear breach of Section 28(8) of the Scotland Act 1998.”

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

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-22437.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22437 in the name of Michael Russell (Internal Market), insert at end “; urges that the current proposals be replaced with proposals to assist a smooth-running UK internal market through agreed frameworks and joint decision-making between the four UK administrations in a federal arrangement in order to recognise the development of devolution since 1999, and believes that an internal market without unnecessary borders is good for business and consumers across the UK, and that joint decision-making will protect people in Scotland and the rest of the UK from lower standards being imposed by the actions of a single administration.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to withdraw its proposals for a UK internal market regime, which are incompatible with devolution and the democratic accountability of the Scottish Parliament; notes that the proposals would be detrimental to businesses, consumers and citizens across Scotland; agrees that they would fundamentally undermine legitimate devolved policy choices on a range of matters, including the environment, public health and social protections; these proposals would hinder the capacity to utilise state aid interventions, including public ownership, to generate locally-rooted economic development grounded in local democracy; notes that the consultation on the proposals was only four weeks long and almost entirely covered a period when the Scottish Parliament, the Welsh Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly were in recess, and that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy refused an invitation to give evidence to the Finance and Constitution Committee; regards this as an unacceptable sign of contempt for the parliamentary process, and agrees that for the UK Government to proceed with legislation as proposed without the consent of the Scottish Parliament would be a clear breach of Section 28(8) of the Scotland Act 1998.



**4. Motion Without Notice:** Willie Rennie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be moved to 5.20 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22455—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 19 August 2020—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Redress Scheme for Survivors of Historical Child Abuse in Care

insert

followed by Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

## No. 30, Wednesday 19 August 2020

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill:** Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee, moved S5M-22407—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

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

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Health.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Redress Scheme for Survivors of Historical Child Abuse in Care.

**4. Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body:** Jackson Carlaw was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect Jackson Carlaw for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 50, Against 0, Abstentions 62).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22461—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 August 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 26 August 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Life Sciences Innovation and the COVID-19 Response

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 27 August 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Economy, Fair Work and Culture

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Education and Skills

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Health and Sport

Tuesday 1 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 2 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 3 September 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Communities and Local Government

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 August 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22462—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 1 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.41 pm.

**No. 31, Thursday 20 August 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers; and Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Second Year Progress Report.
- 4. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22456—That the Parliament agrees that—

Donald Cameron be appointed to replace Murdo Fraser as a member of the COVID-19 Committee;

Maurice Corry be appointed to replace Adam Tomkins as a member of the COVID-19 Committee;

Dean Lockhart be appointed to replace Gordon Lindhurst as a member of the Culture, Tourism and Europe and External Relations Committee;

Michelle Ballantyne be appointed to replace Gordon Lindhurst as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Dean Lockhart as a member of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Gordon Lindhurst be appointed to replace Michelle Ballantyne as a member of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Liz Smith be appointed to replace Annie Wells as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Dean Lockhart be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee;

Donald Cameron be appointed to replace Miles Briggs as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Adam Tomkins be appointed to replace Margaret Mitchell as a member of the Justice Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Jeremy Balfour as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Annie Wells be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Liam Kerr as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as a member of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as a member of the Social Security Committee; and

John Scott be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22457—That the Parliament agrees that—

Dean Lockhart be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Liz Smith as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

Annie Wells be appointed to replace Miles Briggs as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Miles Briggs be appointed to replace Annie Wells as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health and Sport Committee;

Margaret Mitchell be appointed to replace Maurice Corry as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Justice Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Dean Lockhart as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee; and

Liz Smith be appointed to replace Liam Kerr as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.21 pm.

## No. 32, Tuesday 25 August 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Fraser Macnaughton, Minister, St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22527—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 August 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine Update.

**4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22515—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (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 4: 1 hour 10 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 2 hours 5 minutes

Groups 8 to 11: 2 hours 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Children (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 37, 38, 39, 17, 18, 19, 41, 42, 20, 43, 44, 45, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 48.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

36 (For 86, Against 30, Abstentions 1)

2 (For 91, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

46 (For 89, Against 29, Abstentions 0)



The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 23, Against 98, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 23, Against 98, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 22, Against 99, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 28, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 33, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 28, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
- 47 (For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 40 was moved and, no Member having objected, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 35, 22 and 26.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Children (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**6. Motion Without Notice:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be moved to 7.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-22505—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22528—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Care Staff Support Fund (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/188) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

**No. 33, Wednesday 26 August 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Life Sciences Innovation and the COVID-19 Response.

**3. Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22549—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (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 4: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 5 to 8: 2 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 17, 18 and 22.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

2 (For 116, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

8 (For 117, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

12 (For 116, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

19 (For 114, Against 6, Abstentions 1)

20 (For 115, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

21 (For 56, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

3 (For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

4 (For 56, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

1 (For 52, Against 71, Abstentions 0)

9 (For 57, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

13 (For 57, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

16 (For 30, Against 90, Abstentions 0)

23 (For 57, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 24.

The Presiding Officer extended the first time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the final time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**5. Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-22514—That the Parliament agrees that the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22551—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Care Homes

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Logan Review (Technology Sector)

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Agriculture Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 2 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 3 September 2020

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Communities and Local Government

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Social Security and Older People

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions (Virtual): Finance

Tuesday 8 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 9 September 2020

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 10 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 31 August 2020, 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. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22531—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/215) be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22530—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/236) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22532—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Homes Emergency Intervention Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/201) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22533—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Aberdeen City) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/234) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22534—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/209) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22535—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/221) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22536—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/224) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22537—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/229) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22538—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/233) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22539—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/235) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22540—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/190) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22541—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/199) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22542—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/210) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**20. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22543—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/211) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**21. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22544—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/232) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**22. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22545—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Medicines and Medical Devices (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**23. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22546—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Agriculture Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**24. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22547—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Trade Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**25. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.

**No. 34, Thursday 27 August 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 2. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

The meeting closed at 3.29 pm.



## No. 35, Tuesday 1 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Erik Cramb, Dundee Pensioners' Forum, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22593— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 1 September 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.35 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 2 September 2020—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – A Revolution in Children's Rights

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21.

- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Care Homes.
- 6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Logan Review (Technology Sector).
- 7. Committee Announcement:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Social Security Committee, made an announcement on an Inquiry into the role of Scottish social security in COVID-19 recovery.
- 8. Agriculture Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-22591—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions related to food security, organic products, animal identification and traceability, fertilisers and the red meat levy in the Agriculture Bill, introduced into the House of Commons on 16 January 2020, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 9. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22594—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kenneth Gibson be appointed to replace Gail Ross as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Gillian Martin be appointed to replace Angela Constance as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Annabelle Ewing be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Justice Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Kenneth Gibson as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee; and

Gail Ross be appointed to replace Annabelle Ewing as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 10. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22597—That the Parliament agrees that, as appropriate, for meetings of committees or sub-committees established by the Parliament, for the duration of the public response to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, this being the period up to and including 9 October 2020, and such further period or periods as are determined by the Presiding Officer from time to time following consultation with the Bureau and notified to the Parliament in the Business Bulletin:

Rule 12.3.2, which was suspended and replaced by means of motion S5M-21507, be further varied so as now to provide as follows—

“2. A committee shall meet—

(a) in Scotland at such place as it may decide, with the approval of the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conveners Group (all members meeting collectively at such place, or in part remotely by video conference hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation) or

(b) wholly remotely, by video conference hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation.

2A. A decision under Rule 12.3.2 shall, in the event of any disagreement between the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conveners Group, be referred to the Parliamentary corporation for a determination. The Parliamentary Bureau may require the Conveners Group to make a decision under Rule 12.3.2 within a specified period. If the Conveners Group does not make a decision within that period, the decision on the approval shall be made by the Parliamentary Bureau.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

## No. 36, Wednesday 2 September 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – A Revolution in Children's Rights.
- 3. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21:** The Parliament debated the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21.
- 4. Business Programme:** Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22596—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Baroness Cumberlege Report

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 9 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Fisheries Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

Thursday 10 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate (Committee Bill): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 September 2020

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 16 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 17 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 September 2020, 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. Acting Convener:** Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22598—That, under Rule 12.1A, the Parliament agrees that the period of time specified in motion S5M-21129 is varied as follows—

delete

9 September 2020

and insert

6 January 2021

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

**No. 37, Thursday 3 September 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Communities and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 2. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions (Virtual):** Questions on Finance were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

## No. 38, Tuesday 8 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Very Rev Dr Isaac Poobalan, Provost, St Andrew's Cathedral, and Chaplain, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. The Baroness Cumberlege Report:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-22635—That the Parliament welcomes the recommendations made by Baroness Cumberlege in her report on the independent medicines and medical devices safety review; acknowledges the Scottish Government's apology to women and families affected by Primodos, sodium valproate and transvaginal mesh; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to establish a Patient Safety Commissioner, and notes the actions taken by the Scottish Government to offer improved services for women who have suffered complications as a result of transvaginal mesh.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-22635.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22635 in the name of Jeane Freeman (The Baroness Cumberlege Report), insert “, and believes that this must include the early prospect of full transvaginal mesh removal surgery being undertaken by surgeons who enjoy the full confidence of the women affected, fully funded by the NHS.”

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

Neil Findlay moved amendment S5M-22635.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22635 in the name of Jeane Freeman (The Baroness Cumberlege Report), after “Commissioner” insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to commit to the implementation of all of the recommendations of the report over which it has power; urges it to halt the development of the new specialist mesh service until it confirms who will be carrying out procedures at these centres, what training they have had and whether this is credible, whether any of the surgeons are proficient in carrying out full mesh removal procedures, that patient decision aids have been introduced and that representatives of mesh-injured women have been involved in the design of the service”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-22635.2—



As an amendment to motion S5M-22635 in the name of Jeane Freeman (The Baroness Cumberlege Report), after “review;” insert “notes the review’s assertion that there is a ‘widespread and wholly unacceptable labelling of so many symptoms as ‘normal’ and attributable to ‘women’s problems’”; acknowledges that the review’s findings highlight the repeated dismissal of women’s pain and discomfort; is concerned by the failure to obtain informed consent from many of the women affected by Primodos, sodium valproate and transvaginal mesh; agrees that, without the campaigning of these women and their families, many of the issues cited in the review would not have come to light;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

After debate, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the recommendations made by Baroness Cumberlege in her report on the independent medicines and medical devices safety review; notes the review’s assertion that there is a ‘widespread and wholly unacceptable labelling of so many symptoms as ‘normal’ and attributable to ‘women’s problems’”; acknowledges that the review’s findings highlight the repeated dismissal of women’s pain and discomfort; is concerned by the failure to obtain informed consent from many of the women affected by Primodos, sodium valproate and transvaginal mesh; agrees that, without the campaigning of these women and their families, many of the issues cited in the review would not have come to light; acknowledges the Scottish Government’s apology to women and families affected by Primodos, sodium valproate and transvaginal mesh; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to establish a Patient Safety Commissioner; notes the actions taken by the Scottish Government to offer improved services for women who have suffered complications as a result of transvaginal mesh, and believes that this must include the early prospect of full transvaginal mesh removal surgery being undertaken by surgeons who enjoy the full confidence of the women affected, fully funded by the NHS.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be moved to 5.10 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-22484—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22649—That the

Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 10 September 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate (Committee Bill): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate (Committee Bill): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Internal Market Update

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on S5M-22635.1 and S5M-22635.3 at item 4, and on item 5 as noted above. Under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3, the Parliament took decisions on S5M-22635.2 and S5M-22635 at item 4 at the meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 9 September 2020.

**8. Recognising the Impact of Alcohol Foetal Spectrum Disorders:** The Parliament debated S5M-21194 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament recognises the prevalence and significant impact of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in Scotland, as discussed at the meeting of the parliamentary Cross Party Group on Improving Scotland’s Health: 2021 and Beyond on 26 February 2020; notes the presentation by Dr Sarah Brown of the Foetal

Alcohol Advisory and Support Team at NHS Ayrshire and Arran, which highlighted that FASD results from alcohol exposure in the womb and is preventable, yet is the most common neurodevelopmental condition in Scotland; further notes data from Glasgow Royal Infirmary research, which showed that one-in-seven babies born there were at high risk of FASD, which suggests a much higher prevalence in Scotland than previously thought; understands that FASD affects neurodevelopment, attainment, physical and mental health and that, without adequate support, it reduces life expectancy to around 34 years of age; believes that 94% of people living with FASD experience mental health problems, 79% experience unemployment, and over a third struggle with addictions; acknowledges the vital work that is being carried out by FASD Hub Scotland in providing a national telephone helpline and range of support for parents/carers and those supporting families affected by FASD, as highlighted by the presentation to the group by Aliy Brown, FASD Project Lead at FASD Hub Scotland, which is run by Adoption UK Scotland; supports the “No Alcohol, No Risk” message, which makes clear that any alcohol consumed during pregnancy can be damaging to the unborn child, and acknowledges its calls for implementation of the new SIGN 156 clinical guideline for Prenatal Alcohol Exposure, and welcomes the development of the National Preconception Framework as a key opportunity to reduce risks to parents and children from alcohol and other health-harming products in Cunninghame North and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.24 pm.

## No. 39, Wednesday 9 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-22636—That the Parliament believes that hate crimes are a blight on society in Scotland and must be dealt with robustly; notes that the right to freedom of expression is the cornerstone of democracy and must never be compromised; believes that the significant number of responses to the Scottish Government consultation on its proposed Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill highlight the significant and valid concerns that the Bill would be an attack on free speech, and urges the Scottish Government to accept these criticisms, remove its proposed Bill and immediately begin work with stakeholders and others to draft the legislation that is needed to tackle hate crime in Scotland, while not threatening to make free speech a crime.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-22636.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22636 in the name of Liam Kerr (Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill), leave out from second “believes” to end and insert “agrees that tackling hate crime is central to building the Scotland that all people want to see, a Scotland free from hatred, prejudice, discrimination and bigotry; acknowledges the importance of ensuring that hate crime legislation in Scotland affords sufficient protection for those that need it; agrees with the unanimous decision of the Justice Committee to afford the Bill rigorous and detailed scrutiny over the coming months; recognises that there are concerns about aspects of the Bill, including in relation to the stirring up of hatred offence provisions, which will benefit from further engagement with stakeholders and Parliamentary scrutiny; further recognises that there is a clear need to tackle misogyny in Scotland, and that the Scottish Government is committed, in principle, to developing a standalone offence of misogynistic harassment and is establishing a working group to take this forward, and agrees to seek common ground and compromise to ensure that effective legislation can be agreed that protects those affected by hate crime and prejudice in Scotland while respecting freedom of expression.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 55, Abstentions 6). As a result, amendments S5M-22636.3 and S5M-22636.1 were pre-empted.

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-22636.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22636 in the name of Liam Kerr (Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill), leave out from “, remove” to end and insert “; has serious concerns about Part Two of the Bill as currently drafted and

considers that it will require substantial revision if it is to be fit for purpose, and urges the Scottish Government to work with stakeholders and the Parliament throughout the legislative process to amend the Bill so that it does deal robustly with hate crime, protect individuals while protecting the privileges that people enjoy with regard to free speech and builds consensus that prejudice and hatred have no place in Scotland.”

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-22636.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22636 in the name of Liam Kerr (Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “considers that the development of hate crime law in Scotland has been carried out in a piecemeal fashion, resulting in fragmented legislation; notes that calls have been made for the consolidation of hate crime law for more than a decade; believes that freedom of expression is a critically important human right, and that Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) protects it within the context of factors such as the prevention of crime and protecting the rights of others; recognises that stirring up racial hatred has been the basis of criminal offences since 1986 and is clearly compatible with ECHR; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to examine the development of an offence on misogynistic harassment and looks forward to the working group on misogynistic harassment’s output on this matter, and commits to listen to all serious views on ways to improve the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill as part of the normal process of parliamentary scrutiny and to consider how best to ensure that all forms of hate crime are taken seriously.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 30, Abstentions 58).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S5M-22636.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22636 in the name of Liam Kerr (Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill), leave out from second “believes” to end and insert “recognises the significant number of responses to the Justice Committee’s call for evidence on the Scottish Government’s proposed Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill highlighting serious and substantial concerns in relation to its potential impact on free speech, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out the steps that it plans to take to address these concerns, specifically in relation to Part 2 of the Bill, in time for the Committee to hear evidence and give them due consideration.”

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that hate crimes are a blight on society in Scotland and must be dealt with robustly; considers that the development of hate crime law in Scotland has been carried out in a piecemeal fashion, resulting in fragmented legislation; notes that calls have been made for the consolidation of hate crime law for more than a decade; believes that freedom of expression is a critically important human right, and that Article 10 of the European

Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) protects it within the context of factors such as the prevention of crime and protecting the rights of others; recognises that stirring up racial hatred has been the basis of criminal offences since 1986 and is clearly compatible with ECHR; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to examine the development of an offence on misogynistic harassment and looks forward to the working group on misogynistic harassment's output on this matter, and commits to listen to all serious views on ways to improve the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill as part of the normal process of parliamentary scrutiny and to consider how best to ensure that all forms of hate crime are taken seriously.

**3. Fisheries Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-22670—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Fisheries Bill 2020 introduced in the House of Lords on 29 January 2020 relating to provisions on fishing, aquaculture and marine conservation and connected purposes so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22655—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Migration and Care Workers

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External 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 17 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Employment Support

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:  
Complaints Against MSPs - Amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards  
Commissioner Act 2002

*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 23 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 24 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 September 2020, 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 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22656—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 23 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22657—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22658—That the Parliament agrees that the Abertay University and Robert Gordon University (Change of Names) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22659—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).



**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22660—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22661—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22663—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/241) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22664—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/251) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22665—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/242) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22666—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Electoral Registers Publication Date) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Decision Time:** The Parliament, under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3, took decisions on items debated on 8 September 2020, and then took decisions on items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

**16. Tackling Dirty Camping:** The Parliament debated S5M-22367 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament understands that there has been a recent increase in incidents of so-called dirty camping across Mid-Scotland and Fife and the rest of the country; notes that this sees people set up camp near lochs, beaches and

forests and carry out carry out irresponsible actions such as cutting down trees, lighting fires and leaving abandoned tents, litter and waste; believes that these abhorrent practices have led to substantial expense to local authorities and landowners, who are left to clean up the mess; acknowledges that it is unrelated to traditional wild camping, which involves leaving no trace of one's presence; notes that Perth and Kinross Council has established a multi-agency approach to tackle dirty camping, which involves Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and communities, and sees action taken where necessary and runs a communication campaign to promote good behaviour, and notes the calls for similar approaches to be adopted across Scotland and for solutions, such as local permit schemes, to be explored.

**17. Motion Without Notice:** Murdo Fraser 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 7.14 pm.

**No. 40, Thursday 10 September 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-22651—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill.

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

- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Internal Market Update.
- 5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.17 pm.

## No. 41, Tuesday 15 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Louise Purden, Minister, Bonnyrigg Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Migration and Care Workers:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-22708—That the Parliament recognises and appreciates the significant contributions to Scotland’s social care sector made by care professionals from all over the world, and particularly the significant contributions made during the COVID-19 pandemic by people who have chosen to make Scotland their home; notes with concern the impact on Scotland’s social care sector of the UK Government’s proposals for a future immigration system from 1 January 2021, and specifically the impact of its proposed salary threshold of £25,600 and the exclusion of social care workers and health support staff from its new Health and Care Visa; considers that the UK Government’s categorisation of many key workers, including care professionals, as “low skilled” does not recognise the social value, importance and skills required to do these crucial roles; notes that inward migration enriches society for the better, helps to sustain public services and makes a vital contribution to key sectors, including social care; recognises that the UK Government’s proposals risk causing serious staff shortages in social care and other sectors, and calls on the UK Government to include social care workers on the Shortage Occupation List and within the Health and Care Visa, and to engage with the Scottish Government to develop tailored migration proposals that meet the needs of Scotland’s economy, public services and communities.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-22708.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22708 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Migration and Care Workers), leave out from “with concern” to end and insert “that the UK Government wants these vital workers to remain in Scotland and the rest of the UK; recognises the importance of encouraging local recruitment into the social care sector so that there is not a dependency on international migration within the social care sector in Scotland, and encourages the promotion of the UK Government’s EU Settlement Scheme for migrants from the EU so that they can continue to live and work in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-22708.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22708 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Migration and Care Workers), insert at end “; notes that the average hourly wage for social care workers of £9.79, as reported by the Fair Work Convention in 2019, means that average full-time salaries for social care remain below the proposed Shortage Occupation List threshold; acknowledges that low pay

within the social care sector is one of the main reasons for challenges with recruitment and retention in Scotland, and believes that the value of the skilled work done by social care staff must be reflected in their pay and conditions, and that improvements to pay within the sector must be delivered as part of the establishment of a National Care Service.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises and appreciates the significant contributions to Scotland’s social care sector made by care professionals from all over the world, and particularly the significant contributions made during the COVID-19 pandemic by people who have chosen to make Scotland their home; notes with concern the impact on Scotland’s social care sector of the UK Government’s proposals for a future immigration system from 1 January 2021, and specifically the impact of its proposed salary threshold of £25,600 and the exclusion of social care workers and health support staff from its new Health and Care Visa; considers that the UK Government’s categorisation of many key workers, including care professionals, as “low skilled” does not recognise the social value, importance and skills required to do these crucial roles; notes that inward migration enriches society for the better, helps to sustain public services and makes a vital contribution to key sectors, including social care; recognises that the UK Government’s proposals risk causing serious staff shortages in social care and other sectors; calls on the UK Government to include social care workers on the Shortage Occupation List and within the Health and Care Visa, and to engage with the Scottish Government to develop tailored migration proposals that meet the needs of Scotland’s economy, public services and communities; notes that the average hourly wage for social care workers of £9.79, as reported by the Fair Work Convention in 2019, means that average full-time salaries for social care remain below the proposed Shortage Occupation List threshold; acknowledges that low pay within the social care sector is one of the main reasons for challenges with recruitment and retention in Scotland, and believes that the value of the skilled work done by social care staff must be reflected in their pay and conditions, and that improvements to pay within the sector must be delivered as part of the establishment of a National Care Service.

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

**5. World Suicide Prevention Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-22632 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament acknowledges that 10 September 2020 is World Suicide Prevention Day; understands that this provides the opportunity for people, across the globe, to raise awareness of suicide and suicide prevention; notes that, every year, it is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages and it is responsible for over 800,000 deaths, which equates to one suicide every 40 seconds; acknowledges that prevention requires integrative strategies that encompass work at the individual, systems and community level, and notes the calls for everyone to play their part to prevent suicide.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

## No. 42, Wednesday 16 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, a Minister and the Lord Advocate.

**2. Sustainable Aviation Beyond COVID-19:** Colin Smyth moved S5M-22711— That the Parliament recognises the profound impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on aviation in continuing to deliver its vital role in international transportation and keeping Scotland’s remote and islands communities connected; expresses concern at the risk of further widespread job losses in aviation and in connected sectors such as tourism; notes the importance of government measures such as the job retention scheme to aviation businesses; recognises the need for the Scottish and UK governments to provide direct support to the sector through this period to protect jobs and secure a just transition to a green economy; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the aviation sector and the relevant trade unions in Scotland to agree on a specific package of support for the industry; believes that this support, and any future financial support, must include protections for jobs and working conditions, and assist long-term changes within the sector to tackle the climate emergency and ensure a sustainable future, and calls for an urgent review of the existing quarantine system and for the Scottish Government to bring forward options for a robust regime of airport testing on arrival with follow-up testing at home that places protecting public health at the centre, including supporting evidence and mechanisms for any proposal to safely reduce the quarantine period.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S5M-22711.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22711 in the name of Colin Smyth (Sustainable Aviation Beyond COVID-19), leave out from “government measures” to end and insert “the aviation sector to Scotland’s wider economic recovery; further notes the importance of government measures, such as the job retention scheme, to aviation businesses and calls for it to be extended; welcomes the inclusion of airports and ground handling companies in the Scottish Government’s package of rates relief measures; recognises the need for the Scottish and UK governments to provide direct support to the sector through this period to protect jobs and secure a just transition to a green economy; calls on the Scottish Government to continue to work with the aviation sector and the relevant trade unions in Scotland to explore immediate support measures for industry; welcomes the support provided by the Scottish Government to rebuilding Scotland’s long-term international connectivity and associated employment opportunities; believes that support should include appropriate protections for jobs and fair working conditions; welcomes the steps being taken by the Scottish Government to support recovery in the sector, which balances the need for sustainable economic growth and the need to tackle the climate emergency, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that measures are in place to protect public health by suppressing transmission

by minimising the importation of new cases leading to community transmission, while exploring the potential for alternative measures including testing.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Graham Simpson moved amendment S5M-22711.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22711 in the name of Colin Smyth (Sustainable Aviation Beyond COVID-19), leave out from “at home” to end and insert “that places protecting public health at the centre, including supporting evidence and mechanisms for any proposal to safely reduce the quarantine period, and urges government to review Air Passenger Duty in order to stimulate demand.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-22711.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22711 in the name of Colin Smyth (Sustainable Aviation Beyond COVID-19), leave out from “in continuing” to end and insert “and on the industry’s workforce; recognises the role of aviation, and in particular its importance to Scotland’s remote and islands’ communities, but accepts that pre-COVID aviation levels are unsustainable; notes that, after previously supporting policies designed to increase aviation growth, the First Minister publicly stated in November 2019 that flying less is part of her personal response to the climate emergency; expresses concern at the risk of further widespread job losses in aviation and in connected sectors in the absence of a just transition plan for the industry; believes that such a plan must include measures to ensure that the regrowth of aviation is kept below pre-COVID levels, and to invest in new sustainable jobs with a focus on communities, which have been heavily reliant on the aviation industry; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the environment movement to establish safe and sustainable levels of aviation that are consistent with the necessary reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; believes that the quarantine system for international travel must be designed around public health objectives, and urges the Scottish Government to examine the approach to quarantine being used by countries showing the greatest success at controlling COVID infection rates.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22725—That the Parliament agrees—



(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Complaints Against MSPs - Amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Promoting Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

*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 24 September 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Draft Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-22 to 2025-26

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (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 30 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Financial Resolution: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 September 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22727—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22728—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/252) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22729—That the Parliament agrees that—

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Stewart Stevenson as a member of the COVID-19 Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Ross Greer as a member of the COVID-19 Committee;

Stewart Stevenson be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee; and

Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Mark Ruskell as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Museum for Human Rights:** The Parliament debated S5M-22614 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes its agreement to motion S5M-22004 (as amended) on 10 June 2020 (*Official Report*, c.133), which agreed that the Scottish Government would work to create a national museum to highlight Scotland's role in the slave trade and colonialism; further notes that there are various locations across Scotland whose history in the slave trade would merit consideration for such a facility; highlights the link that Inverclyde has with the triangular trade and the sugar, tobacco and cotton industries and the financial wealth that was generated for merchants; notes that Inverclyde was reported to be the world leader in the sugar trade, which ensured that vast wealth was created both during and following the abolition of the slave trade in 1833; highlights the building of the historic sugar warehouses at the James Watt Dock in Greenock, which were opened in 1886, and notes the view that, with its existing transport and historical links, in addition to the educational and economic opportunities that could be created for future generations, Inverclyde should be the location for such a museum.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

**No. 43, Thursday 17 September 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 4. Employment Support:** The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-22731—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government's furlough scheme should be extended to provide support and certainty to employers and workers in Scotland for as long as public health restrictions are required to control the spread of COVID-19, recognising that there are specific sectors that will be affected for a longer period.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-22731.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22731 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Employment Support), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “welcomes the protection of more than 900,000 jobs in Scotland as part of the UK Government's Job Retention and Self-Employment Income Support schemes; notes that the Chancellor's scheme has already ensured that more than 50% of those furloughed since May 2020 had returned to work by August; welcomes that, at the height of the pandemic, more than a third of Scotland's workforce was furloughed as part of the Job Retention Scheme; further welcomes the UK Government's Job Retention Bonus that will pay £1,000 to employers for every employee that is retained; recognises that continuing interventions will be necessary from the UK Government, and calls on the Scottish Government to protect Scottish jobs now by setting out specific support for businesses and sectors most affected by COVID-19, particularly given the guaranteed additional £6.5 billion from the UK Government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-22731.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22731 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Employment Support), insert at end “; calls on the Scottish Government to act quickly to put in place a range of measures to support employment that are coherent and targeted at businesses at risk and those who find themselves out of work, in particular young people, women, disabled people and ethnic minorities; recognises the existing fragility and inequality in Scotland's labour market, and calls on the Scottish Government to produce an industrial strategy that lays out increased investment in housebuilding, green energy and

transport, to put Scotland back on track and ensure fairer, greener and sustainable jobs for all.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government’s furlough scheme should be extended to provide support and certainty to employers and workers in Scotland for as long as public health restrictions are required to control the spread of COVID-19, recognising that there are specific sectors that will be affected for a longer period; calls on the Scottish Government to act quickly to put in place a range of measures to support employment that are coherent and targeted at businesses at risk and those who find themselves out of work, in particular young people, women, disabled people and ethnic minorities; recognises the existing fragility and inequality in Scotland’s labour market, and calls on the Scottish Government to produce an industrial strategy that lays out increased investment in housebuilding, green energy and transport, to put Scotland back on track and ensure fairer, greener and sustainable jobs for all.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22737—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Aberdeen City) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/253) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.24 pm.

**No. 44, Tuesday 22 September 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Sohaib Saeed, Honorary Muslim Chaplain, University of Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22789— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 22 September 2020—

delete

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Complaints Against MSPs – Amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

and insert

*followed by* First Minister Statement: COVID-19

(b) Wednesday 23 September 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-22770—That the Parliament believes that promoting equality and human rights for minority ethnic communities should be a priority; reiterates the deep belief that there is a responsibility on everyone in society to tackle racism, prejudice and discrimination and take specific action to remove the barriers and injustices still faced by minority ethnic communities; acknowledges the work and advice of the independent Expert Reference Group on COVID-19 and Ethnicity; believes that its recommendations will be invaluable in responding to the inequalities that have been further exposed by COVID-19, and notes that the Scottish Government will present to Parliament the actions it plans to take as soon as practicably possible on the high incidence of COVID-19 among the BAME population and will continue to advance race equality across all spheres of society.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S5M-22770.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22770 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities), insert at end “, and that, before reporting any recommendations back, it commences immediate engagement with stakeholders on the review of the Scottish-specific sector equality duties.”

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

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-22770.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22770 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities), after “Expert Reference Group on COVID-19 and Ethnicity;” insert “calls on the Scottish Government to respond in full to the Group’s recommendations, giving a clear rationale for what aspects it has and has not accepted;”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that promoting equality and human rights for minority ethnic communities should be a priority; reiterates the deep belief that there is a responsibility on everyone in society to tackle racism, prejudice and discrimination and take specific action to remove the barriers and injustices still faced by minority ethnic communities; acknowledges the work and advice of the independent Expert Reference Group on COVID-19 and Ethnicity; calls on the Scottish Government to respond in full to the Group’s recommendations, giving a clear rationale for what aspects it has and has not accepted; believes that its recommendations will be invaluable in responding to the inequalities that have been further exposed by COVID-19, and notes that the Scottish Government will present to Parliament the actions it plans to take as soon as practicably possible on the high incidence of COVID-19 among the BAME population and will continue to advance race equality across all spheres of society,



and that, before reporting any recommendations back, it commences immediate engagement with stakeholders on the review of the Scottish-specific sector equality duties.

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

**7. Residential Outdoor Centres:** The Parliament debated S5M-22652 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament is concerned by the financial plight of Scotland's outdoor centres and the threats of closure; considers that school residential trips enrich the lives of children and young people and that such experiences have been a feature of Scottish education for 80 years: welcomes the current public petition to save Scottish residential outdoor centres, and encourages support for this.

**8. 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 6.22 pm.

## No. 45, Wednesday 23 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills and then Health and Sport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill.
- 3. Prioritising Education Over Independence:** Jamie Greene moved S5M-22780—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should drop its plans for a further Referendum Bill and focus on closing the attainment gap.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-22780.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22780 in the name of Jamie Greene (Prioritising Education Over Independence), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "supports work to close the attainment gap; confirms that closing the attainment gap and raising standards for all must remain the top priority for the education system; recognises that the attainment gap is caused by the underlying poverty and inequality in society, which are exacerbated by the policy choices of the Conservative administration at Westminster; further recognises that the impact of COVID-19 has disrupted teaching and learning and risks exacerbating the attainment gap and considers therefore that the Scottish Government, local authorities and all education agencies must do everything practicable to support early learning and childcare, schools, colleges and universities through the pandemic; commends the hard work and dedication of teachers, staff and pupils in adapting to the impact of coronavirus, and believes that in education, and across a broad range of powers of the Scottish Parliament, the UK Government is using the EU exit to enact a power grab against the people of Scotland, demonstrating beyond all doubt that decisions about Scotland should be taken by the people who live here and not by a Conservative administration at Westminster led by Boris Johnson, which has been comprehensively rejected by the people of Scotland."

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-22780.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22780 in the name of Jamie Greene (Prioritising Education Over Independence), insert at end "by action in schools and also by addressing the underlying cause of that gap, the negative impact of poverty on children and young people's wellbeing, development and life chances, which affects one-in-four children growing up in Scotland."

After debate, amendment S5M-22780.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-22780.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 35, Abstentions 21).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports work to close the attainment gap; confirms that closing the attainment gap and raising standards for all must remain the top priority for the education system; recognises that the attainment gap is caused by the underlying poverty and inequality in society, which are exacerbated by the policy choices of the Conservative administration at Westminster; further recognises that the impact of COVID-19 has disrupted teaching and learning and risks exacerbating the attainment gap and considers therefore that the Scottish Government, local authorities and all education agencies must do everything practicable to support early learning and childcare, schools, colleges and universities through the pandemic; commends the hard work and dedication of teachers, staff and pupils in adapting to the impact of coronavirus, and believes that in education, and across a broad range of powers of the Scottish Parliament, the UK Government is using the EU exit to enact a power grab against the people of Scotland, demonstrating beyond all doubt that decisions about Scotland should be taken by the people who live here and not by a Conservative administration at Westminster led by Boris Johnson, which has been comprehensively rejected by the people of Scotland.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22795—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 September 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee debate: Complaints against MSPs, amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (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 30 September 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Social Security and Older People; Finance

*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 1 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Ministers Questions

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 October 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*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 October 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by Scottish Government Business*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 September 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22796—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22797—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22805—That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

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

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22800—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/262) be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22803—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22798—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22799—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22801—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/263) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22802—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/271) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22804—That the Parliament agrees that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**16. Heart Valve Disease Awareness Week:** The Parliament debated S5M-22646 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes Heart Valve Disease Awareness Week, which takes place from 14 to 20 September 2020; notes what it sees as the need to improve early detection of heart valve disease in Scotland; acknowledges the reported increasing prevalence of severe heart valve disease in an ageing population; notes what it considers the missed opportunities to detect the disease during the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions; believes that, in the medium term, this may result in a second wave of deaths from non-COVID-19-related diseases, and notes the calls for more funding to be made available for minimally invasive, proactive and curative treatments, which it considers have a huge advantage of reducing critical care occupancy by shortening the convalescence period and increasing treatment capacity.

The meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

**No. 46, Thursday 24 September 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Draft Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- 4. Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill:** Daniel Johnson moved S5M-22226—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.



**No. 47, Tuesday 29 September 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Nanda Groenewald, Minister, Polbeth Harwood & West Kirk of Calder, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22871—That the Parliament agrees—

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

(i) Tuesday 29 September 2020—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget Update

and after

*followed by* Stage 3: Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Sentencing Bill

(ii) Wednesday 30 September 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting students through the global pandemic

and after

*followed by* Labour Party Business: Recognising the Importance of Family Caregivers

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Agriculture Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

(iii) Thursday 1 October 2020—

delete

5.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purpose of consideration of the LCM on the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill, Rules 9B3.5 and 9B3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended;

(c) that, for the purpose of consideration of the Supplementary LCM on the Agriculture Bill, Rule 9B3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22841—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Constitution Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 3.30 pm on Tuesday 29 September 2020 to take evidence on the UK Internal Market Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Budget Update.

**5. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**6. Proposal for a Committee Bill:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-22213—That the Parliament agrees to the proposal for a Committee Bill, under Rule 9.15, contained in the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5), *Proposal for a Committee Bill - Complaints against MSPs - amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002* (SP Paper 766).

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

**7. The Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

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

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**8. The Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-22845—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**9. Sentencing Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-22868—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Sentencing Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 3 March 2020, relating to transfer of community orders to Scotland or Northern Ireland, transfer to Scotland or Northern Ireland of suspended sentence orders which impose community requirements, making of sexual harm prevention order: effect on other orders and offences, effect of derogatory assertion orders, effect of order for absolute discharge and order for conditional discharge, execution of process between England and Wales and Scotland and consequential, repeal and revocations 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).

**10. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22874—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Internal Market Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22875—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Agriculture Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be moved to 4.52 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**13. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

**14. A Just Transition for Mossmorran:** The Parliament debated S5M-22764 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament notes the calls for the creation of a Just Transition board for the gas processing complex at Mossmorran in Fife; understands that the combined plants at the site are among the biggest industrial emitters of CO<sub>2</sub> in Scotland; notes the view that reducing the emissions from the plant will be central to meeting Scotland's target of net-zero emissions by 2045; welcomes the announcement that a Future Industries Board is to be created for the Grangemouth complex to support a Just Transition for workers and the local community there; understands that the future of the Mossmorran facility is similarly tied in with the North Sea Oil network, and notes the view that a detailed plan will be needed to support workers and the local community to transition to new green industries; recognises the work of the local Mossmorran Action Group and campaigners from Climate Camp Scotland and Friends of the Earth Scotland in highlighting the environmental and social impacts of the plant, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to meet with all stakeholders to discuss the creation of a Just Transition board for Mossmorran.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

## No. 48, Wednesday 30 September 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People and then Finance were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting students through the global pandemic.
- 3. Recognising the Importance of Family Caregivers:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-22860—That the Parliament observes that 1 October is International Day of Older Persons; notes that more than 200 days have passed since care homes began locking down in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes with great sadness the scale of the pandemic in Scotland’s care homes and the tragic loss of life that has occurred; believes quality social care to be essential to the health and wellbeing of people across Scotland and concludes that it is time for a National Care Service, which will deliver pay for social care workers that reflects their value and professionalism; is concerned that limited or no contact with family caregivers is having a negative impact not only on the health and wellbeing of care home residents, including those with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, but also on children, young people and other adults affected by restrictions on their caregivers; agrees that receiving care and support from one or more designated caregivers is important for the health and wellbeing of individuals, and that testing should be available to everyone involved in providing care; commends Bill 203: More Than A Visitor Act (Caregiving in Congregate Care Settings), 2020, which is currently progressing through the Legislative Assembly of Ontario; calls on Ministers to adopt a similar approach, and further calls on the Scottish Government to set out its plans for how social care services will be properly protected during winter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-22860.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22860 in the name of Monica Lennon (Recognising the Importance of Family Caregivers), leave out from “, and further calls” to end and insert “; notes that the Scottish Government will soon be setting out winter plans for the NHS and social care to ensure that they are as protected as possible during the winter; welcomes that the independent review of social care is examining how adult social care can be most effectively reformed to deliver a national approach to care and support services, including a National Care Service; recognises that everyone has a part to play in ensuring that transmission of COVID-19 is curtailed in order to protect the most vulnerable people in society, and further recognises that, while some restrictions on care home visiting may be required to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to and within care homes, these should be removed, mitigated and amended as soon as it is clinically safe to do so in order that care home residents can safely see their loved ones.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-22860.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22860 in the name of Monica Lennon (Recognising the Importance of Family Caregivers), leave out from “concludes that it is time” to “similar approach” and insert “welcomes the review into a National Care Service; acknowledges the very significant contribution of social care workers, both in general and in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic; shares the concerns of families calling for better care home visiting arrangements, given that limited or no contact with family caregivers is having a negative impact, not only on the health and wellbeing of care home residents, including those with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, but also on children, young people and other adults affected by restrictions on their caregivers, and believes that this policy should be reviewed; calls for an urgent public inquiry into the unacceptable transfer of COVID-19-positive patients to care homes”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament observes that 1 October is International Day of Older Persons; notes that more than 200 days have passed since care homes began locking down in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes with great sadness the scale of the pandemic in Scotland’s care homes and the tragic loss of life that has occurred; believes quality social care to be essential to the health and wellbeing of people across Scotland and concludes that it is time for a National Care Service, which will deliver pay for social care workers that reflects their value and professionalism; is concerned that limited or no contact with family caregivers is having a negative impact not only on the health and wellbeing of care home residents, including those with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, but also on children, young people and other adults affected by restrictions on their caregivers; agrees that receiving care and support from one or more designated caregivers is important for the health and wellbeing of individuals, and that testing should be available to everyone involved in providing care; commends Bill 203: More Than A Visitor Act (Caregiving in Congregate Care Settings), 2020, which is currently progressing through the Legislative Assembly of Ontario; calls on Ministers to adopt a similar approach; notes that the Scottish Government will soon be setting out winter plans for the NHS and social care to ensure that they are as protected as possible during the winter; welcomes that the independent review of social care is examining how adult social care can be most effectively reformed to deliver a national approach to care and support services, including a National Care Service; recognises that everyone has a part to play in ensuring that transmission of COVID-19 is curtailed in order to protect the most vulnerable people in society, and further recognises that, while some restrictions on care home visiting may be required to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to and within care homes, these should be removed, mitigated and amended as soon as it is

clinically safe to do so in order that care home residents can safely see their loved ones.

**4. Agriculture Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-22889—That the Parliament agrees that any provisions in the UK Agriculture Bill, introduced into the House of Commons on 16 January 2020, related to the effect of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, and the provision of financial assistance in respect of continuing EU programmes, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-22887—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 23 September, relating to Industrial Death Benefit, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or executive competence of Scottish Ministers should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22878—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 October 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delayed UK Budget: Implications for Scottish Budget

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Report on Coronavirus Legislation

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the Internal Market Bill

*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 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Ministers Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS remobilisation

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Miners' Strike Review

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Response to the Mental Health Challenge of Covid-19

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.55 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 October 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*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 28 October 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*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 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

*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 05 October 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22879—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22880—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/274) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22881—That the

Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/280) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22882—That the Parliament agrees that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

**12. Mark Millar Donation to Albion Rovers FC (COVID-19):** The Parliament debated S5M-22644 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament commends the Coatbridge-born international comic writer, Mark Millar, for donating £18,000 to Albion Rovers FC to invest in the Pixellot streaming system at Cliftonhill Stadium in Coatbridge; understands that this is a first in Scottish football and believes that, with help from the football authorities, other clubs are due to follow this lead; notes that the first competitive game to be streamed is set to be against Stenhousemuir FC, which was also involved in the launch; acknowledges that this initiative will allow clubs in the lower professional leagues of Scottish football to continue to generate an income and for fans able to take in live games while restrictions are still in place and in light of the potential for these to continue for some time as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; thanks Mark for his initiative that has the potential to bring positives to fans, clubs and local communities, and wishes him well in this and future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 6.52 pm.

**No. 49, Thursday 1 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**3. Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-22884— That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-22654—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Revised Business Motion:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22917— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 6 October 2020—  
delete

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delayed UK Budget: Implications for Scottish Budget

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delayed UK Budget: Implications for Scottish Budget

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

(b) that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Constitution Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 2.35 pm on Tuesday 6 October 2020 to consider a draft report on the LCM on the UK Internal Market Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Recess Dates:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22913—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S5M-17943 and under Rule 2.3.1, that the parliamentary recess dates of 10 to 25 October 2020 (inclusive) be replaced with 10 to 25 October 2020 (inclusive) with the exception of 15 October 2020, on which date business may be programmed by the Bureau.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**No. 50, Tuesday 6 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Peter Anderson, Destiny Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revised Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22959—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 October 2020

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 7 October 2020

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

insert

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 8 October 2020

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS remobilisation

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Miners' Strike Review

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Response to the Mental Health Challenge of Covid-19

*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
4.55 pm Decision Time

and insert  
*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Response to the Mental Health Challenge of Covid-19  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Debate on First Minister's Statement: COVID-19  
*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Trade Bill  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Delayed UK Budget: Implications for Scottish Budget.
- 4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Report on Coronavirus Legislation.
- 6. COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development:** The Minister for Europe and International Development (Jenny Gilruth) moved S5M-22949—That the Parliament welcomes the renewed commitment of the Scottish Government to make the maximum possible contribution to the wellbeing of its international development partner countries, and notes its intention to refresh that approach in co-operation with the Parliament, its partner country governments and charities and other bodies in Scotland and overseas in order to take full account of the shared global challenge presented by the impact and effects of COVID-19.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S5M-22949.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22949 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development), insert at end “; recognises that the UK Government has pledged £774 million in aid, as at the end of July 2020, to protect millions of people in the developing world from coronavirus, and welcomes the UK Government's statutory commitment to spending 0.7% of gross national income on international aid, which became law in 2015.”

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

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-22949.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22949 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (COVID-19: Review of Scottish Government's Approach to International Development), leave out from “, and notes its intention” to “in order to” and insert “; notes that work is currently underway to review its approach to international development with the intention of completing this by the end of 2020; calls for this review to include meaningful consultation with the Parliament, its partner country governments and charities and other bodies in Scotland and overseas; values the work done by organisations in Scotland to promote international development; recognises the important role of civic society in partner countries to Scotland's approach to international development, and urges the Scottish Government to include them in a consultation to reflect their knowledge and expertise, and agrees that the approach should”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the renewed commitment of the Scottish Government to make the maximum possible contribution to the wellbeing of its international development partner countries; notes that work is currently underway to review its approach to international development with the intention of completing this by the end of 2020; calls for this review to include meaningful consultation with the Parliament, its partner country governments and charities and other bodies in Scotland and overseas; values the work done by organisations in Scotland to promote international development; recognises the important role of civic society in partner countries to Scotland's approach to international development, and urges the Scottish Government to include them in a consultation to reflect their knowledge and expertise; agrees that the approach should take full account of the shared global challenge presented by the impact and effects of COVID-19; recognises that the UK Government has pledged £774 million in aid, as at the end of July 2020, to protect millions of people in the developing world from coronavirus, and welcomes the UK Government's statutory commitment to spending 0.7% of gross national income on international aid, which became law in 2015.

**7. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22960—That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Education and Skills Committee

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace George Adam as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Changing Miscarriage Care:** The Parliament debated S5M-22771 in the name of Shona Robison—That the Parliament notes the launch of the campaign, Changing Miscarriage Care, which aims to open a conversation and breakdown the stigma regarding miscarriage, while campaigning for practical changes to the provision of miscarriage services in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the devastating impact that miscarriage can have on couples, who can often be left feeling unsupported and in search of answers; understands that there are already some very good pregnancy services, and notes the aim to make sure that this is the case everywhere in order to provide timely and dignified care to every pregnant woman across Scotland, including in the Dundee City East constituency.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Shona Robison 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 5.32 pm.



**No. 51, Wednesday 7 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism and then Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Assessment of SQA National Qualifications in 2020-21.
- 4. Urgent Question:** An Urgent Question on the outbreak of COVID-19 at the Redmill and Milford House care homes in Lothian was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman).
- 5. United Kingdom Internal Market Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-22955—That the Parliament agrees not to consent to the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill, as it reduces and constrains the competence of the Scottish Parliament and breaches international law.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-22955.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22955 in the name of Michael Russell (United Kingdom Internal Market Bill - UK Legislation), leave out from “not to consent” to end and insert “to consent to the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill, as it will protect 550,000 jobs and livelihoods across Scotland during an unprecedented economic crisis, deliver significant new powers to the Scottish Parliament and secure additional direct investment from the UK Government in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

- 6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22964—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 October 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Miners' Strike Review

*followed by* Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Energy Inquiry

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 October 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Winter Preparedness in the NHS

*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 October 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*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 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

*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 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Defamation and Malicious Publication (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 26 October 2020, 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. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22965—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on both Wednesday 28 October and Wednesday 4 November 2020 for the purpose of considering and

agreeing its report on its inquiry into construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22966—That the Parliament agrees that the Education and Skills Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22967—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the University of St Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22968—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22969—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22971—That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22972—That the Parliament agrees that the Insolvency Act 1986 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22973—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

**16. Future Options for South West Scotland Transport Infrastructure:** The Parliament debated S5M-29652 in the name of Brian Whittle— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the *South West Scotland Transport Study - Initial Appraisal - Case for Change*, which it considers identifies a clear need for investment in the transport infrastructure of south west Scotland and lays out a range of options to deliver significant improvements to road safety, journey time reliability, the quality and frequency of rail services and public transport integration; understands that the area's transport infrastructure plays a key role in the operation of Scotland's only direct ferry links to Northern Ireland, which are a significant contributor to the local and national economy; acknowledges the potential opportunities to use transport infrastructure investment to benefit the environment, including reducing air and noise pollution in towns and villages through bypassing, installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, improving the resilience of road surfaces, and thereby eliminating increased emissions resulting from long diversionary routes, increasing the viability of public transport as an alternative to the car in more rural areas, and greater availability of active travel routes; notes that the proposals contained in the study will be assessed as part of the ongoing second Strategic Transport Projects Review, and acknowledges calls from communities and businesses in south west Scotland for improvements to roads, such as the A77, A76, A75, A70 and the Bellfield interchange, and the area's rail lines to be treated as a matter of urgency to ensure the area remains an attractive place to live, and that the local economy remains competitive with other parts of Scotland and the wider UK.

**17. Motion Without Notice:** Brian Whittle 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 7.37 pm.

## No. 52, Thursday 8 October 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Response to the Mental Health Challenge of Covid-19.

**4. COVID-19:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-22985—That the Parliament recognises the considerable efforts of people across Scotland to suppress COVID-19; notes that the prevalence of the virus has increased in recent weeks and that the numbers of people hospitalised, in intensive care and tragically dying from the virus has also increased; recognises that this is not confined to younger age groups and agrees that further actions need to be taken in order to reduce the level of transmission across Scotland; notes the evidence paper published on 7 October 2020 and the national and regional targeted actions set out by the First Minister; recognises that these actions will be accompanied by additional measures to boost compliance, provide support for those self-isolating and financial support for those areas of the economy impacted by the measures; welcomes the ongoing four nations discussions and shared commitment to suppress COVID-19 to the lowest possible level across the UK and to keep it there, and notes the commitment to explore additional parliamentary scrutiny and the commitment to bring forward an updated strategic approach to COVID-19 transmission to the Parliament within the next two weeks.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-22985.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22985 in the name of Jeane Freeman (COVID-19), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to do more to support the hospitality sector, and calls on it to outline the specific details of what financial support is available to protect the jobs and businesses affected by the restrictions that have been announced.”

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

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-22985.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22985 in the name of Jeane Freeman (COVID-19), leave out from “, and notes the commitment” to end and insert “; calls for additional parliamentary scrutiny and the commitment to bring forward an updated strategic approach to COVID-19 transmission to the Parliament within the next two weeks; recognises that the public have overwhelmingly been compliant and tolerant of restrictions and thanks them for their efforts; calls for full financial mitigation for all impacted sectors,

including the hospitality sector, to support businesses and workers; expresses regret that weekly testing for frontline workers is still not happening routinely, and calls for an expansion in testing and for an increase in contact tracing capacity.”

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

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-22985.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22985 in the name of Jeane Freeman (COVID-19), insert at end “; recognises that New Zealand has recently achieved elimination of community transmission of COVID-19 for the second time, and that routine testing has been a key aspect of that country’s response to the pandemic; further recognises the significant demand for testing and the need to continue to build further capacity within the NHS, but considers that the Scottish Government must work with NHS Scotland to introduce regular weekly testing for specific groups in the population to be determined in line with clinical advice, and believes that hospital workers, social care staff, school and university staff and students should be considered as a priority.”

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

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-22985.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-22985 in the name of Jeane Freeman (COVID-19), insert at end “, and calls for this updated strategic approach to include an updated routemap and transparency around the thresholds that underpin the implementation and lifting of tougher measures, nationally or locally, to help people understand and contribute effectively to these efforts, and for this strategy to be the subject of a meaningful vote of Parliament.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the considerable efforts of people across Scotland to suppress COVID-19; notes that the prevalence of the virus has increased in recent weeks and that the numbers of people hospitalised, in intensive care and tragically dying from the virus has also increased; recognises that this is not confined to younger age groups and agrees that further actions need to be taken in order to reduce the level of transmission across Scotland; notes the evidence paper published on 7 October 2020 and the national and regional targeted actions set out by the First Minister; recognises that these actions will be accompanied by additional measures to boost compliance, provide support for those self-isolating and financial support for those areas of the economy impacted by the measures; welcomes the ongoing four nations discussions and shared commitment to suppress COVID-19 to the lowest possible level across the UK and to keep it there; notes the commitment to explore additional

parliamentary scrutiny and the commitment to bring forward an updated strategic approach to COVID-19 transmission to the Parliament within the next two weeks; urges the Scottish Government to do more to support the hospitality sector; calls on it to outline the specific details of what financial support is available to protect the jobs and businesses affected by the restrictions that have been announced; recognises that New Zealand has recently achieved elimination of community transmission of COVID-19 for the second time, and that routine testing has been a key aspect of that country's response to the pandemic; further recognises the significant demand for testing and the need to continue to build further capacity within the NHS, but considers that the Scottish Government must work with NHS Scotland to introduce regular weekly testing for specific groups in the population to be determined in line with clinical advice; believes that hospital workers, social care staff, school and university staff and students should be considered as a priority, and calls for this updated strategic approach to include an updated routemap and transparency around the thresholds that underpin the implementation and lifting of tougher measures, nationally or locally, to help people understand and contribute effectively to these efforts, and for this strategy to be the subject of a meaningful vote of Parliament.

**5. Trade Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-22970—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Trade Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 19 March 2020, which relate to the implementation of the Agreement on Government Procurement, the implementation of international obligations arising from UK trade agreements, which stem from existing EU trade agreements and the sharing of trade related information by public bodies, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive functions of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22993—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/300) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-22994—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/279) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.



The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

**No. 53, Thursday 15 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Statement (Virtual):** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

The meeting closed at 1.41 pm.

**No. 54, Tuesday 27 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Canon Hugh White, St John the Baptist RC Church, Fauldhouse, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revised Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23149—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 27 October 2020

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Miners' Strike Review

*followed by* Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Energy Inquiry  
5.00 pm Decision Time

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Covid-19: Scotland's Strategic Framework  
7.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 28 October 2020

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs & Economy, Fair Work and Culture

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Miners' Strike Review

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

insert

*followed by* Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee debate: Energy inquiry

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.20 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 29 October 2020

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Question Time: Education and Skills

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: An Update on the Impact of EU Exit on Scotland's Further and Higher Education Sectors

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 83, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan.

**5. COVID-19: Scotland's Strategic Framework:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-23133—That the Parliament notes the publication of COVID-19: Scotland's Strategic Framework, which sets out the intended approach to managing the suppression of COVID-19 across Scotland in the coming months; further notes that local NHS boards and local authorities will be consulted on the application of the framework to individual areas; acknowledges the basket of measures that will be considered with data published on decisions; further acknowledges that the Framework takes account of the direct harm that COVID-19 causes as well as the health, social and economic harms that result from the pandemic and the protective measures that have to be put in place; notes the increased support for self-isolation and compliance, the continued support for communities and for individuals, including for mental health, the projected increase in testing capacity and the commitment to increasing routine asymptomatic testing, as well as a commitment to continue to build and enhance the Test and Protect system; further notes the commitment to keeping schools open at all levels and the economic package put in place to support those businesses that may be required to close or have their operations restricted, and calls on the UK Government to enable the Scottish Government to make the same open-ended commitment to funding businesses in Scotland as has been made in England and to improve the support for wages, particularly for low-income workers who may be hardest hit by any necessary restrictions, in order to support people and businesses to comply.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-23133.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23133 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (COVID-19: Scotland's Strategic Framework), leave out from “, and calls on” to end and insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Coronavirus

Business Restrictions Advisory Council to support Scottish jobs as well as protect public health; recognises the important role of NHS boards and local authorities in controlling this virus; calls for the further development and publication of local and regional data and statistics relating to COVID-19 and partnership working with local authorities to respond to local circumstances and Scotland's diverse communities; further calls on the Scottish Government to develop and publish a Christmas loneliness strategy to consider the need for families to safely meet relatives across the UK this festive season, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to work closely with the UK Government and the other devolved administrations in suppressing COVID-19."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-23133.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23133 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (COVID-19: Scotland's Strategic Framework), leave out from "further notes that local NHS boards" to end and insert "welcomes measures to control the spread of the virus but calls for greater transparency in the decision making over when different levels will be imposed; calls for clarity on the full range of indicators that will be considered and believes that these should also include the rate of positive cases by area, rate of cases in individuals aged over 60 and the level of cases in care homes; considers that each level should have clear thresholds set out within these indicators and that data for each of the relevant indicators should be published at least weekly to ensure public and parliamentary confidence; calls for the Parliament to be allowed the opportunity to fully scrutinise these decisions; further calls for the extension of routine testing for vulnerable people and people working on the frontline, as well as asymptomatic testing for key groups, including testing for students before they can safely return home for Christmas and then again when they go back to university after the holidays; further calls for improvements to the Test and Protect system to ensure quicker turnaround times for contact tracing; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to keeping schools open at all levels and calls for greater communications and support for families when COVID-19 cases are confirmed within a school; further calls for greater support for people self-isolating, including financial and mental health support, and further calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together to put in place greater economic support for wages and for businesses that may be required to close or have their operations restricted, in order to support people and businesses to comply."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-23133.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23133 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (COVID-19: Scotland's Strategic Framework), insert at end "; believes that the ultimate goal must be elimination of COVID-19; recognises that the expansion

of asymptomatic testing will play an important role in this endeavour, including in higher and further education settings, and considers that a coherent response to the ongoing pandemic requires effort to build political consensus, and that, in addition to formal parliamentary scrutiny, this must include greater sharing of the Scottish Government’s scientific advice with opposition parties and civil society, opportunities for discussion of all policy options under consideration rather than only finalised proposals, and proactive efforts to identify known challenges ahead as well as responding to events as they happen.”

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

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-23133.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23133 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (COVID-19: Scotland’s Strategic Framework), insert at end “; believes that additional capacity is urgently needed within Test and Protect, in light of the low level of quarantine spot-checks and long waits for interviews by contact tracers, alongside the extra demand that will be generated by the new routine asymptomatic testing required to protect groups, including students, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide communities with fairness, clarity and hope by sharing the criteria and thresholds for their moving up and down between the levels of restrictions, and the data that will underpin these decisions.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication of COVID-19: Scotland’s Strategic Framework, which sets out the intended approach to managing the suppression of COVID-19 across Scotland in the coming months; further notes that local NHS boards and local authorities will be consulted on the application of the framework to individual areas; acknowledges the basket of measures that will be considered with data published on decisions; further acknowledges that the Framework takes account of the direct harm that COVID-19 causes as well as the health, social and economic harms that result from the pandemic and the protective measures that have to be put in place; notes the increased support for self-isolation and compliance, the continued support for communities and for individuals, including for mental health, the projected increase in testing capacity and the commitment to increasing routine asymptomatic testing, as well as a commitment to continue to build and enhance the Test and Protect system; further notes the commitment to keeping schools open at all levels and the economic package put in place to support those businesses that may be required to close or have their operations restricted; calls on the UK Government to enable the Scottish Government to make the same open-ended commitment to funding businesses in Scotland as has been made in England and to improve the support for wages, particularly for low-income workers who may be hardest hit by any necessary restrictions, in order to support people and businesses to comply; believes that the ultimate goal must be elimination of COVID-19; recognises that the expansion of

asymptomatic testing will play an important role in this endeavour, including in higher and further education settings; considers that a coherent response to the ongoing pandemic requires effort to build political consensus, and that, in addition to formal parliamentary scrutiny, this must include greater sharing of the Scottish Government's scientific advice with opposition parties and civil society, opportunities for discussion of all policy options under consideration rather than only finalised proposals, and proactive efforts to identify known challenges ahead as well as responding to events as they happen; believes that additional capacity is urgently needed within Test and Protect, in light of the low level of quarantine spot-checks and long waits for interviews by contact tracers, alongside the extra demand that will be generated by the new routine asymptomatic testing required to protect groups, including students, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide communities with fairness, clarity and hope by sharing the criteria and thresholds for their moving up and down between the levels of restrictions, and the data that will underpin these decisions.

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

**7. Pay Student Paramedics:** The Parliament debated S5M-22506 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament notes the campaign to introduce bursary support for student paramedics from Orkney and across Scotland; appreciates the pivotal role that paramedics have played in meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that student paramedics have stepped up at a time of great need; acknowledges that student paramedics, unlike student nurses and midwives, currently have no access to a bursary scheme to support them during their degree course; notes that the campaign has been started by a group of student paramedics to highlight this discrepancy and press for equivalent funding to be made available to all Scottish student paramedics; understands that student paramedics are expected to work the same hours as a fully qualified paramedics and therefore have limited time to take on additional work to fund their studies; believes that the lack of financial support discourages many young people, particularly those from low-income families, from considering a career as a paramedic; understands that the Pay Student Paramedics campaign has highlighted that, last year, the Scottish Ambulance Service was unable to cover 42,000 shifts; further understands that there were calls on the Scottish Government to do more to widen access to this key profession within Scotland's health service by offering financial assistance to trainee paramedics through a bursary scheme, and believes that this would be fair recognition of the contribution that paramedics make to the NHS.

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm.

**No. 55, Wednesday 28 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Miners' Strike Review.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Preparedness in the NHS.
- 4. Energy Inquiry:** Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-23100—That the Parliament notes the findings set out in the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee's Energy Inquiry, which were published on 8 July 2020.

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

- 5. Motion Without Notice:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be moved to 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23153—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: BiFab

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Fireworks

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Winter Preparedness in Social Care

*followed by* Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate: Arts Funding

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time



*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Ministers Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Young Persons' Guarantee

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 November 2020

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 11 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 12 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by Stage 1 Debate: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 November 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23156—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23157—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23158—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23154—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion for the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23155—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23159—That the Parliament agrees that the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/284) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23160—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/288) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23161—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/301) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23162—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 as noted above.

**17. 30th Anniversary of German Reunification:** The Parliament debated S5M-22911 in the name of Colin Beattie—That the Parliament celebrates that 2020 marks

the 30th anniversary of German reunification, which took place on 3 October 1990; remembers all those who were instrumental in bringing about the fall of the Berlin Wall, a wall that divided Europe, on 9 November 1989, and acknowledges that this event marked the end of the Cold War; supports the notion of further peace in Europe; values international cooperation, especially with Scotland's neighbours in Europe; believes that these global partnerships are extremely important, especially now in a modern, globalised society where international cooperation is imperative to an interconnected world; believes that national challenges, such as those that have been presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, can be eased when working together with other countries to solve problems; extends Scotland's well wishes and friendship to all those who are commemorating the reunification of Germany, the fall of the Berlin Wall and celebrating continued peace and prosperity across Europe, and sends its best wishes to the people of Germany on this occasion.

The meeting closed at 6.24 pm.

**No. 56, Thursday 29 October 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on An Update on the Impact of EU Exit on Scotland's Further and Higher Education Sectors.
- 4. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-23163—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

- 5. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-22723—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

- (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) 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 Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

**No. 57, Tuesday 3 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Martin Thomson, Minister, Dalry Trinity Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23231—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 3 November 2020—

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on BiFab.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) made a statement and answered questions on Fireworks.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Preparedness in Social Care.

**7. Arts Funding:** Joan McAlpine, on behalf of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, moved S5M-23194—That the Parliament notes the findings set out in the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee's 5th Report, 2019 (Session 5), Putting Artists In The Picture: A Sustainable Arts Funding System For Scotland (SP Paper 647), which was published on 10 December 2019.

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

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

**9. Amnesty International Report, As If Expendable:** The Parliament debated S5M-23029 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes with concern the Amnesty International report, As If Expendable, which explores what it sees as the care home crisis throughout the continuing COVID-19 pandemic; understands that the report, which focuses on care homes in England, makes a series of damning conclusions about deliberate policy decisions by the UK Government, and other bodies, that consequently threatened the human rights of older people, most specifically the right to life, the right to health and the right to non-discrimination;

further understands that the report states that the policy failures by the UK Government, and other bodies, were the failure to provide adequate and good quality PPE at the beginning of the crisis, the imposition of blanket DNR orders on care home residents and older people outwith care homes, mass discharges of older people to care homes at the beginning of the crisis, many of whom were either untested or had a positive COVID-19 test result at the time of their transfer, a failure to ensure regular testing for both staff and residents, a lack of transparency around statistics pertaining to care home deaths and a failure to enable care home residents to access NHS services; believes that the policy decisions outlined in the report have caused a significant amount of unnecessary deaths among residents in care homes; considers that the pandemic, and what it sees as the deprivation of visitation, have also detrimentally impacted care home residents who have survived with, it believes, many having lost some cognitive functions and their ability to move, in addition to the impact on their mental health; further believes that, despite Amnesty International's report focusing on the UK Government's approach to care homes, most of the policy failures identified also occurred in Scotland, including in the Lothian region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations set out in the report, in particular the need for an urgent public inquiry into the what it considers the crisis in care homes, at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

**No. 58, Wednesday 4 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport and then Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints:** Murdo Fraser moved S5M-23218—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to publish all the legal advice it received regarding the judicial review into the investigation of the alleged behaviour of the former First Minister, Alex Salmond.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-23218.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23218 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "acknowledges that legal professional privilege is an important established legal principle that gives both individuals and organisations the right to privacy in legal advice, that successive Scottish and UK governments of different political configurations have operated on the basis that legal professional privilege enables decisions to be informed by full and frank legal advice, and that, while maintaining its legal professional privilege, the Scottish Government has provided and is providing substantial documentation and other evidence to support the work of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints, including the Lord Advocate making himself available to provide oral evidence on relevant matters."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 63, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 5).

**3. Care Homes:** Donald Cameron moved S5M-23226—That the Parliament notes the publication of Public Health Scotland report, Discharges from NHSScotland Hospitals to Care Homes between 1 March and 31 May 2020; further notes with serious concern the report's analysis of the transfer of COVID-19 positive patients from hospital to care homes during this time; recognises the risk that this might have posed for vulnerable and older care home residents, and calls on the Scottish Government to hold an immediate public inquiry to find out what happened in Scotland's care homes during the course of the pandemic, which resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 residents.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-23226.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23226 in the name of Donald Cameron (Care Homes), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "also notes the report's conclusion that care home size has the strongest association with outbreaks of



COVID-19, and that this association persists after taking account of other care home characteristics, including discharge from hospital; further notes the publication of the rapid Independent Care Home Review, which through root cause analysis reviews the factors in four care homes, which were relevant to the management of COVID-19 within the homes; welcomes the Care Inspectorate's inquiry on delivering care at home and housing support services during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that the recommendations of these reports have helped lead to the development of the Adult Social Care Winter Plan; believes that a public inquiry into all aspects of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including in the tragic loss of the lives of over 2,000 care home residents, should be held as quickly as is practicable, once the country is through the immediacy of dealing with the pandemic; considers that expert input and review must continue to be sought as the response to COVID-19 continues to evolve in light of emerging evidence on the virus, and believes that all of this evidence should be shared with the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, together with the views of those receiving social care and their families, in order to best shape the development of a National Care Service for Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-23226.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23226 in the name of Donald Cameron (Care Homes), insert at end "; believes that such an inquiry should take a human rights approach and consider the role of Scottish Government guidance in relation to COVID-19 outbreaks in care homes, and calls on the Scottish Government to commence cross-party talks on the inquiry remit, in the interests of transparency and public safety."

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

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 1, Abstentions 57).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication of Public Health Scotland report, Discharges from NHSScotland Hospitals to Care Homes between 1 March and 31 May 2020; further notes with serious concern the report's analysis of the transfer of COVID-19 positive patients from hospital to care homes during this time; recognises the risk that this might have posed for vulnerable and older care home residents, and calls on the Scottish Government to hold an immediate public inquiry to find out what happened in Scotland's care homes during the course of the pandemic, which resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 residents; believes that such an inquiry should take a human rights approach and consider the role of Scottish Government guidance in relation to COVID-19 outbreaks in care homes, and calls on the Scottish Government to commence cross-party talks on the inquiry remit, in the interests of transparency and public safety."

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23234—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Remembrance Commemorations

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 11 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*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 12 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Rural Payments Strategy 2020-21

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Environment Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Medicines and Medical Devices Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*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 18 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 19 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 November 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23235—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights

of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23236—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 2 Consideration of a Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23237— That the Parliament agrees under Rule 9.7.1(b) that stage 2 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be taken as follows—

(a) the Finance and Constitution Committee to consider (in the order set out by, or by virtue of, Rules 9.7.4 and 9.10.8)—

(i) Parts 1 and 3 and the long title,

(ii) any amendments to provisions in Parts 1 and 3 and the long title, (other than amendments to provisions in Part 3 and the long title specifically on matters relating to the environment), and

(iii) any other amendments that relate primarily to alignment with EU law (other than amendments specifically on matters relating to the environment), and

(b) the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee to consider (in the order set out by, or by virtue of, Rules 9.7.4 and 9.10.8)—

(i) Part 2,

(ii) any amendments to provisions in Part 2, other than those to be considered by the Finance and Constitution Committee by virtue of paragraph (a)(iii), and

(iii) any other amendments specifically on matter relating to the environment.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23238—That the Parliament agrees that the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Children's Advocacy Services) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23239—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/307) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23240—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/326) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**12. 10th Anniversary of the Scottish Guardianship Service:** The Parliament debated S5M-22742 in the name of Angela Constance—That the Parliament recognises that September 2020 marks 10 years of the Scottish Guardianship Service and the partnership between Aberlour and the Scottish Refugee Council supporting trafficked and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people arriving alone in Scotland; understands that, in that time, the service has been by the side and on the side of nearly 700 children and young people across 29 local authorities, supporting them to navigate the complexities of the UK asylum and immigration systems, engage with statutory services and support them to build new lives in Scotland; considers that the service is an exemplar of a human rights approach to how a country should care for and support trafficked and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people and has influenced the development of similar provision in Northern Ireland; commends what it considers the successful conclusion of its pilot in 2013, whereby the Scottish Government has provided statutory funding to the Scottish Guardianship Service and, in 2015, committed to long-term support for guardianship of separated children in the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015; believes that the partnership between Aberlour and the Scottish Refugee Council exemplifies Scotland's commitment to international human rights frameworks, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and has been key to ensuring separated children and young people's rights are protected and promoted, and considers that, at a time when so many children and young people around the world are fleeing conflict or persecution or are the victims of international trafficking, the Scottish Guardianship Service has never been more needed to ensure vulnerable children and young people arriving alone in Scotland are cared for, protected, integrated and seen as assets to Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

**No. 59, Thursday 5 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Young Persons' Guarantee.

**4. Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-23243—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

**No. 60, Tuesday 10 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Imām Hāshim Matīn, Imam & Principal, Livingston Islamic Centre & Mosque, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 4. Remembrance Commemorations:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-23291—That the Parliament recognises the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on planned commemorative events throughout the year, including Remembrance Sunday and significant milestones, such as the 75th anniversaries of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan; acknowledges the fantastic efforts of veterans' charities, such as Legion Scotland and Poppyscotland, local authorities and local communities in adapting to ensure that commemorative events have been able to proceed safely in some form throughout the pandemic, and pays tribute to the sacrifices of those individuals from across Scotland and the UK, the Commonwealth and our Allied Nations, which ensured the peace and freedoms we enjoy today, as well as the contribution that the Armed Forces community continues to make to communities throughout Scotland, ahead of Armistice Day on 11 November 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23308—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on Wednesday 11 November 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Universities and Colleges: Supporting Students to Return Home Safely at the End of Term

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**7. World Stroke Day and Stroke Care in Scotland During the COVID-19**

**Pandemic:** The Parliament debated S5M-22992 in the name of Alexander Stewart— That the Parliament recognises World Stroke Day, which is observed on 29 October each year to raise awareness of stroke and what can be done to tackle the condition; understands that stroke is a non-communicable disease that affects millions of people worldwide every year; believes that, although the COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on everyone, the lives and recoveries of stroke survivors in Mid Scotland and Fife, and across Scotland, have been particularly badly affected; recognises what it sees as the disparity in the levels of stroke care between NHS boards in Scotland; acknowledges the publication of the Stroke Association report, *Stroke recoveries at risk*, which highlights how much stroke survivors' lives and their recoveries have been affected, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to make urgent progress on the stroke commitments that it made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic in its Programme for Government 2019-20, as well as on the establishment of a regular reporting mechanism to the Parliament on these commitments in order to track progress and ensure full transparency and accountability.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.



**No. 61, Wednesday 11 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Universities and Colleges: Supporting Students to Return Home Safely at the End of Term.

**3. Routine COVID-19 Testing for all Health and Social Care Workers:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-23296—That the Parliament notes the ongoing threat to life and health posed by COVID-19 and the warnings of extreme winter pressures on the NHS, and calls on the Scottish Government to introduce routine weekly COVID-19 testing for all health and social care workers immediately.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-23296.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23296 in the name of Monica Lennon (Routine COVID-19 Testing for all Health and Social Care Workers), insert at end “, with prioritisation of staff groups to be guided by expert clinical advice.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-23296.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23296 in the name of Monica Lennon (Routine COVID-19 Testing for all Health and Social Care Workers), after “on the NHS” insert “; recognises the need for the Test and Protect system to be able to provide rapid turnaround contact tracing and cope with increasing demand during the winter months”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the ongoing threat to life and health posed by COVID-19 and the warnings of extreme winter pressures on the NHS; recognises the need for the Test and Protect system to be able to provide rapid turnaround contact tracing and cope with increasing demand during the winter months, and calls on the Scottish Government to introduce routine weekly COVID-19 testing for all health and social care workers immediately, with prioritisation of staff groups to be guided by expert clinical advice.

**4. Additional Support for Scotland’s Tourism and Hospitality Sectors During the COVID-19 Pandemic:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-23299—That the

Parliament recognises the need to protect the population from the COVID-19 pandemic; appreciates the damage that tighter restrictions are having on Scotland's tourism and hospitality sector; calls on the Scottish Government to provide additional support to these sectors by reviewing the eligibility for COVID business grants and hardship grants and increasing available funding so that no hospitality or tourism business faces closure or job losses as a result of the pandemic, and considers that there is a need to work with trade unions to ensure that ongoing government support is being used to protect and improve workers' terms and conditions.

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved amendment S5M-23299.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23299 in the name of Richard Leonard (Additional Support for Scotland's Tourism and Hospitality Sectors During the COVID-19 Pandemic), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "acknowledges the significant contribution that tourism and hospitality makes, not only to the economy but to the health and wellbeing of workers, and to the cultural vibrancy of Scotland; notes the funding packages and job retention schemes offered by the Scottish and UK governments so far, but recognises that much more needs to be done to protect jobs and businesses into the future, including an extension to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme beyond March 2021, noting that Scottish Government analysis shows an extension to June could save up to 61,000 jobs; welcomes the independent recommendations of the Tourism Recovery Task Force, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to consider in full the recommendations, including 'to progress alternative options for robust Testing Regimes' for industry, and to provide 'proportionate, fair financial compensation arrangements if further lockdowns are required'; notes the valuable work and representation of trades unions, including Unite the Union's Hospitality and Tourism Rescue Plan, and asks the Scottish and UK governments to meet urgently with them to discuss proposals for the protection of workers' pay and conditions during this difficult time, and, recognising the pressures facing the industry on a UK-wide basis, calls on all governments in the UK to work closely together with the sector, health experts and unions to ensure that jobs, workers conditions and businesses can be protected and strengthened as we work through and emerge from the coronavirus pandemic."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S5M-23299.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23299 in the name of Richard Leonard (Additional Support for Scotland's Tourism and Hospitality Sectors During the COVID-19 Pandemic), insert at end " ; recognises that the supply chain for hospitality and tourism is also negatively affected and needs support, and calls on the Scottish Government to establish a coronavirus business restrictions advisory council to support Scottish jobs as well as protect public health."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on when the Scottish Government was informed that errors had been made in the publicly reported contact tracing performance of Test and Protect was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman).

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23313—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Social Security Benefits

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Annual Veterans Update

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 18 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and Law officers

*followed by* Scottish Green 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 19 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee Debate: Improving Youth Football in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Health and Sport Committee Debate: Medicines Inquiry

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.45 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 25 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 November 2020, 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 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23314—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 4 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23321—That the Parliament agrees that the Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**9. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23315—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 2pm to 4.30pm on Wednesday 18 November for the purpose of considering and agreeing its report on its inquiry into construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23316—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 24 November during debate on the Health and Sport Committee’s inquiry into Supply and demand for medicines, and during Members’ Business, for the purpose of considering amendments at stage 2 to the United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union Continuity (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23317—That the

Parliament agrees that the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Laying Hens (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2020 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23318—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Tissue (Excepted Body Parts) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23319—That the Parliament agrees that the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23320—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23322—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23323—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/330) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**18. Concerns Regarding the Islands Housing Market:** The Parliament debated S5M-22640 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament notes the concerns expressed regarding rising property prices in many parts of the Highlands and Islands; understands that there has been an increase in interest in rural housing markets since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; considers that rising house prices in areas with small numbers of available houses to buy is to the detriment of

young island families, who are often unable to compete financially and, in some cases, find themselves up against bidders who are willing to buy without even setting foot on the island first; believes that this contributes to the continuing outward migration of young people; considers that the Highlands and Islands, and the Western Isles in particular, have worrying projections in terms of ageing and shrinking populations; recognises the importance of these communities for the maintenance of the Gaelic language; understands what it considers the pressing need for island communities to attract and welcome people from elsewhere; notes the belief that, if current demographic trends are to be reversed, the issues that young island families have, in terms of affordability and availability of housing, must be addressed, and notes the calls for Uist to be used as part of a trial where properties are advertised locally in the first instance.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

**No. 62, Thursday 12 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Rural Payments Strategy 2020-21.
- 4. Environment Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-23324— That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Environment Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 30 January 2020, relating to producer responsibility and associated charging schemes, resource efficiency, electronic waste tracking, review of the UK air quality strategy, water quality priority substances, arrangements for Solway Tweed River Basin District and Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

- 5. Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill:** Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-23289— That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 2, Abstentions 54).

- 6. Medicines and Medical Devices Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-23312— That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill, introduced into the House of Commons on 13 February 2020, relating to information systems, so far as they 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 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.



**No. 63, Tuesday 17 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Martin Ritchie, Minister at Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23396—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 17 November 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 November 2020—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID Vaccine

delete

4.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 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 (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scotland's Social Security Benefits.

**6. Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-23370—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 Scotland; supports the

Strategy for our Veterans, developed jointly with the UK Government, devolved governments and partners across the public, private and third sectors, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that, earlier this year, the Scottish Government published its response to its strategy consultation setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and the other devolved governments, to ensure that the veterans and armed forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-23370.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23370 in the name of Graeme Dey (Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020), insert at end "; notes the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of veterans charities to raise funds and provide support for veterans and their families, and agrees to work with such charities to support them through this period."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—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 Scotland; supports the Strategy for our Veterans, developed jointly with the UK Government, devolved governments and partners across the public, private and third sectors, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that, earlier this year, the Scottish Government published its response to its strategy consultation setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland; agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and the other devolved governments, to ensure that the veterans and armed forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland; notes the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of veterans charities to raise funds and provide support for veterans and their families, and agrees to work with such charities to support them through this period.

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

**8. Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Musicians and Music Industry:** The Parliament debated S5M-23195 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on musicians, songwriters, composers and the wider music sector, including music education; believes that this has limited the ability of people in the sector to perform and earn income; understands that the Musicians Union and PRS for Music have been working hard to support their members by carrying out surveys and work such as encouraging action to be taken, and distributing over £3 million in hardship funding;

understands that 34% of musicians surveyed have said that they may quit the industry due to the impact of the pandemic, that 47% have had to look for work outside music and 65% are facing financial hardship; notes that PRS for Music is predicting a fall of income of between 15-25%, including a 75% decline in income from live performances; acknowledges that, subject to pandemic protocols, many spaces for professional and non-professional musicians to perform and rehearse, including recording studios, are closed, further limiting options for creative output and generating income; regrets the impact that this will have on communities, including in Mid Scotland and Fife, their cultural activities, economy and wellbeing; understands that public health restrictions acutely impact live music venues, promoters and production companies; notes what it sees as the impact of the ban on background music on musicians' and composers' copyright returns, and, to ensure that Scotland's music and wider cultural infrastructure is protected, acknowledges the view that there is a need for the continued support of musicians and the music sector at what it sees as a time of crisis.

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

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

**No. 64, Wednesday 18 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23411—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on Thursday 19 November 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

insert

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

after

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee Debate: Improving Youth Football in Scotland

insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19

delete

5.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, and then questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**3. Safe Schools:** Ross Greer moved S5M-23385—That the Parliament believes that education is best delivered in the classroom, but that making schools safe for pupils, teachers and staff must be a top priority of government during the pandemic; notes that, as of 10 November 2020, 29,486 pupils and 2,615 staff were absent from Scottish schools for COVID-19-related reasons, with absence rates affecting areas with higher levels of deprivation more; expresses concern regarding reports that some school staff have been instructed to turn off the Protect Scotland app when in school and may have felt under pressure to continue to attend schools even when notified by the app of a potential exposure risk; considers it unacceptable that some clinically vulnerable teachers have felt pressured to return to in-person teaching against specific advice from their GPs to the contrary and in the absence of an overall national strategy on how to deal with school staff with chronic or underlying health conditions; calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to ensure that any vulnerable school staff member who is medically unable to attend school in person without being placed at unacceptable risk is better supported to either work from home or in a safer alternative setting, or, if this is not possible, to potentially be placed on leave without loss of income; expresses disappointment in

government efforts to adequately prepare resource levels for COVID-19-related staff absences; calls on the Scottish Government to deliver funding for the purpose of recruiting at least an additional 2,000 full-time teachers to ensure that all schools can maintain safe staffing levels while managing absences due to COVID-19, and further calls on the Scottish Government to make regular voluntary COVID-19 testing widely available for asymptomatic staff and senior pupils across all of Scotland's schools.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-23385.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23385 in the name of Ross Greer (Safe Schools), leave out from second “expresses” to end and insert “commends the work of local government and the Scottish Government in the recruitment of an additional 1,250 teachers and 155 support staff, with an estimated 200 further teachers and 100 support staff in the pipeline; further commends COSLA and the Scottish Government for continuing to work in partnership to ensure sufficient teaching and support staff in schools; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to provide an additional £155 million for the COVID response in school education while awaiting the outcome of a COSLA-led exercise on additional costs incurred by local authorities in relation to school safety; notes that testing is available for asymptomatic teachers who have concerns, and commits to exploring how to expand testing further for teachers and other school staff; expresses its gratitude to teachers and other school staff for the professionalism and dedication they have shown to keep schools open safely, and thereby continuing to protect the development, wellbeing and educational progress of children and young people; welcomes the Health and Safety Executive's very positive feedback about the work done by school staff to implement the school safety guidance, following a programme of independent spot-checks and inspections, and further welcomes the findings of the Connect parent/carer 'back at school survey' where 70% of respondents feel school is going well for their child.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-23385.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23385 in the name of Ross Greer (Safe Schools), insert at end “; notes that participation rates in online learning during the pandemic have been variable across the country, with some pupils and teachers left without access to adequate digital infrastructure or devices to fully facilitate online learning; further notes that, in the absence of nationally co-ordinated online learning materials to support the curriculum, many young people in Scotland missed out on valuable education despite the best efforts and endeavours of their parents and teachers, and calls on the Scottish Government and its agencies to ensure that no child is left behind if required to study from home.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-23385.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23385 in the name of Ross Greer (Safe Schools), insert at end “, as well as investigating the possibility of resourcing improvements to ventilation in the school estate and producing a report based on Test and Protect that examines infection patterns within school settings.”

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

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 1, Abstentions 56).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that education is best delivered in the classroom, but that making schools safe for pupils, teachers and staff must be a top priority of government during the pandemic; notes that, as of 10 November 2020, 29,486 pupils and 2,615 staff were absent from Scottish schools for COVID-19-related reasons, with absence rates affecting areas with higher levels of deprivation more; expresses concern regarding reports that some school staff have been instructed to turn off the Protect Scotland app when in school and may have felt under pressure to continue to attend schools even when notified by the app of a potential exposure risk; considers it unacceptable that some clinically vulnerable teachers have felt pressured to return to in-person teaching against specific advice from their GPs to the contrary and in the absence of an overall national strategy on how to deal with school staff with chronic or underlying health conditions; calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to ensure that any vulnerable school staff member who is medically unable to attend school in person without being placed at unacceptable risk is better supported to either work from home or in a safer alternative setting, or, if this is not possible, to potentially be placed on leave without loss of income; expresses disappointment in government efforts to adequately prepare resource levels for COVID-19-related staff absences; calls on the Scottish Government to deliver funding for the purpose of recruiting at least an additional 2,000 full-time teachers to ensure that all schools can maintain safe staffing levels while managing absences due to COVID-19, and further calls on the Scottish Government to make regular voluntary COVID-19 testing widely available for asymptomatic staff and senior pupils across all of Scotland's schools; notes that participation rates in online learning during the pandemic have been variable across the country, with some pupils and teachers left without access to adequate digital infrastructure or devices to fully facilitate online learning; further notes that, in the absence of nationally co-ordinated online learning materials to support the curriculum, many young people in Scotland missed out on valuable education despite the best efforts and endeavours of their parents and teachers, and calls on the Scottish Government and its agencies to ensure that no child is left behind if required to study from home, as well as investigating the possibility of resourcing improvements to ventilation in the school estate and producing a report based on Test and Protect that examines infection patterns within school settings.

**4. Declaration of a Nature Emergency:** Mark Ruskell moved S5M-23383— That the Parliament notes with grave concern the catastrophic collapse in biodiversity globally and in Scotland, with one in nine species threatened with extinction from Scotland, and therefore declares a nature emergency; believes that

restoring nature should be a central component of green economic recovery and future rural support, stimulating the economy and creating jobs; calls for urgent legislation to halt the loss of biodiversity and to enable nature to recover through a coherent national ecological network, including well-managed, protected sites in good condition comprising at least 30% of Scotland's sea and land by 2030, a third of which should be fully protected; calls for an end to driven grouse moor management practices, large-scale peat extraction and damaging fishing practices in sensitive marine environments, and further calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a moratorium on salmon farm expansion until the concerns raised in the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's 2018 report on salmon farming in Scotland are fully addressed.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved amendment S5M-23383.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23383 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Declaration of a Nature Emergency), leave out from “therefore declares” to end and insert “calls for the continued treatment of climate change and biodiversity loss on a twin-crises basis as set out in the Scottish Government's Environment Strategy; believes that restoring nature should be a central component of recovery; welcomes therefore the Scottish Government's commitment to a green recovery that captures the opportunities of a just transition to net zero, creates good, green jobs and leaves no one behind; further welcomes the advice of the Just Transition Commission and others in this regard; recognises that 34% of Scotland's waters are already covered by MPAs, including the West of Scotland MPA, which is the largest in European waters and is accepted as 'internationally significant' by the Convention on Biological Diversity; further recognises that, while Scotland constitutes only 32% of UK land mass, it accounts for 54% of the UK's nature-specific protected areas; acknowledges the Scottish Government's multi-annual commitment of £250 million to restore peatland and commends NatureScot for its contribution to restoration via PeatlandACTION; commends the work of Professor Werritty and the Grouse Moor Management Review Group, and expects the Scottish Government's response to this imminently, and notes the Scottish Government's commitment to protect the marine environment and support sustainable growth in fishing and fish farming while maintaining the right balance across Scotland's economic, environmental and social responsibilities.”

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-23383.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23383 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Declaration of a Nature Emergency), leave out from “at least 30%” to end and insert “as much of Scotland's sea and land by 2030 as is achievable in relation to managed agricultural land use; acknowledges the good progress that has been made with controlled muirburn to increase carbon capture in peatlands and to enhance natural habitats, and calls on the Scottish Government to address the concerns raised in the 2018 Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee report regarding damaging practices in salmon farming and to work

more closely with inshore fisheries groups to help preserve sensitive maritime areas.”

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-23383.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23383 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Declaration of a Nature Emergency), leave out from “calls for an end” to end and insert “calls for an urgent and robust licensing scheme for driven grouse moor management, the phase out of large-scale peat extraction and addressing damaging fishing practices in sensitive marine environments; further calls on the Scottish Government to urgently address the concerns raised in the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's 2018 report, and letter from the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, on salmon farming in Scotland; recognises the multiple benefits of a holistic approach to land use planning, through regional land use partnerships and more equitable forms of ownership; understands the need for nature skills development for now and the next generation of rural jobs; recognises the contributions of communities and individuals to improving biodiversity, and acknowledges the need for further support for these and local authority action.”

After debate, amendment S5M-23383.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 35, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendments S5M-23383.1 and S5M-23383.3 were pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 33, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with grave concern the catastrophic collapse in biodiversity globally and in Scotland, with one in nine species threatened with extinction from Scotland, and calls for the continued treatment of climate change and biodiversity loss on a twin-crises basis as set out in the Scottish Government's Environment Strategy; believes that restoring nature should be a central component of recovery; welcomes therefore the Scottish Government's commitment to a green recovery that captures the opportunities of a just transition to net zero, creates good, green jobs and leaves no one behind; further welcomes the advice of the Just Transition Commission and others in this regard; recognises that 34% of Scotland's waters are already covered by MPAs, including the West of Scotland MPA, which is the largest in European waters and is accepted as 'internationally significant' by the Convention on Biological Diversity; further recognises that, while Scotland constitutes only 32% of UK land mass, it accounts for 54% of the UK's nature-specific protected areas; acknowledges the Scottish Government's multi-annual commitment of £250 million to restore peatland and commends NatureScot for its contribution to restoration via PeatlandACTION; commends the work of Professor Werritty and the Grouse Moor Management Review Group, and expects the Scottish Government's response to this imminently, and notes the Scottish Government's commitment to protect the marine environment and support sustainable growth in fishing and fish farming while maintaining the right balance across Scotland's economic, environmental and social responsibilities.



**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23403—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 November 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Health and Sport Committee Debate: The Supply and Demand for Medicines

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.45 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 25 November 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Rollout of Testing Programme

*followed by* Scottish Conservative Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 26 November 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Making Scotland Equally Safe: Marking the Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Equalities and Human Rights Committee Debate: Valuing the Third Sector

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee Debate: Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*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 3 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance

*followed by* Stage 2 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

*followed by* Final Stage Proceedings: Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 November 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23404—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Office of the Clerk:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23405—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, and 7 as noted above.

**9. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2020:** The Parliament debated S5M-22629 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and that 19 November 2020 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; acknowledges that this condition is one of the most aggressive and least survivable forms of cancer, with a five-year survival rate of less than 8% in Scotland; understands that survival rates have remained almost static for the last 50 years; notes that it can affect anyone, but understands that it is subject to multiple inequalities, with different outcomes in relation to diagnosis and treatment and late stage presentation of the condition being more prevalent in older people, ethnic minorities and people living in the most deprived areas; commends all of the pancreatic cancer charities and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of it, and wishes everyone involved with Awareness Month the very best in their endeavours.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

**No. 65, Thursday 19 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 am.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on COVID Vaccine.
- 4. Improving Youth Football in Scotland:** Gail Ross, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, moved S5M-23361—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Petitions Committee's 2nd Report 2020 (Session 5), *PE1319: Improving youth football in Scotland* (SP Paper 763).

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

- 5. Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) moved S5M-23416—That the Parliament agrees the measures set out by the Scottish Government on 17 November 2020 under its *Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework*, and notes that the regulations implementing these measures will be laid in Parliament.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-23416.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23416 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to publish its scientific evidence that justifies keeping local authority areas in Level 4 for a three-week period; further urges it to provide immediate clarification with respect to new travel restrictions and to detail what powers the police will have to enforce these restrictions, noting the potential for a disproportionate impact on rural communities; acknowledges the severe impact of new restrictions on retail and hospitality businesses, particularly in the weeks preceding the festive period; calls for appropriate business support to protect jobs through the winter period, especially for those businesses going into Level 4 restrictions; further calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Coronavirus Business Advisory Council, and calls on it to allow for a one-week adaptation period from the announcement and introduction of new restrictions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 71, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-23416.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23416 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach), leave out from “and notes” to end and insert “on condition that the Scottish Government introduces a

programme of mass testing and improves the operation of Test and Protect to contain the virus and prevent the need for further tighter restrictions, withdraws the regulation imposing a statutory travel ban and consults the Parliament on any future regulations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-23416.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23416 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus: Scotland’s Strategic Approach), insert at end “; believes that these measures can only be fully effective if the test, trace, isolate, support system continues to improve; recognises that self-isolation poses significant challenges for many people, which the existing conditional self-isolation grant cannot fully meet, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a comprehensive package of support for self-isolation to ensure that everyone who needs to is able to take this step to protect their community.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees the measures set out by the Scottish Government on 17 November 2020 under its *Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland’s Strategic Framework*; notes that the regulations implementing these measures will be laid in Parliament; believes that these measures can only be fully effective if the test, trace, isolate, support system continues to improve; recognises that self-isolation poses significant challenges for many people, which the existing conditional self-isolation grant cannot fully meet, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a comprehensive package of support for self-isolation to ensure that everyone who needs to is able to take this step to protect their community.

**6. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 6.40 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

**No. 66, Tuesday 24 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Teri C Peterson, Minister, St John's Church, Gourock, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 4. Supply and Demand for Medicines:** Lewis Macdonald, on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee, moved S5M-23342—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health and Sport Committee's 6th Report 2019 (Session 5), *Supply and demand for medicines* (SP Paper 774).

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

- 5. Stage 3 Timetable:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23447—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit 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 5: 55 mins.

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. Period Products (Free Provision) (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 and 7.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 8, 10, 11.

Amendment 9 was not moved.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

- 7. Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-23328—That the Parliament agrees that the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Revised Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23464—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Thursday 26 November 2020—

after  
2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

insert  
*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Independent Review of Grouse Moor Management

delete  
6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert  
6.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 7 as noted above.

**11. National Adoption Week 2020:** The Parliament debated S5M-22736 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament acknowledges National Adoption Week 2020, which runs from 14 to 20 October; understands that there are a range of events being held online, including fun family activities, as well as information sessions on foetal alcohol spectrum disorder and sibling relationships; commends the organisers for raising awareness of the benefits of adoption, including Adoption UK, which recently published the results of its April 2020 survey into the effects of lockdown on care experienced children, which highlighted that young people are experiencing increased anxiety and emotional distress, while many families reported enjoying spending more time together and some children appearing calmer than when attending school; acknowledges other research that highlighted that adopted children are 20 times more likely to be excluded than their peers, and notes the importance of these findings in tackling this inequality so that all children may have an equal start in life.

The meeting closed at 6.44 pm.

**No. 67, Wednesday 25 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 2 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Rollout of Testing Programme.
- 3. Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-23450—That the Parliament notes the report of the Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing, produced by Dame Elish Angiolini QC and submitted to Scottish Ministers on 11 November 2020, and calls on the Scottish Government to implement its proposals, in particular to expand the role of the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner without delay, and to work collaboratively with the UK Government to adopt good practice from England and Wales that is appropriate to Scotland, as set out in the report.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-23450.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23450 in the name of Liam Kerr (Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing), leave out from “, and calls on” to end and insert “; welcomes the review as a detailed and substantial piece of work with over 80 recommendations in total that will require careful consideration from the Scottish Government, Scottish Police Authority, Police Scotland, the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC), police staff associations and trade unions, and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; recognises the significant public interest that there is in having a rights-based approach to the issue of the handling of police complaints; notes that Dame Elish Angiolini will give evidence to the Justice Sub Committee on Policing on 7 December 2020; further notes a number of recommendations would require legislative change; acknowledges the Chief Constable’s membership of the National Police Chiefs’ Council, which provides an opportunity, where appropriate, to share best practice across the UK; calls on the Scottish Government and other key stakeholders to meet as a matter of urgency to consider the implementation of recommendations; notes the recommendations for wide-ranging changes to the role, responsibilities and structure of the PIRC, which will require public consultation involving police staff associations and trade unions, and urges the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to update the Parliament on discussions with key stakeholders and his response to the report early in the New Year.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-23450.1—



As an amendment to motion S5M-23450 in the name of Liam Kerr (Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing), insert at end “; notes with concern the findings in the report that there has been discriminatory treatment towards individuals and staff from minority groups, including Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, women and LGBTI people; agrees that Police Scotland should have a workforce that is reflective and representative of the communities that it serves; believes that the policies, procedures and practices of Police Scotland should promote and not hinder equalities issues, including a complaints procedure that is trusted by officers when they seek to raise equalities issues, and therefore calls for an independent review of equalities matters across the force, as recommended in the report.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the report of the Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in Relation to Policing, produced by Dame Elish Angiolini QC and submitted to Scottish Ministers on 11 November 2020; welcomes the review as a detailed and substantial piece of work with over 80 recommendations in total that will require careful consideration from the Scottish Government, Scottish Police Authority, Police Scotland, the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC), police staff associations and trade unions, and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; recognises the significant public interest that there is in having a rights-based approach to the issue of the handling of police complaints; notes that Dame Elish Angiolini will give evidence to the Justice Sub Committee on Policing on 7 December 2020; further notes a number of recommendations would require legislative change; acknowledges the Chief Constable's membership of the National Police Chiefs' Council, which provides an opportunity, where appropriate, to share best practice across the UK; calls on the Scottish Government and other key stakeholders to meet as a matter of urgency to consider the implementation of recommendations; notes the recommendations for wide-ranging changes to the role, responsibilities and structure of the PIRC, which will require public consultation involving police staff associations and trade unions; urges the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to update the Parliament on discussions with key stakeholders and his response to the report early in the New Year; notes with concern the findings in the report that there has been discriminatory treatment towards individuals and staff from minority groups, including Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, women and LGBTI people; agrees that Police Scotland should have a workforce that is reflective and representative of the communities that it serves; believes that the policies, procedures and practices of Police Scotland should promote and not hinder equalities issues, including a complaints procedure that is trusted by officers when they seek to raise equalities issues, and therefore calls for an independent review of equalities matters across the force, as recommended in the report.”

**4. Legal Advice:** Murdo Fraser moved S5M-23445—That the Parliament recalls the vote on motion S5M-23218 on 4 November 2020, in which it called on the Scottish Government to publish the legal advice it received regarding the judicial

review into the handling of harassment complaints against the former First Minister, Alex Salmond; notes that the legal advice sought has not yet been published, despite the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints requesting this by 13 November 2020, and calls on the Scottish Government to respect the will of the Parliament by providing the legal advice without any further delay.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-23445.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23445 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Legal Advice), leave out from “notes that the legal advice” to end and insert “acknowledges that this complex matter is being actively considered by Ministers; notes that the right of private access to legal advice is a fundamental right under Scots Law, and recognises that, since that vote of the Parliament, the Lord Advocate has shared extensive detail of the Scottish Government's legal position with the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints at its meeting on 17 November 2020, will be writing further to the Committee following that meeting, and stands ready to provide additional information as the Committee requires.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 4).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23470—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Equalities and Human Rights Committee Debate: Valuing the Third Sector

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee Debate: Mental health support for Young People in Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*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 3 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance

*followed by* Committee of the Whole Parliament - Stage 2 Proceedings: The Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

*followed by* Final Stage: Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Parliament's evolving scrutiny function

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 10 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.35 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 November 2020, 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.

## **6. Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill: Timetable and Procedures for**

**Consideration:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23471—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement to the general principles of the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill, the Parliament agrees for the purposes of further consideration of the Bill that:

Rules 9.5.3A and 9.5.3B be suspended;

Rules 9.7.8A, 9.7.8B and 9.7.9 be suspended;

Rule 9.10.2 be varied to replace the word “fourth” with “third”, so that the deadline for lodging stage 2 amendments will be the third sitting day in advance of proceedings, and

Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word “fifth” with “second”, so that the deadline for lodging stage 3 amendments will be the second sitting day in advance of proceedings.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23472—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during 2pm to 4.30pm on 2 December 2020 for the purpose of considering and agreeing its report on its inquiry into the construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23473—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/354) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23474—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/358) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23475—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23476—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. and South of Scotland Enterprise (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23477—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23478—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/344) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23479—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/347) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23480—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/343) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23486—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 3.30pm until Decision Time on Wednesday 2 December 2020 for the purpose of taking evidence from Scottish Government officials.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as noted above.

**18. ICU at Inverclyde Royal Hospital:** The Parliament debated S5M-22984 in the name of Jamie Greene—That the Parliament is significantly concerned over reports that the ICU provision of the Inverclyde Royal Hospital's critical care offering, in Greenock, is closing and that patients requiring that type of critical care will be transferred to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow for treatment; believes that Inverclyde has been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; considers this closure to be ill-advised given the continuing prevalence of COVID-19 and need for intensive care in the surrounding region; notes the considerable hardship and stress that it believes this will place on local families who visit their loved ones in hospital; understands that, in the seven days leading up to 3 October 2020, Inverclyde recorded 34 new cases of COVID-19 at a rate of 43.7 per 100,000 people; notes the calls on all political parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to collectively raise these concerns with the local NHS board and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, given the current national health emergency,

and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to look into this matter immediately with a view to a substantial rethink of this action.

The meeting closed at 6.39 pm.

**No. 68, Thursday 26 November 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Review of Grouse Moor Management.
- 4. Making Scotland Equally Safe: Marking the Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-23481—That the Parliament welcomes the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and the Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic has seen an increase in referrals to services for domestic abuse and violence against women and condemns violence against women in all its forms; commends the work of frontline support services that have worked tirelessly to redesign services during the pandemic and ensure that women and children can still access support; encourages anyone experiencing violence to access the support that they need; notes the effective local response and collaborative approach between national and local government on this issue; reaffirms its support for Equally Safe, Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; reflects on the advancements made and key achievements to date and welcomes the publication of the last progress report for Equally Safe; calls on communities everywhere to stand shoulder to shoulder in sending a clear message that violence against women and girls is never acceptable and that now more than ever people must stand together against it, and urges everyone in Scotland to continue to challenge violence and abuse, hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour and work together to build a Scotland where everyone can live equally safe.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S5M-23481.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23481 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Making Scotland Equally Safe: Marking the Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), after "still access support" insert "; notes the important work of women's refuges, which continued to help women during lockdown; understands that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, two-thirds of women in abusive relationships have suffered more violence, 7.6% more than in the previous 12 months, and that, tragically, nine women were killed by abusive partners in 2019".

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

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-23481.1—



As an amendment to motion S5M-23481 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Making Scotland Equally Safe: Marking the Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), insert at end “, and believes that the Scottish Government should consider whether a special-alert system in pharmacies should be introduced in Scotland, similar to other European states, as well as other concrete safe-guarding measures to help protect women and children from all forms of violence.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and the Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic has seen an increase in referrals to services for domestic abuse and violence against women and condemns violence against women in all its forms; commends the work of frontline support services that have worked tirelessly to redesign services during the pandemic and ensure that women and children can still access support; notes the important work of women’s refuges, which continued to help women during lockdown; understands that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, two-thirds of women in abusive relationships have suffered more violence, 7.6% more than in the previous 12 months, and that, tragically, nine women were killed by abusive partners in 2019; encourages anyone experiencing violence to access the support that they need; notes the effective local response and collaborative approach between national and local government on this issue; reaffirms its support for Equally Safe, Scotland’s strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; reflects on the advancements made and key achievements to date and welcomes the publication of the last progress report for Equally Safe; calls on communities everywhere to stand shoulder to shoulder in sending a clear message that violence against women and girls is never acceptable and that now more than ever people must stand together against it; urges everyone in Scotland to continue to challenge violence and abuse, hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour and work together to build a Scotland where everyone can live equally safe, and believes that the Scottish Government should consider whether a special-alert system in pharmacies should be introduced in Scotland, similar to other European states, as well as other concrete safe-guarding measures to help protect women and children from all forms of violence.

**5. Committee Membership:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23500—That the Parliament agrees that—

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace James Kelly as a member of the Justice Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as a member of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee; and

Anas Sarwar be appointed to replace Alex Rowley as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** Neil Bibby moved S5M-23343—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 0, Abstentions 4).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.47 pm.

## No. 69, Tuesday 1 December 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Fr Kenneth Owens, Parish Priest of St Andrew's, St Philip's and St Theresa's, Livingston and East Calder, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 4. Valuing the Third Sector:** Ruth Maguire, on behalf of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, moved S5M-23408—That the Parliament notes the findings set out in the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's 4th Report, 2019 (Session 5), *Looking ahead to the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21: Valuing the Third Sector* (SP Paper 614), which was published on 7 November 2019, and its letter to the Scottish Government published on 29 October 2020, which includes an update on its views on the impact of the pandemic on the third sector.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S5M-23408.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23408 in the name of Ruth Maguire (Valuing the Third Sector), insert at end “, and asks the Scottish Government to commit to an interim report on its progress in implementing the committee's recommendations.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the findings set out in the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's 4th Report, 2019 (Session 5), *Looking ahead to the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21: Valuing the Third Sector* (SP Paper 614), which was published on 7 November 2019, and its letter to the Scottish Government published on 29 October 2020, which includes an update on its views on the impact of the pandemic on the third sector, and asks the Scottish Government to commit to an interim report on its progress in implementing the committee's recommendations.

- 5. Inquiry into Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland:** Johann Lamont, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, moved S5M-23498—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Petitions Committee's 3rd Report 2020 (Session 5), *Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland* (SP Paper 776).

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

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

**7. Life After Death, Supporting Carers After Bereavement:** The Parliament debated S5M-22523 in the name of Mark Griffin—That the Parliament welcomes the Marie Curie, Reform Scotland and Sue Ryder report, Life After Death: supporting carers after bereavement; notes that it calls for more recognition of the impact of death on the carer and the effect on the carer’s physical and mental health, their relationships, ability to work and finances; understands that over 15,000 people have died of all conditions during the COVID-19 epidemic in Scotland, leaving behind a significant number of bereaved people; notes the report’s key recommendations for future policy and legislation, including a new Carers (Bereavement Support) (Scotland) Bill early in the next parliamentary session to provide information and a plan to support carers following the end of their caring role, a new fund to support training and education for carers returning to work/seeking employment, a new post-caring support payment to help carers experiencing financial problems following the end of their caring role, and to extend eligibility for the Carer’s Allowance and Carer’s Allowance Supplement for up to six months after the person’s caring role comes to an end from the current eight weeks; recognises that 78,870 people were claiming Carer’s Allowance before the pandemic struck, including 12,044 in Central Scotland; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to consider these recommendations, and thanks Scotland’s carers for all that they do to support terminally ill people and those at end of life.

The meeting closed at 6.57 pm.

## No. 70, Wednesday 2 December 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on support the Scottish Government is providing to the retail sector was answered by the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn).

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish National Investment Bank: Mission Oriented Investment in Scotland's Future.

**4. BiFab:** Alex Rowley moved S5M-23537—That the Parliament believes that Scotland has the potential to lead Europe's green energy revolution over the coming decades; further believes that, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and job losses, green jobs will be central to creating new employment and training opportunities across Scotland; considers that, with the support of the workforce and their trades unions, the maximum effort has to be made to secure wind farm contracts for Scottish manufacturing companies; notes that, in open competition, BiFab won a £30 million contract to build turbine jackets for the NnG North Sea wind farm, work that could have started in January 2021, but has been prevented from going ahead with this; condemns the Scottish Government's decision to withdraw the financial guarantee that was needed to enable this work to go ahead, thus risking Scotland's reputation as a new green investment hub, and further condemns the Scottish Government's failure to produce any legal opinion to justify its claim that support for BiFab was against the law; calls on it to act now to secure the future of the Burntisland Methil and Arnish yards, and the jobs that depend on them; further calls on it to talk to the workforce's representatives and to ask for the help of the UK Government through the joint working party to urgently negotiate with EDF and Saipem to find a solution that ensures that the NnG contract for eight wind turbine platforms is carried out in the yards, and, with Glasgow being the venue of the COP26 summit in December 2021, calls for a concrete plan to be published in January by the Scottish Government that ensures that future work on renewables comes to Scottish yards.

The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) moved amendment S5M-23537.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23537 in the name of Alex Rowley (BiFab), leave out from "considers" to end and insert "regrets that the board of directors and majority shareholders of BiFab are unable to invest in, or provide working capital or assurances for, the company; further regrets that the Scottish and UK governments are unable to provide further financial support that is state aid-compliant; encourages all parties, working with the STUC and trades unions, to seek opportunities to secure additional investment, working capital and assurances to support future work at the

strategic sites currently operated by the business, making use of the recognised engineering skills of its workforce; agrees that the UK Government must use its current review of the Contract for Difference (CfD) mechanism to deliver radical changes to the CfD, which will ensure that future renewables developments support the domestic supply chain and, as a minimum, fulfil the 60% supply chain content target set in the current UK Offshore Wind Sector Deal; further agrees that, although currently a reserved matter, the Scottish Ministers should initiate consultation with stakeholders on potential ways to improve outcomes for Scotland and a secure and sustainable future for the Scottish renewable supply chain, and recognises that, given the failure of successive UK administrations to deliver an indigenous UK supply chain, these powers would be managed more effectively by the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-23537.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23537 in the name of Alex Rowley (BiFab), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that these policy commitments on renewables are part of a coherent industrial strategy for the post-COVID-19 era.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 2, Abstentions 58).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland has the potential to lead Europe’s green energy revolution over the coming decades; further believes that, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and job losses, green jobs will be central to creating new employment and training opportunities across Scotland; considers that, with the support of the workforce and their trades unions, the maximum effort has to be made to secure wind farm contracts for Scottish manufacturing companies; notes that, in open competition, BiFab won a £30 million contract to build turbine jackets for the NnG North Sea wind farm, work that could have started in January 2021, but has been prevented from going ahead with this; condemns the Scottish Government’s decision to withdraw the financial guarantee that was needed to enable this work to go ahead, thus risking Scotland’s reputation as a new green investment hub, and further condemns the Scottish Government’s failure to produce any legal opinion to justify its claim that support for BiFab was against the law; calls on it to act now to secure the future of the Burntisland Methil and Arnish yards, and the jobs that depend on them; further calls on it to talk to the workforce’s representatives and to ask for the help of the UK Government through the joint working party to urgently negotiate with EDF and Saipem to find a solution that ensures that the NnG contract for eight wind turbine platforms is carried out in the yards, and, with Glasgow being the venue of the COP26 summit in December 2021, calls for a concrete plan to be published in January by the Scottish

Government that ensures that future work on renewables comes to Scottish yards, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that these policy commitments on renewables are part of a coherent industrial strategy for the post-COVID-19 era.

**5. Business Support:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-23536—That the Parliament notes that 5 December 2020 is Small Business Saturday and that small businesses, including those in the hospitality sector, are an irreplaceable source of jobs and community across Scotland; believes that many of these businesses are at risk because of COVID-19 restrictions and a lack of financial support, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently outline how it will allocate the remaining £2.2 billion of Barnett consequentials to provide this support and save businesses and jobs, and work with businesses and trade unions to devise a sustainable long-term plan to support small businesses.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved amendment S5M-23536.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23536 in the name of Richard Leonard (Business Support), leave out from “; believes that” to end and insert “and should be celebrated and supported; recognises that many businesses are at risk because of the wider economic impacts of COVID-19 despite more than £2.3 billion of financial support allocated by the Scottish Government, including the Strategic Framework Business Fund, the £15 million second phase of the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund and the £30 million Local Authority Discretionary Fund; welcomes the use of Barnett consequentials to provide this support and save businesses and jobs, alongside other forms of support from the UK Government such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support; recognises the ongoing work with businesses, local government and trade unions to do everything possible to support and sustain businesses of all sizes in all sectors, and agrees that the finance secretary should provide additional detail to the Finance and Constitution Committee in December 2020 with an update on the allocation of consequentials to date.”

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-23536.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23536 in the name of Richard Leonard (Business Support), after “financial support” insert “; recognises research by the Federation of Small Businesses, which shows that one-fifth of Scotland’s small businesses and self-employed people have had no help over the course of the COVID-19 crisis; agrees that the Scottish Government should establish a Coronavirus Business Restrictions Advisory Council to support Scottish jobs, as well as protect public health”.

After debate, amendment S5M-23536.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-23536.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 23, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that 5 December 2020 is Small Business Saturday and that small businesses, including those in the hospitality sector, are an irreplaceable source of jobs and community across Scotland and should be celebrated and supported; recognises that many businesses are at risk because of the wider economic impacts of COVID-19 despite more than £2.3 billion of financial support allocated by the Scottish Government, including the Strategic Framework Business Fund, the £15 million second phase of the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund and the £30 million Local Authority Discretionary Fund; welcomes the use of Barnett consequentials to provide this support and save businesses and jobs, alongside other forms of support from the UK Government such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support; recognises the ongoing work with businesses, local government and trade unions to do everything possible to support and sustain businesses of all sizes in all sectors, and agrees that the finance secretary should provide additional detail to the Finance and Constitution Committee in December 2020 with an update on the allocation of consequentials to date.

**6. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines following the approval of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, was answered by the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick).

**7. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23551—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Brexit Readiness

*followed by* Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Parliament's Evolving Scrutiny Function

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism



*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Legislation

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 10 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.35 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Hate Crime and Public Order (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 16 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 17 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.35 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 December 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23552—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23553—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23554—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23563—That the

Parliament agrees that the Valuation (Postponement of Revaluation) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 34, Abstentions 22).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23557—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/374) be approved.

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

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23561—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23558—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/378) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23560—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23562—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Acting Conveners:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23555—That the Parliament, under rule 12.1A.6, agrees that the time period specified in motion S5M-21129 be further varied to 7 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-

23556—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace James Kelly as a member of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**20. Recognising the Importance of Whole Grains on International Whole Grain Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-23347 in the name of Stewart Stevenson—That the Parliament acknowledges International Whole Grain Day, which takes place on 19 November 2020; notes that whole grain consumption has a positive impact on nutrition, wellbeing, sustainability and has a proven role in reducing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity and cancer; understands that, according to the Scottish Government, current fibre intakes in Scotland are sitting at an average of 16 grams per day and would have to nearly double to meet the recommended dietary guideline of 30 grams per day; believes that wholegrain foods have an important part to play in helping people achieve the 30g goal for daily fibre intake; notes calls for public awareness campaigns on the benefits of whole grains, the need for an agreed definition on what should be considered whole grain foods, and for front of pack labelling schemes to recognise fibre, and considers Whole Grain Day an excellent opportunity to encourage healthier eating habits and create dialogue around how eating habits can improve lives.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

## No. 71, Thursday 3 December 2020

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery.

**4. Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill – Final Stage:** Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee, moved S5M-23014—That the Parliament agrees that the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**5. Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S5M-23564—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill.

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

**6. Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-23140—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) 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 Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Committee Membership:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23574—That the Parliament agrees that the following change to committee membership will apply from 7 December 2020—

Neil Bibby to replace Anas Sarwar as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Committee Membership:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23589—That the Parliament agrees—

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Gail Ross as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Gail Ross be appointed to replace Willie Coffey as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Christine Grahame be appointed to replace Annabelle Ewing as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee; and

John Mason be appointed to replace Shona Robison as a member of the COVID-19 Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

**No. 71a, Meeting of a Committee of the Whole Parliament, Thursday 3  
December 2020**

The meeting opened at 3.34 pm.

**1. Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill – Stage 2:** The Bill was considered at Stage 2.

Sections 1 to 5 and the long title were agreed to without amendment.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

**No. 72, Tuesday 8 December 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Robert A Hamilton, Minister, The New Wellwynd Parish Church, Airdrie, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23633—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 8 December 2020—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Brexit Readiness

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Education COVID-19

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 9 December 2020—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Legislation

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Budget Update

after

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economy

insert



*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Acts: Fourth Report to the Scottish Parliament

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 10 December 2020—

delete

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

and insert

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit Readiness.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Education COVID 19.

**7. Parliament's Evolving Scrutiny Function:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-23565—That the Parliament notes the Finance and Constitution Committee's recent consultation with other committees regarding the impact of Brexit on devolution and how the Parliament's scrutiny role will need to evolve to address this impact.

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

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

**9. 70th Anniversary of Human Rights Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-23220 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament acknowledges the 70th anniversary of Human Rights Day; understands that 10 December 2020 marks 70 years since the UN invited states to celebrate an international Human Rights Day marking the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in 1948, and asking states to continue increasing progress in human rights; further understands that the day is an international reminder of what it considers the critically important progress that still needs to be made to protect and realise human rights to their fullest extent; believes that the COVID-19 response has highlighted states' approaches for human rights globally, with governments balancing the need for restrictions with the potential impact on the human rights of their citizens, and has also highlighted that respect for human rights across the spectrum is fundamental to the success of the response to, and recovery from, the pandemic; endeavours to respect, protect and fulfil human rights going beyond the immediate response to COVID-19 through the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, which it considers demonstrates the Scottish Government's commitment to fully realising children's rights; acknowledges the National Taskforce for Human Rights Leadership, established by the First Minister following the recommendations made in December 2018 by the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership, which is working to establish a new statutory framework for human rights that can bring internationally recognised human rights into domestic law and protect the human rights of every member of Scottish society, and reaffirms what it sees as Scotland's role in promoting international dialogue and respect for fundamental human rights, and the commitment to ensure that the rights of the people of Scotland are respected, protected and fulfilled.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

## No. 73, Wednesday 9 December 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary. Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism will be rescheduled to a future date.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on a Budget Update.
- 3. Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education:** Jamie Greene moved S5M-23629—That the Parliament notes the outcome of the debate on motion S5M-23385 (Safe Schools) on 18 November 2020 and reasserts its support for this; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government has not presented proposals in response to the motion; calls on it to deliver at least 2,000 additional full-time teachers to fill the vacancy shortfall and to bring forward proposals to provide free school lunches and breakfasts for all primary pupils, to take effect from the start of the next financial year, and further calls on it to make a decisive and final decision regarding the 2021 Higher exam diet and to provide further support, before the Christmas holidays, to teachers, headteachers and local authorities by providing comprehensive guidance on the processes of assessment, moderation and appeals of all Higher level and National 5 awards.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-23629.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), leave out from “outcome” to end and insert “announcements that National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams will be replaced by alternative certification models, and acknowledges that measures to address teacher workload, including additional financial support, will be put in place for those teachers and lecturers helping enable the certification to take place.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-23629.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23629 in the name of Jamie Greene (Responding to Parliamentary Will and Calls for Clarity in Education), insert at end “, and notes that the Scottish Government must also instruct the SQA to publish any moderation methodology that will be used in the grading of awards in 2021, in full and in advance of assessment.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 4, Abstentions 61).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the outcome of the debate on motion S5M-23385 (Safe Schools) on 18 November 2020 and reasserts its support for this; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government has not presented proposals in response to the motion; calls on it to deliver at least 2,000 additional full-time teachers to fill the vacancy shortfall and to bring forward proposals to provide free school lunches and breakfasts for all primary pupils, to take effect from the start of the next financial year; further calls on it to make a decisive and final decision regarding the 2021 Higher exam diet and to provide further support, before the Christmas holidays, to teachers, headteachers and local authorities by providing comprehensive guidance on the processes of assessment, moderation and appeals of all Higher level and National 5 awards, and notes that the Scottish Government must also instruct the SQA to publish any moderation methodology that will be used in the grading of awards in 2021, in full and in advance of assessment.

**4. Economy:** Maurice Golden moved S5M-23622—That the Parliament notes that too many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been unable to access support grants; calls for the Scottish Government to undertake a rapid review into grant eligibility with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter; further calls on the Scottish Government to provide certainty for businesses next year by committing to extending the non-domestic rates poundage freeze and the rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail businesses into 2021-22, and calls on it to establish a coronavirus business advisory council.

The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved amendment S5M-23622.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from “too many businesses” to end and insert “many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been able to access Scottish Government support grants totalling more than £2.3 billion, including the Strategic Framework Business Fund, and welcomes the additional financial support that will be made available through the £15 million second phase of the Newly Self-employed Hardship Fund and the £30 million Local Authority Discretionary Fund; welcomes the use of Barnett consequentials to provide this support for businesses and jobs, alongside other forms of support from the UK Government such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to review and refine the COVID grant offer, within available resources, with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter and notes that the Cabinet Secretary for Finance will set out how additional funding will support businesses and their employees; welcomes the repayment of rates relief by supermarkets and calls for other businesses who can do so to follow this example and for this resource to be allocated to the devolved governments to enable the provision of further support for businesses and their workforces; understands the need for workers to be supported through the current period and commends the Coronavirus (COVID-19): fair work statement, which has been jointly endorsed by the Scottish Government, STUC, COSLA, SCVO, IoD Scotland and SCDI to employers; recognises that the Scottish Government will only be able to deliver

the certainty sought by Scottish businesses in terms of extending rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail businesses into 2021-22 with consequential funding from an equivalent investment by the UK Government due to the lack of fiscal powers and flexibilities devolved to the Scottish Parliament, and endorses the Finance and Constitution Committee’s unanimously-agreed pre-budget scrutiny report, which recommends that the Treasury should consider providing the devolved governments with greater access to borrowing in emergency situations, such as the current crisis, to allow them to tailor their own spend and policy response to the pandemic and economic recovery.”

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-23622.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23622 in the name of Maurice Golden (Economy), leave out from “, and calls on” to end and insert “; welcomes the repayment to date of business rates relief from larger retailers that have seen an increase in their sales over the course of the pandemic and calls on the Scottish Government to encourage these practices from other retailers that have not required the same level of rates relief as other businesses; recognises that, for the economy to recover effectively from this crisis, the Scottish Government must invest money back into small businesses, hospitality and town centres and prioritise the regeneration of the high street, and calls on it to establish a coronavirus business advisory council and produce an industrial strategy to ensure businesses are adequately supported.”

After debate, amendment S5M-23622.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 31, Abstentions 22). As a result, amendment S5M-23622.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that many businesses affected by the pandemic restrictions have been able to access Scottish Government support grants totalling more than £2.3 billion, including the Strategic Framework Business Fund, and welcomes the additional financial support that will be made available through the £15 million second phase of the Newly Self-employed Hardship Fund and the £30 million Local Authority Discretionary Fund; welcomes the use of Barnett consequentials to provide this support for businesses and jobs, alongside other forms of support from the UK Government such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to review and refine the COVID grant offer, within available resources, with a view to ensuring that businesses can access the support that they need over the winter and notes that the Cabinet Secretary for Finance will set out how additional funding will support businesses and their employees; welcomes the repayment of rates relief by supermarkets and calls for other businesses who can do so to follow this example and for this resource to be allocated to the devolved governments to enable the provision of further support for businesses and their workforces; understands the need for workers to be supported through the current period and commends the Coronavirus (COVID-19): fair work statement, which has been jointly endorsed by the Scottish Government, STUC, COSLA, SCVO, IoD Scotland and SCDI to employers; recognises that the Scottish

Government will only be able to deliver the certainty sought by Scottish businesses in terms of extending rates relief for hospitality, leisure and retail businesses into 2021-22 with consequential funding from an equivalent investment by the UK Government due to the lack of fiscal powers and flexibilities devolved to the Scottish Parliament, and endorses the Finance and Constitution Committee's unanimously-agreed pre-budget scrutiny report, which recommends that the Treasury should consider providing the devolved governments with greater access to borrowing in emergency situations, such as the current crisis, to allow them to tailor their own spend and policy response to the pandemic and economic recovery.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Coronavirus Acts: Fourth Report to the Scottish Parliament.

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23638—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

*followed by* Stage 1 debate: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 December 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government 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 17 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting EU, EEA and Swiss Citizens to Stay in Scotland

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 December 2020

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 3: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.35 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 December 2020, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23639—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23640—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/389) be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 25, Abstentions 1).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23641—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/392) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23642—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23643—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday 15 December 2020 for the purpose of taking evidence from the Chancellor of the



Duchy of Lancaster, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, in relation to the future relationship negotiations between the European Union and the UK Government.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**13. Bus Service Cuts :** The Parliament debated SM5-23117 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament is concerned that hundreds of bus services in Scotland have been cut since March 2020; notes the support given to bus companies by the Scottish Government during the COVID-19 pandemic, but considers that, despite this, many parts of the country, including the Central Scotland region, have been left without an adequate service, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government has yet to commence Part 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 to allow local authorities to bring forward proposals for the provision of bus services in their area.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

**No. 74, Thursday 10 December 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.20 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-23648—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill.

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

- 4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23647—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (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 4: 40 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

- 5. Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (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, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29.

Amendment 28 was agreed to (by division: For 113, Against 9, Abstentions 1).

Amendment 7 was disagreed to (by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

- 6. Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-23646—That the Parliament agrees that the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-23466—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23667—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 16 December 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

1.40 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.40 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23668—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the third sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to .

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

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

## No. 75, Tuesday 15 December 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Alan Bellshaw, Community Mission Facilitator, Salvation Army, Fauldhouse, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-S5M-23705—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 15 December 2020—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Drug Deaths

(b) Wednesday 16 December 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: BiFab Update

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to Stay in Scotland

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.50 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 17 December 2020—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting EU, EEA and Swiss Citizens to Stay in Scotland

delete

6.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) made a statement and answered questions on Drug Deaths.

**6. Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-23682—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 29, Abstentions 1).

**7. Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-23531—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above. The Presiding Officer ruled under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 that a decision on item 7 above would be taken at the meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 16 December 2020.

**9. Establishing New No Take Zones:** The Parliament debated S5M-22945 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved on the success of the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone (NTZ); notes that a NTZ is an area of sea and seabed from which no fish or shellfish can be taken, including from the shore area; commends what it considers the excellent work carried out by the Community of Arran Seabed Trust to protect and restore the marine environment and ultimately sustain the livelihood of those dependent on fishing and tourism; recognises the positive impact of NTZs on seabed biodiversity and the size, fertility and abundance of commercial species in adjacent areas due to overspill from healthy NTZs; acknowledges what it sees as the success of NTZs internationally, such as in New Zealand, the Isle of Man's Ramsey Bay and the Green Zones of the Great Barrier Reef; acknowledges what it considers the importance of creating and maintaining a sustainable approach to fishing, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider the establishment of new NTZs in other marine areas at risk of human overexploitation.

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

**No. 76, Wednesday 16 December 2020**

The meeting opened at 1.40 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism and then on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on BiFab Update.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens to Stay in Scotland.

**4. Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-23672—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill.

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

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23731—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Thursday 17 December 2020—  
delete

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm Legislative Consent Motion: Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23708—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 December 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (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 23 December 2020

11.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.00 am Members' Business

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Covid Vaccine and Testing Programmes

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Brexit Update

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 January 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Green Recovery

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.20 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business



Wednesday 13 January 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*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 January 2021

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Salmon Farming

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 December 2020, 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. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23709—That the Parliament agrees that the Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23710—That the Parliament agrees that the Island Communities Impact Assessments (Publication and Review of Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23711—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23712—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23713—That the Parliament agrees that the Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23714—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Agricultural Policy (Less Favoured Area Support) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23715—That the Parliament agrees that the Direct Payments to Farmers (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23716—That the Parliament agrees that the Feed (Transfer of Functions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23717—That the Parliament agrees that—

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Alison Harris as a member of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as a member of the Education and Skills Committee; and

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23732—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23734—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the COVID-19 Committee, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during 12pm to 12.20pm on 17 December 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Decision Time:** The Parliament under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 took a decision on item 7 debated on 15 December 2020 and then took decisions on items 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as noted above.

**19. Interlinked Fire and Smoke Alarm Systems:** The Parliament debated S5M-23592 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government requirement on all homeowners in Lothian and across Scotland to install an interlinked fire and smoke alarm system alongside carbon monoxide protection; notes the view that there needs to be a substantial delay of two years to the requirement being implemented as a result of the impact of COVID-19 and the reported lack of public awareness and understanding since it was first announced in February 2018; further notes concerns that there is a need for a high-profile public awareness campaign to improve understanding of what homeowners need to do to and where they can seek further information and support; acknowledges calls for a significant package of financial support for people who cannot afford to meet the requirements and there is a need for advice on the costs of buying and fitting an interlinked system so that consumers have a more realistic price guide to enable them whether to install the alarms themselves or to hire a tradesperson, and notes the calls for the provision of clearer guidance on approved devices and where they can be bought.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

**No. 77, Thursday 17 December 2020**

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

**1. Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-23736—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 December 2020, which relate to the disclosure of information by authorities other than Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive functions of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**4. Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-23707—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

**No. 78, Tuesday 22 December 2020**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Very Rev Dr Susan M Brown, Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland and Minister of Dornoch Cathedral, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23776—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 22 December 2020—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

insert

*followed by* Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 23 December 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

and insert

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

insert

*followed by* Appointments to Environmental Standards Scotland

delete

6.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.20 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**4. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-23762—That the Parliament agrees that Angela Constance be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**5. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23774—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (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 4: 1 hour 15 minutes

Groups 5 to 6: 2 hours 10 minutes

Groups 7 to 10: 3 hours 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 12, 13, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 3, 37, 39, 40, 41A, 41C, 41, 43 and 44.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

7 (For 90, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

24 (For 91, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

25 (For 90, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

27 (For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

28 (For 91, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

29 (For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 4 (For 26, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 26, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 25, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 26, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 45 (For 26, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 46 (For 26, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 47 (For 27, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 48 (For 27, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 49 (For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 50 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 51 (For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 27, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 30, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 53 (For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 33, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 30, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 41B (For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 35.

The following amendments were not moved: 52, 17, 19, 38 and 42.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit (and, as a result, subsequent time limits) by 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-23761—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-23631—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23777—That the Parliament agrees that—

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Angela Constance as a member of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints;

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Angela Constance as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee; and

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**11. The £20 Universal Credit Increase:** The Parliament debated S5M-23242 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament welcomes the decision that was made at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to temporarily uplift universal credit payments by £20 per week; believes that this has been a lifeline for many people and families over the last few months, including in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency; understands that more than 50 charities and organisations have signed a letter, co-ordinated by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, asking for the Chancellor to make the increase permanent; notes the view that the increase should also be extended to legacy benefits, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to extend what it sees as this vital safety net for half a million people in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.



## No. 79, Wednesday 23 December 2020

The meeting opened at 11.00 am.

**1. Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Loneliness and Social Isolation:** The Parliament debated S5M-23326 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the damaging impact of social isolation and loneliness throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; considers that it has had a pronounced effect on older and vulnerable people; understands that studies have shown that, in the long term, it can be as bad for human health as smoking or obesity; acknowledges the recent University of Stirling study, which found that 56% of people said social distancing had made them more lonely; notes the concerns raised in the recent British Red Cross report, *Lonely and left behind: Tackling loneliness at a time of crisis*, that 32% of UK adults agree that they worry something will happen to them and no one will notice; commends the British Red Cross's work, especially in Etrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire with the Coronavirus Resilience Calendar, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider the report's recommendations in full in order to tackle social isolation and improve mental health and wellbeing.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Covid Vaccine and Testing Programmes.

**3. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills and then on Health and Sport and then on Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit Update.

**6. Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

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

Amendment 4 was not moved.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-23768—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Environmental Standards Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-23771— That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government’s plans to establish Environmental Standards Scotland on a non-statutory basis, to provide for continuity of environmental governance; notes the evidence given to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee on 8 December 2020 by the Scottish Government’s nominees as members of Environmental Standards Scotland, and approves the Scottish Government’s nominations to Environmental Standards Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23787—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 January 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Green Recovery

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.20 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 13 January 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance

*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 January 2021

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government business

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.55 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 January 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (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 20 January 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Culpable Homicide (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 21 January 2021

12.20 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.20 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by Stage 1 Debate: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 January 2021, 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.

**10. Stage 1 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23788—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Stage 2 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23789—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**12. Stage 2 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23790—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23791—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/415) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23792—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/400) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23793—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/427) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23804—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/452) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23794—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/404) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23795—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23796—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions, Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**20. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23797—That the

Parliament agrees that the Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants (Residence Requirements and Procedural Provisions) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**21. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23798—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Development (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**22. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23799—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**23. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23800—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 12 January 2021 from approximately 3.30pm to Decision Time and during Members' Business.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**24. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23801—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee; and

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**25. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

## No. 80, Wednesday 30 December 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23816—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of the Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Trade and Co-operation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-23815—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 29 December 2020; considers that, while a no deal outcome must be avoided, the Future Relationship Agreements negotiated by the UK Government would cause severe damage to Scotland’s environmental, economic and social interests; regrets that, unless the UK Government follows the EU approach of provisional ratification, the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill will receive severely limited scrutiny in the UK Parliament, with very little time given to parliamentarians in the UK Parliament and devolved legislatures across the UK, failing to recognise the significance of the agreement and failing to respect the important role of the Scottish Parliament in scrutinising legislation requiring its legislative consent; therefore does not consent to the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill, and calls on the UK Government to seek a pause in current implementation while special arrangements are made to take account of these difficulties for Scotland and for the many others that will become apparent as the Bill is more fully considered.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-23815.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23815 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Trade and Co-operation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union), leave out from “considers” to end and insert “recognises that the UK left the EU on 31 January 2020; congratulates both the EU and UK negotiating teams on securing the landmark Trade and Cooperation Agreement in a constrained timeframe; notes that the deal helps secure £660 billion of Scottish and UK trade to support Scottish jobs and businesses; recognises that the First Minister has described an exit from the EU without such an agreement as ‘catastrophic’ for Scotland; notes that the only way to avoid such a no-deal outcome is to support the deal that has been agreed; welcomes the fact that all 27 EU member states have unanimously approved the deal, and therefore consents to the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill negotiated between the EU and the UK Government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-23815.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23815 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Trade and Co-operation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to provide further mitigation to businesses and sectors impacted by this Agreement and the COVID-19 pandemic, and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together to ensure that the current rights of workers, and Erasmus, are protected and that the highest environmental standards are upheld.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (by division: For 94, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 29 December 2020; considers that, while a no deal outcome must be avoided, the Future Relationship Agreements negotiated by the UK Government would cause severe damage to Scotland’s environmental, economic and social interests; regrets that, unless the UK Government follows the EU approach of provisional ratification, the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill will receive severely limited scrutiny in the UK Parliament, with very little time given to parliamentarians in the UK Parliament and devolved legislatures across the UK, failing to recognise the significance of the agreement and failing to respect the important role of the Scottish Parliament in scrutinising legislation requiring its legislative consent; therefore does not consent to the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill; calls on the UK Government to seek a pause in current implementation while special arrangements are made to take account of these difficulties for Scotland and for the many others that will become apparent as the Bill is more fully considered; urges the Scottish Government to provide further mitigation to businesses and sectors impacted by this Agreement and the COVID-19 pandemic, and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together to ensure that the current rights of workers, and Erasmus, are protected and that the highest environmental standards are upheld.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

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

The meeting closed at 4.28 pm.



**No. 81, Monday 4 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

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

The meeting closed at 3.37 pm.

**No. 82, Wednesday 13 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 11.00 am.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23848—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Wednesday 13 January 2021—

delete

1.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

1.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 14 January 2021—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement (Virtual): Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

and insert

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Ministerial Statement (Virtual): Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

delete

5.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Vaccination Plan.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19: Update on schools and remote learning arrangements.

**4. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23849—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 January 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.55 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 20 January 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Drugs Policy

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

Thursday 21 January 2021 (Virtual)

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Economic Performance: the contribution of place-based economic development zones

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Rural Economy - Brexit

*followed by* Portfolio Question Time: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 January 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 2: The Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.40 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 27 January 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 2: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 28 January 2021 (Virtual)

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Portfolio Question Time: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill

4.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 January 2021, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23850—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 29 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23853—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 19 January 2021 and Tuesday 26 January 2021 from approximately 3.30 pm to Decision Time.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 1.46 pm.

## No. 83, Thursday 14 January 2021

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People and then on Finance and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

### **3. Young Women Lead Report on How to Increase Employment**

**Opportunities for BAME Women:** The Parliament debated S5M-23448 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the 2019-20 Young Women Lead (YWL) report, which investigates what measures are being taken to increase employment opportunities for women from ethnic minorities; understands that this topic was chosen because there is a lack of Scotland-specific data regarding BAME women's experiences moving from education to employment; believes that, despite a number of policy initiatives and recognition of the problems, the report states that "outcomes for minority ethnic communities have not improved over the past two decades and that the focus needs to be on action"; acknowledges that the YWL committee researched its work through evidence sessions, online surveys and interviews with employers, employees, teachers and students; believes that this report brings an opportunity to better understand the barriers faced by young BAME women in East Kilbride and across the country, and notes the calls for the report's recommendations to be considered in an effort to improve outcomes for everyone affected so as to create a fairer, better Scotland for all.

**4. Scotland's Drug Deaths Crisis:** The Parliament debated S5M-23613 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament considers problem drug use across the country, including in the Central Scotland region, to be a national public health crisis; believes that every life lost to drug and alcohol misuse is a preventable tragedy; notes the views that more action could be taken at a national and local level to prevent this, that funded access to residential rehabilitation must be widened so that people who feel ready have better options into treatment and that recovery and overdose prevention work, including safe consumption facilities, is vital to harm reduction, and further notes calls urging the Lord Advocate, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, Police Scotland and all levels of government and health authorities, to take immediate action to prevent further deaths, reduce stigma and ensure that people who are dependent on substances have access to healthcare and support services, in a way that respects their right to life and health.

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

The meeting closed at 4.29 pm.

## No. 84, Tuesday 19 January 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Fr Piotr Rytel, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Church, Banff, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23898—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business on Tuesday 19 January 2021:

delete

5.55 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-23884—That the Parliament agrees not to consent to the UK Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill, as it contains insufficient independent oversight and satisfactory safeguards.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**6. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-23883—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

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

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill:** Daniel Johnson moved S5M-23606—That the Parliament agrees that the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution :** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-23863—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm.



**No. 85, Wednesday 20 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Drugs Policy.

**3. Protecting Scotland's Health and Care Workforce:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-23894—That the Parliament agrees that getting Scotland vaccinated against COVID-19 is the country's national priority and thanks all staff involved in the roll-out; notes the concern of the British Medical Association that inoculation targets are in danger of being missed due to "red tape" and "patchy supplies"; believes that home-care staff should be given the same priority for testing and vaccination as other frontline healthcare staff and calls for the healthcare workforce to receive both vaccine doses no later than the end of February; notes with serious concern the extreme pressure on the NHS as COVID-19 hospital admissions have increased during the second wave and as an increasing numbers of patients are catching COVID-19 in hospital; believes that the cancellation of elective procedures, delays to treatment and continued long waits for care are devastating for patients and that these are creating a backlog of clinical demand from which the NHS will take years to recover; considers that further urgent preventative measures are required to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in healthcare settings, to maintain patient and staff safety and to protect non-COVID healthcare services, and calls on the Scottish Government to enhance the PPE recommendations and provide access to at least FFP3 masks and eye protection for all patient-facing healthcare staff, to maximise protection against all known and emerging variants of the virus.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-23894.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23894 in the name of Monica Lennon (Protecting Scotland's Health and Care Workforce), leave out from "notes the concern" to end and insert "believes that the deployment of the vaccine must be guided by the expert advice from the JCVI senior clinical advisers across the four nations; welcomes that the delivery of first doses to residents in older people's care homes is almost complete in Scotland; notes that over 100,000 people have received their first dose of a vaccine in the last seven days, and that Scotland is on course to increase as supply allows; welcomes that care-at-home staff are afforded the same high priority for vaccines as frontline NHS staff; notes that supplies of vaccine may be patchy in the coming months due to factors outwith the control of the Scottish Government or UK Government, such as recent announcements from Pfizer; believes that the care-at-home workers testing pathway being established this week, along with the establishment of the care home visiting professional testing pathway, provide an additional level of protection for those in receipt of care; notes with serious concern the extreme pressure on the NHS as COVID-19 hospital admissions have increased during the second wave; believes that the cancellation of elective

procedures, delays to treatment and continued long waits for care are devastating for patients, and that these are creating a backlog of clinical demand to be addressed; recognises that guidance on PPE is produced on a four nations basis, understands that some staff may have concerns in health and social care in light of new and emerging variants; recognises that, while there is currently no evidence of a clinical need to change guidance, the Chief Nursing Officer keeps this under active review and engages with staff representatives on PPE guidance and the use of FFP3, and believes that staff should be able to exercise the risk assessment process to have access to PPE considered professionally necessary.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-23894.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23894 in the name of Monica Lennon (Protecting Scotland’s Health and Care Workforce), insert “; welcomes the announcement that the armed forces have established 80 new COVID-19 vaccine centres for NHS Scotland, and thanks them for their assistance; recognises significant concerns that the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines to rural communities has been highly variable, with many people in the top priority cohorts still not having received the vaccine, and urges the Scottish Government to detail how it will accelerate the roll-out as a matter of urgency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 62, Abstentions 5).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that getting Scotland vaccinated against COVID-19 is the country’s national priority and thanks all staff involved in the roll-out; believes that the deployment of the vaccine must be guided by the expert advice from the JCVI senior clinical advisers across the four nations; welcomes that the delivery of first doses to residents in older people’s care homes is almost complete in Scotland; notes that over 100,000 people have received their first dose of a vaccine in the last seven days, and that Scotland is on course to increase as supply allows; welcomes that care-at-home staff are afforded the same high priority for vaccines as frontline NHS staff; notes that supplies of vaccine may be patchy in the coming months due to factors outwith the control of the Scottish Government or UK Government, such as recent announcements from Pfizer; believes that the care-at-home workers testing pathway being established this week, along with the establishment of the care home visiting professional testing pathway, provide an additional level of protection for those in receipt of care; notes with serious concern the extreme pressure on the NHS as COVID-19 hospital admissions have increased during the second wave; believes that the cancellation of elective procedures, delays to treatment and continued long waits for care are devastating for patients, and that these are creating a backlog of clinical demand to be addressed; recognises that guidance on PPE is produced on a four nations basis,

understands that some staff may have concerns in health and social care in light of new and emerging variants; recognises that, while there is currently no evidence of a clinical need to change guidance, the Chief Nursing Officer keeps this under active review and engages with staff representatives on PPE guidance and the use of FFP3, and believes that staff should be able to exercise the risk assessment process to have access to PPE considered professionally necessary.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23899— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 January 2021 (Virtual)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Vision for Trade

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.20 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 27 January 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Stage 2 Debate: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 2 Debate: The Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

Thursday 28 January 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12:30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2021-22

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Inquiry into Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill *followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.55 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 3 February 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Green Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 4 February 2021 (Virtual)

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

3.45 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

*followed by Members' Business*

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 January 2021, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23900—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23901—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23902—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23903—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criteria) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 1, Abstentions 21).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23910—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/1) be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 1, Abstentions 2).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23911—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/3) be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 5, Abstentions 18).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23904—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of the Repairing Standard) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23905—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Care Staff Support Fund (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/469) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23906—That the Parliament agrees that the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/421) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23907—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/425) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23908—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/439) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23909—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and

Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/471) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23912—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Public Health Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/431) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

**No. 86, Thursday 21 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Economic Performance: The Contribution of Place-Based Economic Development Zones.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on The impact of leaving the EU on Scotland's rural economy.
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism and then on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and then on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 4. Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill:** Claire Baker moved S5M-23917—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

- 5. Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** Emma Harper moved S5M-23916—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

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

- 6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above. The Presiding Officer ruled under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 that a decision on item 5 above would be taken at a future meeting of the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.



**No. 87, Tuesday 26 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Lucy Craven and Zuzanna Wisniewska, Lessons from Auschwitz Ambassadors, Holocaust Educational Trust, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme and Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23967—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 27 January 2021—

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.25 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill at stage 1, Rule 9.6.3A be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Vision for Trade.

**6. University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-23946—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill.

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

**7. Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill:** Gil Paterson moved S5M-23803—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 90, Abstentions 1).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.45 pm.

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

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

**No. 88, Wednesday 27 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs and then on Economy, Fair Work and Culture and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Prioritising COVID-19 Vaccination and Economic Recovery:** Donald Cameron moved S5M-23958—That the Parliament believes that planning an independence referendum in 2021, during an ongoing global pandemic, would be reckless and damaging; notes the Scottish National Party’s plans to establish an independence taskforce and believes that this will divide Scotland when people should be united in tackling COVID-19 and supporting the economic recovery, and calls on the Scottish Government to instead establish a taskforce to speed up the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme across Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved amendment S5M-23958.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23958 in the name of Donald Cameron: (Prioritising COVID-19 Vaccination and Economic Recovery), leave out from “planning” to end and insert “the people of Scotland have the right to choose their own future and to escape the disastrous hard Brexit that Boris Johnson and the UK Conservative Administration are imposing on them; notes that the Scottish Government paused work on independence to focus on the pandemic in contrast to the UK Government, which recklessly pursued Brexit and ended the transition period at the worst possible time; supports the Scottish Government’s decision to follow the JCVI priority list for the first phase of the vaccination programme, which has been drawn up by independent experts to provide the greatest possible protection against preventable mortality from COVID-19; agrees that it is for the people of Scotland to decide what sort of country and economy should be built following the pandemic, and that therefore, should there be a majority in the next Parliament for an independence referendum after the pandemic, there can be no justification whatsoever to deny people in Scotland their democratic rights.”

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-23958.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23958 in the name of Donald Cameron (Prioritising COVID-19 Vaccination and Economic Recovery), leave out from “; notes” to end and insert “and agrees people should be united in tackling COVID-19 and supporting the economic recovery; maintains that the national priority is getting Scotland vaccinated against COVID-19; agrees that this and not a referendum should be the focus of all the Scottish Government’s efforts, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently introduce 24/7 access to vaccinations and establish an exit strategy from the current lockdown restrictions to effectively suppress the virus in the long-term while supporting people back into work.”

After debate, amendment S5M-23958.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-23958.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the people of Scotland have the right to choose their own future and to escape the disastrous hard Brexit that Boris Johnson and the UK Conservative Administration are imposing on them; notes that the Scottish Government paused work on independence to focus on the pandemic in contrast to the UK Government, which recklessly pursued Brexit and ended the transition period at the worst possible time; supports the Scottish Government’s decision to follow the JCVI priority list for the first phase of the vaccination programme, which has been drawn up by independent experts to provide the greatest possible protection against preventable mortality from COVID-19; agrees that it is for the people of Scotland to decide what sort of country and economy should be built following the pandemic, and that therefore, should there be a majority in the next Parliament for an independence referendum after the pandemic, there can be no justification whatsoever to deny people in Scotland their democratic rights.

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23969—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Inquiry into Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 3 February 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister’s Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Brexit Update

*followed by* Scottish Green Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

Thursday 4 February 2021 (Virtual)

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Ministerial statement: Infrastructure Investment Plan and Capital Spending Review 2021-22 to 2025-26

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 9 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 10 February 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 11 February 2021 (Virtual)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

4.45 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 February 2021, 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 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23970—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Stage 2 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23971—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Referral of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23974—That the Parliament agrees that the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23973—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Counter-Terrorism and Border Security) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23975—That the Parliament agrees that the Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23976—That the Parliament agrees that the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Supplementary Provisions) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23977—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 2 February 2021 and Tuesday 9 February 2021 from approximately 3.30pm to Decision Time.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23978—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Financial Services Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-23988—That the Parliament agrees that the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

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 and then, under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3, took a decision on item 5 debated on 21 January 2021.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

**No. 88a, Wednesday 27 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 5.21 pm.

**1. Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2:** The Bill was considered at Stage 2.

Sections 1 to 5 and the long title were agreed to without amendment.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

**2. Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill – Stage 2:** The Bill was considered at Stage 2.

Sections 1 to 5 and the long title were agreed to without amendment.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 5.24 pm.



**No. 89, Thursday 28 January 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Budget 2021-22.
- 3. Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-23983—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill.

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

- 4. Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-23959—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23997—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 19 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23972—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Public Health Information) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/444) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.17 pm.

- 8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

**No. 90, Tuesday 2 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Alistair May, Dalziel St Andrew's Parish Church, Motherwell, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 4. Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, moved S5M-24025—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5), Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland (SP Paper 879).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-23674—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill be passed.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8,5B that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

**No. 91, Wednesday 3 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit Update.
- 3. Universal Support for Self-isolation:** Mark Ruskell moved S5M-24029—That the Parliament welcomes the COVID-19 vaccination programme and extends its thanks to all NHS workers and others delivering it; understands that an effective test, trace and isolate regime will be needed now and in the future; considers that there are many barriers to adhering to self-isolation, including financial concerns, insecure employment, unsuitable accommodation and caring responsibilities; believes that proactive support is needed to reach the most vulnerable people and to enable compliance with self-isolation, and calls on the Scottish and the UK governments to make the Self-Isolation Support Grant universal and offer a supported isolation package that will provide accommodation, food, and any other essential services that might be required to allow people to self-isolate, free of charge.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S5M-24029.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24029 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Universal Support for Self-isolation), leave out from “test, trace and isolate” to end and insert “Test and Protect system and self-isolation are necessary to stop transmission of COVID-19; notes that recent UCL research shows that 62% of symptomatic people and 80% of close contacts comply fully with isolation guidance, and expresses thanks to all those who do so; further notes the importance of employers acting responsibly and supporting employees to self-isolate; agrees that there are barriers to adhering to self-isolation, including the UK Government’s low rates of Statutory Sick Pay; acknowledges that eligibility for the Scottish Government’s £500 Self-Isolation Support Grant will be extended to workers who earn less than the Real Living Wage, are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction, or have responsibilities for someone over 16 who needs to isolate; notes the Scottish Government’s intention to increase awareness of the support available to those self-isolating, which includes the grant, the National Assistance Helpline and the Local Self-Isolation Assistance Service; expresses thanks to local authorities for delivering this support to their communities, and calls on the UK Government to make adjustments to Statutory Sick Pay and the Job Retention Scheme to provide increased and consistent support to people who need to self-isolate.”

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S5M-24029.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24029 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Universal Support for Self-isolation), leave out from “and the UK governments”

to end and insert “Government to ensure that the eligibility criteria for self-isolation support grants covers all those who most need support.”

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-24029.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24029 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Universal Support for Self-isolation), after “future” insert “and is integral along with the vaccine roll-out in the fight against COVID-19; believes that this will require full use of Scotland’s testing capacity to deliver mass asymptomatic testing in communities across Scotland”.

After debate, amendment S5M-24029.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 59, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendments S5M-24029.3 and S5M-24029.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the COVID-19 vaccination programme and extends its thanks to all NHS workers and others delivering it; understands that an effective Test and Protect system and self-isolation are necessary to stop transmission of COVID-19; notes that recent UCL research shows that 62% of symptomatic people and 80% of close contacts comply fully with isolation guidance, and expresses thanks to all those who do so; further notes the importance of employers acting responsibly and supporting employees to self-isolate; agrees that there are barriers to adhering to self-isolation, including the UK Government’s low rates of Statutory Sick Pay; acknowledges that eligibility for the Scottish Government’s £500 Self-Isolation Support Grant will be extended to workers who earn less than the Real Living Wage, are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction, or have responsibilities for someone over 16 who needs to isolate; notes the Scottish Government’s intention to increase awareness of the support available to those self-isolating, which includes the grant, the National Assistance Helpline and the Local Self-Isolation Assistance Service; expresses thanks to local authorities for delivering this support to their communities, and calls on the UK Government to make adjustments to Statutory Sick Pay and the Job Retention Scheme to provide increased and consistent support to people who need to self-isolate.

**4. Unexplained Wealth Orders, Donald Trump:** Patrick Harvie moved S5M-24030—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Ministers to use their powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to seek the grant of an Unexplained Wealth Order in respect of Donald Trump’s property transactions in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-24030.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24030 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Unexplained Wealth Orders, Donald Trump), leave out from “calls” to end and insert “notes the calls on the Scottish Ministers to use powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to seek the granting of an Unexplained Wealth Order in respect of property transactions by Donald Trump in Scotland;

recognises that the Civil Recovery Unit (CRU) undertakes this independent investigatory role on behalf of the Scottish Ministers and reports directly to the Lord Advocate; believes that, to preserve the rule of law, there must not be political interference in the enforcement of the law, and notes that the CRU does not confirm nor deny the existence of any investigation taking place.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 33, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 32, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the calls on the Scottish Ministers to use powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to seek the granting of an Unexplained Wealth Order in respect of property transactions by Donald Trump in Scotland; recognises that the Civil Recovery Unit (CRU) undertakes this independent investigatory role on behalf of the Scottish Ministers and reports directly to the Lord Advocate; believes that, to preserve the rule of law, there must not be political interference in the enforcement of the law, and notes that the CRU does not confirm nor deny the existence of any investigation taking place.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24040—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Green Recovery

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 10 February 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister’s Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 11 February 2021 (Virtual)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Developing Scotland's Hydrogen Economy

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Legislation Update

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 16 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 17 February 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 18 February 2021 (Virtual)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.05 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 February 2021, 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 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24041—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 25 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 1 Timetabling:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24042—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 25 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24043—That the Parliament agrees that Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/17) be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24053—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24044—That the Parliament agrees that Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/25) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24045—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/474) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24046—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/5) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24047—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/6) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24048—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/7) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24049—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/19) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24050—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/21) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24051—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/20) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).



**18. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24052—That the Parliament agrees that the Agricultural Holdings (Relinquishment and Assignment) (Application to Relevant Partnerships) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24054—That the Parliament agrees that the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children’s Hearings) Amendment Rules 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**20. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

## No. 92, Thursday 4 February 2021

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport and then on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Infrastructure Investment Plan and Capital Spending Review 2021-22 to 2025-26.

**3. European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland)**

**Bill:** Andy Wightman moved S5M-23963—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

**5. Plantation Slavery and Landownership in the West Highlands and Islands: Legacies and Lessons:**

The Parliament debated S5M-23310 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by Community Land Scotland of an independent research report, *Plantation slavery and landownership in the west Highlands and Islands: Legacies and Lessons*, by Dr Iain Mackinnon of the University of Coventry and Dr Andrew Mackillop of the University of Glasgow as part of Community Land Scotland's discussion paper series, Land and the Common Good; notes the conclusion that the proceeds of slave ownership, slavery-derived wealth and slave compensation payments coincided with the purchase of Highlands and Islands estates or otherwise helped maintain existing estate holdings among many established landed families; welcomes the greater understanding that it believes the report brings of the impact of slavery on patterns of Scottish land ownership history; notes the evidence that specific estate purchases have direct links to slave-related income; regrets that land purchased from the proceeds of slavery rests on the misery of breaches to the human rights of dispossessed peoples; notes that slavery-derived wealth has contributed to historic patterns of land markets that have left legacies of monopoly land ownership, depopulation and an emphasis on extractive estate management that continue to operate today, and notes the calls for a discussion of an appropriate permanent memorial for these historic connections and their impact on peoples in Africa, the Caribbean and the Highlands and Islands.

**6. Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion:** The Parliament debated S5M-23806 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament finds it regrettable that the Scottish Government has reportedly said that it is not in a position to fund a new eye hospital in the foreseeable future; is concerned that the removal of £45 million of funding for the replacement Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion in Edinburgh, which is over 50 years old, has implications for the care received by patients in Lothian; understands that waiting times for routine treatments, such as for glaucoma, can be extremely

long; believes that NHS Lothian has been consistently underfunded by the NRAC funding model, and notes calls both for clarity from the health secretary regarding infrastructure funding in the NHS Lothian area and for that NHS board to be fairly funded when the budget is set out in January 2021.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

**No. 93, Tuesday 9 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Keith T Blackwood, Minister, Mannofield Church, Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24099—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Tuesday 9 February 2021—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Malicious Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.25 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on what the causes were of the reported delays at vaccination centres in Fife and Tayside on 8 February, and what is being done to ensure that they are not repeated, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport. (Jeane Freeman).

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate (James Wolffe) made a statement and answered questions on Malicious Prosecutions.

**7. Green Recovery Inquiry:** Gillian Martin, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, moved S5M-24078—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee's 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5), *Green Recovery Inquiry* (SP Paper 845).

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

**No. 94, Wednesday 10 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Crown Office:** Murdo Fraser moved S5M-24095—That the Parliament notes the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service's admission of malicious prosecutions of David Whitehouse and Paul Clark, formerly administrators of Rangers Football Club PLC; notes that £24,086,250 of taxpayers money was paid out to Mr Whitehouse and Mr Clark for compensation and legal fees in this case; notes reports that suggest the cost to the taxpayer could increase further up to around £100 million; believes that this is an unprecedented scandal in Scottish legal history; further believes that these matters need to be fully investigated in order to restore public confidence in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, and calls for a full, independent, public inquiry led by a judge from a jurisdiction outwith Scotland to investigate the malicious prosecutions of Mr Whitehouse, Mr Clark and any other party connected with Rangers Football Club.

The Lord Advocate (James Wolffe) moved amendment S5M-24095.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24095 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Crown Office), leave out from "in this case" to end and insert: "notes that this situation is unprecedented in Scottish legal history; further notes that the Lord Advocate and COPFS have committed to supporting public and Parliamentary accountability and notes that legal proceedings are ongoing; agrees that there should be a transparent process of inquiry, once all related legal proceedings are completed, and agrees that the precise mechanism of inquiry, which should be led by a judge, should be determined once all related legal proceedings have concluded."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-24095.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24095 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Crown Office), insert at end "; understands that further compensation is also to be paid on behalf of the Chief Constable, and believes that the remit of any inquiry should include examination of the role and involvement of Police Scotland."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service's admission of malicious prosecutions of David Whitehouse and Paul Clark, formerly administrators of Rangers Football Club PLC; notes that £24,086,250 of taxpayers money was paid out to Mr Whitehouse and Mr

Clark for compensation and legal fees; notes that this situation is unprecedented in Scottish legal history; further notes that the Lord Advocate and COPFS have committed to supporting public and Parliamentary accountability and notes that legal proceedings are ongoing; agrees that there should be a transparent process of inquiry, once all related legal proceedings are completed; agrees that the precise mechanism of inquiry, which should be led by a judge, should be determined once all related legal proceedings have concluded; understands that further compensation is also to be paid on behalf of the Chief Constable, and believes that the remit of any inquiry should include examination of the role and involvement of Police Scotland.

**3. COVID-19 Response and the Role of Local Newspapers:** Graham Simpson moved S5M-24084—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that local newspapers have played in keeping people informed during the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that a vibrant newspaper sector is essential for democracy, and calls on the Scottish Government to extend business rates relief to newspapers during 2021-22.

The Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S5M-24084.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24084 in the name of Graham Simpson (COVID-19 Response and the Role of Local Newspapers), leave out from “the Scottish Government” to end and insert “all parties to bring forward their tax and spending proposals as part of the ongoing negotiations on the Scottish Budget.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-24084.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24084 in the name of Graham Simpson (COVID-19 Response and the Role of Local Newspapers), after “Scottish Government” insert “to ensure that its advertising budget spend is invested in a way that supports innovative journalism and regional and local news, and”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that local newspapers have played in keeping people informed during the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that a vibrant newspaper sector is essential for democracy, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that its advertising budget spend is invested in a way that supports innovative journalism and regional and local news, and to extend business rates relief to newspapers during 2021-22.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24102—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Independent Review of Adult Social Care

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.05 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 17 February 2021

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 18 February 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Doing Politics Differently - The Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland

5.05 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 23 February 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements



*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

6.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 24 February 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

*followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)*

4.50 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

Thursday 25 February 2021

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill*

*followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution*

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 February 2021, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24103—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 February 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24106—That the Parliament agrees that the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24107—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24108—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Scottish Budget 2021-22, Rule 5.8.1(a) of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24109—That the Parliament agrees that, subject to its agreement to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill, for the purposes of consideration of the Bill at stage 3, in Rule 9.16.6 of Standing Orders—

- (a) the words “or 3” be omitted;
- (b) the words “Notice of any amendment at stage 3 shall be given by lodging it with the Clerk no later than 4.30 pm on Monday 8 March 2021.” be inserted at the end.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

## No. 95, Thursday 11 February 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Developing Scotland's Hydrogen Economy.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Coronavirus Legislation Update.

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

**5. Impact of COVID-19 on Women in the Economy:** The Parliament debated S5M-23756 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament recognises the impact of COVID-19 on women in the economy; understands that women in the Aberdeenshire East constituency and across the country have been more adversely affected economically by the pandemic, with the Gender Equality Index showing that they spent more time on housework and caring than men; notes the view that women should be supported as part of the economic recovery, and pays tribute to the work that has already been carried out by Women's Enterprise Scotland, Engender and Close the Gap to make sure women's voices are heard in the strive for a more equal wellbeing economy.

**6. The Potential for a Galloway National Park:** The Parliament debated S5M-23892 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament recognises the Galloway National Park Association's work in promoting the establishment of a national park in the area as potentially Scotland's third such development; considers that this could bring positive benefits to mental and physical health, conservation, the environment, the economy and future sustainability; understands that, in 2017, following the publication of a discussion paper and a period of community consultation and engagement, the Association published, *A Galloway National Park – It's Our Time*, which identified the goal of the proposed park as to promote an attractive and healthy natural and cultural environment that will benefit the communities of Galloway both socially and economically, and offer broader benefits to others, including visitors, and provide a vibrant and sustainable future in which the region's young people can flourish; recognises that the paper aims to strengthen the argument for the establishment of the national park in the area, ultimately leading to the development of further national parks; understands that, ahead of the COP26 conference, the Scottish Government has committed in its Statement of Intent on Biodiversity for an additional 7.3% of land to be designated as protected to meet the proposed UN 2030 target; considers that a Galloway national park could provide an ideal opportunity to help achieve this; believes that national parks, and protected outdoor green spaces, provide opportunities for people to access the outdoors

and try new activities; considers that they promote positive health and wellbeing that can reduce stress, depression and help address physical health conditions such as obesity and type 2 diabetes as part of a social prescribing approach; thanks the Association and its Chair, Rob Lucas, and President, Dame Barbara Kelly, for their work so far on this issue, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to set out, in principle, its position on a national park for Galloway, which could proudly be Scotland's third national park.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

**No. 96, Tuesday 16 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Fr Michael Kane, St Augustine's RC Church, Coatbridge, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24151—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on Tuesday 16 February 2021—

after

followed by Ministerial statement: COVID-19

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Budget Update

delete

5.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.35 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Budget Update.

**6. Independent Review of Adult Social Care:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-24134—That the Parliament welcomes the Independent Review of Adult Social Care and supports its recommendations, which provide the foundation to enhance adult social care provision across Scotland; expresses thanks to the review's chair, advisory panel and all the individuals and organisations who shared their views and experiences through the programme of engagement; believes that the incoming parliament should implement these recommendations as quickly as practicable, including scrapping non-residential social care charging; commits to establishing a human rights approach to social care that incorporates equality, individual autonomy and citizenship; recognises the fundamental role of unpaid carers in society and commits to providing them with

improved recognition and support; agrees that increased and more effective investment in social care will benefit everyone in Scotland, in terms of economic growth, as well as wellbeing; recognises the critical support provided by the social care workforce on a daily basis and commits to providing improved pay and terms and conditions that reflect the Fair Work principles, and delivered through national bargaining, and commits to establishing a National Care Service in law, on an equal footing with NHS Scotland, to provide national accountability, reduce variability and facilitate improved outcomes for social care users across the nation.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-24134.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24134 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Independent Review of Adult Social Care), leave out from "supports its recommendations" to end and insert "thanks the review's chair, advisory panel and all those who shared their views and experiences; believes that the creation of a National Care Service in Scotland could assist in achieving higher quality care, as well as improving the employment conditions of care workers, but that the Scottish Government must provide details of how this will work in practice, and must address, in particular, concerns raised about undermining local decision-making; believes that any changes must ensure that care is person-centred; notes that, sadly, more than 3,000 residents have died in care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic, and calls again for an inquiry into this tragedy, as voted for by the Parliament in resolutions to previous debates."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 95, Abstentions 1).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-24134.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24134 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Independent Review of Adult Social Care), leave out from "provide national accountability" to end and insert "deliver national funding and consistent standards for care services which offer equal access, based on need not income, and facilitate improved outcomes for social care users across the nation; acknowledges the grave concern expressed by COSLA that the report's recommendations could undermine local delivery of social care; agrees with local authority leaders that local democratic accountability for care services must be maintained; believes that the Scottish Government should demonstrate its commitment to support the social care workforce, and calls for a minimum £15 an hour social care pay package in the 2021-22 Scottish Budget."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-24134.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24134 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Independent Review of Adult Social Care), leave out from "welcomes" to end

and insert "notes the recommendations of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care; agrees with the ambition to enhance adult social care provision across Scotland; believes that centralisation has not delivered the benefits promised for other public services, and the loss of local democratic accountability is a risk to care service users, and calls for the new resources and new human rights approach to social care to be provided through integrated local services, governed locally, involving care users, to national care service standards and entitlements; believes that there should be a new national consensus that social care should be provided on a human rights basis, and that a preventative approach should be championed; notes the concerns of disabled people that previous legislation has not worked sufficiently well to give them a system based on their human rights which allows each individual to achieve their goals; recognises the critical support provided by the social care workforce on a daily basis and believes they must be afforded a nationally agreed and mandatory fair work package on pay, terms of employment and career progression, shaped by care workers and collective bargaining; considers that there should be national care service standards, with the funding put in place to meet those standards, and effective complaint resolution for when they are not met; calls for national standards and local commissioning to involve disabled people and other care users, and be informed by local experience of unmet needs, as highlighted by the independent review; believes that charges for care services delivered at home should be scrapped; calls for unpaid carers to receive better support and respite in recognition that their role is critically important, and considers that these step changes, described by the independent review, are key to improving the quality of life for social care users, and that implementation should begin now and not be delayed by a need to create new organisations to deliver it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 8, Against 117, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

**No. 97, Wednesday 17 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Education:** Willie Rennie moved S5M-24137—That the Parliament believes that the support, services and decision-making provided by Education Scotland and the SQA have not met the expectations or requirements of hardworking teachers, pupils or parents throughout the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; recalls that serious concerns existed about the performance and structure of these organisations for years before the pandemic struck, including those expressed by Parliament in its resolution on the debate on motion S5M-04920 on 29 March 2017; considers that there is compelling evidence that neither body is fit for purpose and that they have lost the confidence of teachers, pupils and parents, and therefore calls for substantial reform as part of the recovery of education, with Education Scotland separated into independent inspection and policy functions and the SQA to be grounded in the teaching profession and made more accountable, and expresses concern about the reported involvement of both organisations and the Scottish Government in the ongoing OECD review.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-24137.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24137 in the name of Willie Rennie (Education), leave out from “the support” to end and insert “teachers, support staff and other professionals working in the education system, whether in schools, local authorities, national agencies, regional collaboratives or other bodies, have provided very strong support to Scotland’s children and young people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to help them to continue to learn and develop, and have shown resilience, commitment and flexibility in responding to the impact of the pandemic, including during periods of remote learning or when alternative approaches to certification have been developed in partnership, and considers that teachers and others working in the education system deserve thanks and recognition from the Parliament in light of their work during the pandemic, including their role in continuing to contribute to important work on the future of Scottish education, such as the independent review of Curriculum for Excellence led by the OECD.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-24137.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24137 in the name of Willie Rennie (Education), insert at end “, and, given the urgency of the matter and limited opportunity for scrutiny, and in the spirit of full transparency, calls on the Scottish Government to immediately release any findings already reportedly delivered to the Scottish Ministers by the OECD.”



After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 60, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the support, services and decision-making provided by Education Scotland and the SQA have not met the expectations or requirements of hardworking teachers, pupils or parents throughout the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; recalls that serious concerns existed about the performance and structure of these organisations for years before the pandemic struck, including those expressed by Parliament in its resolution on the debate on motion S5M-04920 on 29 March 2017; considers that there is compelling evidence that neither body is fit for purpose and that they have lost the confidence of teachers, pupils and parents, and therefore calls for substantial reform as part of the recovery of education, with Education Scotland separated into independent inspection and policy functions and the SQA to be grounded in the teaching profession and made more accountable; expresses concern about the reported involvement of both organisations and the Scottish Government in the ongoing OECD review, and, given the urgency of the matter and limited opportunity for scrutiny, and in the spirit of full transparency, calls on the Scottish Government to immediately release any findings already reportedly delivered to the Scottish Ministers by the OECD.

**3. Mental Health:** Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S5M-24138—That the Parliament recalls its resolution on the debate on motion S5M-20035 on mental health on 27 November 2019, and now recognises that there is a mental health crisis in Scotland.

The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) moved amendment S5M-24138.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24138 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Mental Health), leave out from “, and now recognises” to end and insert “; further recalls that the motion as passed agreed that mental health and physical health must be treated with parity of esteem, welcomed additional investment in services, and that the mental wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable people in society has been negatively impacted by a series of welfare cuts by the UK Government, starting with the Welfare Reform Act 2012; believes that the Scottish Parliament must advocate solutions; recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic is taking a significant toll on the mental wellbeing of people across the country, and that recovery of NHS services must ensure that mental health has the same priority as physical health; welcomes that, in addition to the plans in the draft Budget for 2021-22, a further £120 million will be allocated for a Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund, which would take total planned spend on mental health in 2021-22 to in excess of £1.2 billion, and notes that the additional funding will help deliver the mental health recovery plan, including a headline focus to improve specialist CAMHS services and address long waits, supporting mental health in primary care settings, as well as nearly £10 million to speed up treatment for adults waiting for psychological therapies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-24138.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24138 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Mental Health), insert at end “; notes with concern the potential for an unsustainable increase in demand for CAMHS and other mental health services, many of which already experience unacceptably long waiting times; recognises the need for both improved access to NHS mental health services and greater support for third sector organisations to reduce waiting times and deliver urgently needed care; considers that maintaining good mental health is as important as maintaining good physical health, and believes that further efforts are required to promote self-care for mental health.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-24138.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24138 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Mental Health), insert at end “; notes with deep concern the further increase in the number of deaths by suicide in 2019 and the reported increase in suicidal thoughts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; considers the continued excessive waits for access to CAMHS and high proportion of young people who still have their referral rejected to be unacceptable; is disappointed at the failure to implement an effective transitions strategy to support patients moving between services; acknowledges that mental health services cannot tackle the crisis without increased resources, and therefore believes it is regrettable that, in recent Scottish Budgets, funding for mental health services has failed to keep up with rises in overall health funding.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recalls its resolution on the debate on motion S5M-20035 on mental health on 27 November 2019; now recognises that there is a mental health crisis in Scotland; notes with concern the potential for an unsustainable increase in demand for CAMHS and other mental health services, many of which already experience unacceptably long waiting times; recognises the need for both improved access to NHS mental health services and greater support for third sector organisations to reduce waiting times and deliver urgently needed care; considers that maintaining good mental health is as important as maintaining good physical health; believes that further efforts are required to promote self-care for mental health; notes with deep concern the further increase in the number of deaths by suicide in 2019 and the reported increase in suicidal thoughts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; considers the continued excessive

waits for access to CAMHS and high proportion of young people who still have their referral rejected to be unacceptable; is disappointed at the failure to implement an effective transitions strategy to support patients moving between services; acknowledges that mental health services cannot tackle the crisis without increased resources, and therefore believes it is regrettable that, in recent Scottish Budgets, funding for mental health services has failed to keep up with rises in overall health funding.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24155—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 February 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Heat Networks (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 24 February 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

4.50 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 February 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

6.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

4.50 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 Parliamentary Bureau motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Finance

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day - Inspiring Women

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 February 2021, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24156—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24157—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24158—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24159—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24160—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/35) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24161—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/54) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24162—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/49) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24163—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel, Public Health Information and Pre-Departure Testing) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/34) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24164—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel, Prohibition on Travel from the United Arab Emirates) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/52) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24166—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24167—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type B Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Recess Dates:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24168—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of the pre-election campaign period from 25 March to 4 May 2021 (inclusive), the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 25 March to 4 May 2021 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-

24171—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 3 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

## No. 98, Thursday 18 February 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and then on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Doing Politics Differently – the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-24165—That the Parliament notes *Doing Politics Differently - the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland*; extends its thanks to the members of the Assembly for their hard work, efforts, commitment and collaborative approach, especially given the inevitable difficulties caused for the Assembly by the COVID-19 pandemic, and commends the report for further consideration by Members in the next session of the Parliament, informed by a full response from the incoming Scottish administration.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-24165.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24165 in the name of Michael Russell (Doing Politics Differently - the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland), insert at end “, while recognising that different political parties will take a different view on the recommendations of the report.”

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

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-24165.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24165 in the name of Michael Russell (Doing Politics Differently - the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland), insert at end “; welcomes the bold and ambitious recommendations put forward to tackle inequality in Scotland, including capping private sector rents, making energy efficiency measures more affordable and investing in green infrastructure, and calls on the Scottish Government to give an annual statement to the Parliament on what action has been taken in response to the work of the Assembly.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-24165.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24165 in the name of Michael Russell (Doing Politics Differently - the Report of the Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland), after “pandemic” insert “; welcomes the desire shown by the Assembly for Scotland to be a leader in environmental policy and in particular its recognition that climate change is increasing the risk of further pandemics”.



After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 29).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes *Doing Politics Differently - the Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland*; extends its thanks to the members of the Assembly for their hard work, efforts, commitment and collaborative approach, especially given the inevitable difficulties caused for the Assembly by the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the desire shown by the Assembly for Scotland to be a leader in environmental policy and in particular its recognition that climate change is increasing the risk of further pandemics; commends the report for further consideration by Members in the next session of the Parliament, informed by a full response from the incoming Scottish administration, while recognising that different political parties will take a different view on the recommendations of the report; welcomes the bold and ambitious recommendations put forward to tackle inequality in Scotland, including capping private sector rents, making energy efficiency measures more affordable and investing in green infrastructure, and calls on the Scottish Government to give an annual statement to the Parliament on what action has been taken in response to the work of the Assembly.

**3. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.44 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

**5. Scotland's Men's Sheds Movement:** The Parliament debated S5M-23991 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament recognises the role of the Men's Sheds Movement in encouraging health and wellbeing; understands that since 2013, Men's Sheds have provided the opportunity to learn new skills through a variety of activities and offers a social, safe and welcoming space to meet people and find information on local projects within the community, including those in the West of Scotland; notes with regret the impact of COVID-19 on the Men's Sheds Movement, which has led to the temporary closure of all Men's Sheds in keeping with lockdown restrictions, amid a sharp increase in the number of people experiencing feelings of loneliness and social isolation; appreciates that despite the challenges this has presented, the Scottish Men's Sheds Association has continued its work to assist and support men's shedders to forge social connections virtually and in April 2020 welcomed Sir Harry Burns as its new patron to promote and represent the movement; welcomes the £30,000 funding from the Scottish Government to help those Sheds whose fundraising has been most severely affected by the pandemic, and notes calls for all MSPs to share in celebrating the work of Scottish Men's Sheds and to continue to protect its place in communities through this pandemic and for many years to come.

**6. The Highlands and Islands Medical Service:** The Parliament debated S5M-23483 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament celebrates the Highlands and Islands Medical Service, which was set up in August 1913; notes that it was established following the National Health Insurance Act 1911, which provided workers with health insurance but did not cover crofters and great swathes of the Highlands and Islands; recognises the exemplary research that was carried out by the Dewar Committee, which was chaired by Sir John Dewar and comprised of men, women, doctors, teachers and others who travelled the length and breadth of the region and whose recommendations included standardising the cost of doctors' visits regardless of distance, creating a minimum wage for doctors, funding more district nursing associations and increasing communication channels for doctors, and recognises that it was the first state-provided health service in the world and is generally considered to be the model for the NHS, which was established 35 years later.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

**No. 99, Tuesday 23 February 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-S5M-24213—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 23 February 2021—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 25 February 2021—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

insert

*followed by* Scottish Fiscal Commission (Reappointment)

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24196—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Heat Networks (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 5: 30 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 1 hour

Groups 9 to 11: 1 hour and 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 5, 3, 50, 1, 2, 51, 6, 7, 8A, 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, 36, 37, 38, 4, 39, 40, 52, 41, 42, 53, 54, 43, 44, 45, 55, 46, 47, 48 and 49.

Amendment 35 was agreed to (by division: For 108, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**6. Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S5M-24192—That the Parliament agrees that the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), 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.

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

**9. Investing in Scotland's Railways:** The Parliament debated S5M-24139 in the name of John Finnie—That the Parliament believes that investing in expanding, upgrading and decarbonising the rail network could play an important role in Scotland's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, creating jobs and reducing emissions from other forms of transport; welcomes the growing debate around future investment plans for rail, including the proposals set out in the *Rail for All report*; notes the view that upgrading and electrifying the Highland Main Line in particular could be of strategic importance, given its importance to Highland communities; understands that transport freight by rail to the Highlands could make a significant contribution to reducing emissions and relieving congestion on roads, and notes calls for the rapid decarbonisation of Scotland's rail network in line with the country's climate targets.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

## No. 100, Wednesday 24 February 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Prisoner Voting:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-24205—That the Parliament believes that no individual serving a prison sentence, including criminals convicted of serious assault, robbery and sexual offences, should be allowed to vote in the 2021 Scottish Parliament election.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved amendment S5M-24205.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24205 in the name of Liam Kerr (Prisoner Voting), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “recognises that the extension of voting rights to some prisoners was introduced to comply with a ruling from the European Court of Human Rights that a blanket ban on prisoner voting breached the European Convention on Human Rights; notes that, under the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020, passed with a two thirds majority on 20 February 2020, the franchise was extended to those serving a custodial sentence of 12 months or less, and that similar actions have been taken in other parts of the UK and widely across the world, and believes that it is for the Scottish Parliament to take the action that it considers necessary to comply with human rights obligations.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that the extension of voting rights to some prisoners was introduced to comply with a ruling from the European Court of Human Rights that a blanket ban on prisoner voting breached the European Convention on Human Rights; notes that, under the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020, passed with a two thirds majority on 20 February 2020, the franchise was extended to those serving a custodial sentence of 12 months or less, and that similar actions have been taken in other parts of the UK and widely across the world, and believes that it is for the Scottish Parliament to take the action that it considers necessary to comply with human rights obligations.

**3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on whether the Lord Advocate was consulted about the letter from the Crown Office to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body in relation to the evidence from Alex Salmond published by the Parliament, was answered by the Lord Advocate.

**4. Fair Funding for Local Government:** Annie Wells moved S5M-24206—That the Parliament believes that local government should have its own fiscal framework that will automatically entitle it to a fixed proportion of the Scottish Budget each year, thereby enshrining fair funding in law.

The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S5M-24206.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24206 in the name of Annie Wells (Fair Funding for Local Government), leave out from “will automatically” to end and insert “is developed in partnership with local government and that reflects the ambition of the Local Governance Review to devolve more power to a more local level.”

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

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S5M-24206.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24206 in the name of Annie Wells (Fair Funding for Local Government), insert at end, “; further believes that the Scottish Government’s historic underfunding of local government funding means that there must be an increase in capital spend, and notes that this must be a priority as it is fundamental to building back better services, supporting communities and protecting jobs.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24215—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Parliamentary Elections 2021

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Code of Conduct Rule changes - Treatment of Others

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

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.05 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Health and Sport Committee Debate: What Should Primary Care Look Like for the Next Generation?

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes - Inquiry into the Resilience of the Scottish Parliament's Practices and Procedures in Relation to its Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.55 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Finance

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day 2021: #ChooseToChallenge

5.40 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Climate Change Plan

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 10 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: St Andrews University (Medical Degrees) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Financial Services Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 11 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 Parliamentary Bureau motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Appointment

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 March 2021, 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 and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24216—That the Parliament agrees that the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 8, Abstentions 0).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24217—That the Parliament agrees that the Personal Protective Equipment (Temporary Arrangements) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/50) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24218—That the Parliament agrees that the Property Factors (Code of Conduct) (Scotland) Order 2021[draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24219—That the Parliament agrees that the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24220—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24221—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Allocation of Functions) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24222—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

**14. Citizens Advice Scotland Helps More People:** The Parliament debated S5M-23628 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises the vital work that Citizens Advice Scotland does for those in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and across Scotland; notes the publication of new statistics that show that, in 2019-20, the Citizens Advice Service network helped over 188,000 clients resident in Scotland, dealt with almost 675,000 advice issues, including assisting clients to complete over 53,000 benefit forms, and recording over 4,700 tribunal and court outcomes, with 90% of the cases won or upheld; understands that during this period it helped clients gain over £170 million, representing £16 in client gains for every £1 funded to cover the core advice service, and thanks all volunteers and staff at Citizens Advice Scotland for their ongoing hard work to support people on a range of issues, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

## No. 101, Thursday 25 February 2021

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-24224—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-24224.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24224 in the name of Kate Forbes (Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill), insert at end “, but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government’s draft Budget fails to meet the level of funding required by local authorities, as set out by COSLA, and further regrets that the Scottish Government has made no commitment in this draft Budget to fund free breakfasts and lunches for all primary school pupils.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 62, Abstentions 10).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-24224.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24224 in the name of Kate Forbes (Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill), insert at end “, and, in so doing, notes the calls for an immediate rise in 2021-22 to £12 per hour for all social care workers followed by a review to establish steps to increase this to £15 an hour to fully recognise the value of their work.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 60, Abstentions 41).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 31, Abstentions 5).

**4. Scottish Rate Resolution:** The Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-24225—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), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2021-22 are as follows—

(a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,097,

(b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,097 and up to a limit of £12,726,

(c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £12,726 and up to a limit of £31,092,

(d) a higher rate of 41%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £150,000, and

(e) a top rate of 46%, charged on income above £150,000.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 88, Against 1, Abstentions 35).

**5. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-24223—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Constitution Committee that Professor Alasdair Smith be reappointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Stage 2 Extension and Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24236—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) consideration of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 March 2021;

(b) under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament, during Members' Business on Tuesday 2 March 2021, for the purpose of considering the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2;

(c) for the purposes of consideration of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2, the second sentence of Rule 9.10.2 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

## No. 102, Tuesday 2 March 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mia Fallon and Nathaniel Sweeney, 'Living on £2' Campaign Project Representatives, St Aidan's High School, Wishaw, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Parliamentary Elections 2021.
5. **Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24259—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 5: 45 minutes.  
The motion was agreed to.

6. **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 8, 9, 2, 3 and 4.

Amendment 5 was disagreed to (by division: For 32, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 6 and 7.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

- 7 **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-24257—That the Parliament agrees that the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Code of Conduct Rule changes – Treatment of Others:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24177—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st report 2021 (Session 5), Code of Conduct Rule changes - Treatment of Others (SP Paper 940), and agrees that the changes to the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 6 May 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution:** Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-24232— That the Parliament, recognising that the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (the SPCB) carried out a review of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme approved by Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 (as last amended by a Resolution of the Parliament on 24 April 2020)-

(a) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(2), (5)(b) and 85(5) of the Scotland Act 1998-

(i) confers functions on the SPCB to reimburse members in respect of expenses and cost incurred in each financial year in accordance with the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme (the Scheme) annexed as Annex 1 to this Resolution and confers other functions on the SPCB as specified in the Scheme;

(ii) determines that the various limits on expenses or costs under the Scheme are as set out in the Schedule of Rates annexed as Annex 2 to this Resolution and that such limits are applicable until the SPCB exercises its power under the Scheme to uprate or vary them;

(iii) confers other functions on the SPCB as specified in the Scheme; and

(iv) approves the Scheme;

(b) determines that the Scheme shall come into effect on 6 May 2021;

(c) rescinds, with effect from 6 May 2021, the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 (as last amended on 24 March 2020).

## Annex 1

### Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

*Sgeama Ais-phàighidh Cuibhreannan nam Ball*

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### INTRODUCTION

The Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme as set out below is given effect by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

The Scheme sets out the provisions available to support members in carrying out their parliamentary duties and the principles and rules members must abide by in making a claim for reimbursement under the Scheme.

### Ro-ràdh

*Tha Sgeama Ais-phàighidh Chuibhreannan nam Ball mar a thathar a' mìneachadh gu h-iseal ga thoirt gu buil le rùn le Pàrlamaid na h-Alba.*

*Tha an Sgeama a' mìneachadh nan ullachaidhean a tha ann gus taic a chur ri Buill nan cuid dhleastanasan pàrlamaideach agus prionnsapalan is riaghailtean an Sgeama ris am feum na Buill cumail nuair a nì iad tagradh airson ais-phàigheadh.*

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL RULES

### 1.1 THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SCHEME

1.1.1 In submitting a claim, a member shall:-

- (a) act in accordance with the Scheme Principles;
- (b) comply with the rules of the Scheme; and
- (c) have regard to any guidance issued by the SPCB under paragraph 1.2.2(c).

1.1.2 The Principles of the Scheme are:-

#### **Objectivity**

- A member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses which have been incurred only for the purpose of carrying out parliamentary duties.
- A member shall not submit a claim unless the member is satisfied that the expenses represent value for money and were incurred having due regard to efficiency and effectiveness.

#### **Accountability**

- A member is personally accountable for a claim, even if the member delegates the administration of the claim to others.



- A member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses only if the claim is supported by receipts or other documentation confirming the expenditure, unless otherwise determined by the SPCB.

### **Openness**

- A member shall be open and transparent as respects expenses claimed under the Scheme.

### **Integrity**

- A member shall ensure that a claim is in compliance with the Scheme.
- A member shall not submit a claim which relates to party political activity and a member shall not enter into any arrangement which could give rise to a benefit to a party political organisation.

### **Selflessness**

- A member shall ensure that any claim is submitted solely in respect of the performance of parliamentary duties and is not submitted in order to gain financial or other benefit for the member or any other person.

### **Honesty**

- A claim shall be made in good faith.

### **Leadership**

- In complying with the rules of the Scheme and the Scheme Principles, a member shall lead by example to strengthen public trust in the Scheme.

### **Equality**

- All members have equal formal and legal status

1.1.3 The SPCB shall exercise its functions under the Scheme so as best to promote and achieve conformity with the Scheme Principles.

## **1.2 ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME**

1.2.1 The Scheme is to be administered by the SPCB.

1.2.2 In exercising its functions under the Scheme, the SPCB may make such arrangements as it sees fit for administration of the Scheme and for determining any claims and may, in particular:-

- (a) prescribe the form and manner in which claims are submitted and the manner in which claims are verified;
- (b) on the submission of a claim by a member, reimburse expenses incurred by that member;
- (c) issue guidance to members on the operation of the Scheme;
- (d) prescribe time limits for the submission of claims and determine the consequences of failure to comply with any such time limits; and
- (e) do anything else which the SPCB considers necessary or expedient in connection with the administration of the Scheme.

1.2.3 In determining any matter under the Scheme the SPCB shall, in particular, consider whether a member has had regard to guidance issued under paragraph 1.2.2(c).

1.2.4 For each financial year the SPCB shall uprate the various limits on expenses or costs which can be reimbursed under the Scheme, having regard to such indices as the SPCB considers appropriate. Such increases shall apply from 1 April in any financial year.

1.2.5 The limits on the reimbursement of accommodation costs under paragraph 2.1.7, staff salary costs under paragraph 3.2.1 and office costs under paragraphs 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 shall be rounded up to the nearest £100 at each uprating under paragraph 1.2.4.

1.2.6 The SPCB may at any time review the limits on the reimbursement of office costs under paragraphs 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.2.7 and may, following such a review, apply such variation to those limits as it considers appropriate. Any such variation shall apply from 1 April in any financial year.

1.2.7 Where any changes are enacted in respect of constituencies or regions following a review by the Boundary Commission for Scotland, the SPCB may amend such references to constituencies and regions in this Scheme as it considers necessary to give effect to those changes.

### **1.3 PUBLICATION OF EXPENSES**

1.3.1 The SPCB shall publish information on expenses reimbursed to members under the Scheme in such form and at such intervals as the SPCB may determine.

### **1.4 SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AND VERIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE**

1.4.1 Where a member is entitled to reimbursement of expenses or costs under the Scheme, the member shall complete and authenticate any form or other documentation provided or required by the SPCB.

1.4.2 Where a member is required to apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of any expenses or costs under the Scheme:-

(a) in advance of incurring any such expenses or costs, a member shall submit an application to the SPCB for approval of such expenses or costs in such form as the SPCB may require;

(b) the SPCB may grant its approval for reimbursement of such expenses or costs to such extent as it considers appropriate; and

(c) following such approval and once any such expenses or costs have been incurred by the member, the member shall complete and authenticate any form or other documentation provided or required by the SPCB and the SPCB shall reimburse such expenses or costs to the extent previously approved by it (or to the extent of expenses or costs actually incurred if that amount is less).

1.4.3 Subject to paragraph 1.4.4, the SPCB shall reimburse expenses or costs under this Scheme only on production of evidence of such expenses or costs in the form of supporting invoices or receipts or such other documentation as the SPCB may determine from time to time.

1.4.4 A member is not required to provide supporting invoices and receipts for the reimbursement of the cost of travel undertaken in the performance of, or in support of, the member's parliamentary duties:-

- (a) in respect of a claim for an amount per mile for a journey, or part of a journey, by motor vehicle (excluding a hired motor vehicle), motor cycle, or bicycle; or
- (b) in such other exceptional circumstances as the SPCB may determine.

1.4.5 The SPCB may determine that in certain circumstances a member shall provide written justification for the use of a taxi. The SPCB shall reimburse a member for taxi costs only to the extent that it is satisfied with the justification provided.

## **1.5 REVIEW OF DECISIONS AND IMPROPER CLAIMS**

1.5.1 Where a member disputes a decision either not to reimburse expenses or costs or not to approve expenses or costs for reimbursement, the SPCB may review that decision. Any decision of the SPCB on review is final and it shall intimate the result of that review to the member.

1.5.2 The SPCB may investigate any claim. Where, following such an investigation, the SPCB finds that a member has submitted an improper claim, the SPCB may report to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and may recommend the removal of all or part of the member's entitlement to reimbursement of expenses under this Scheme for such period and to such extent as the SPCB may specify.

## **1.6 VIREMENT**

1.6.1 A member's entitlement to reimbursement of expenses or costs may not be transferred between the different categories of entitlement to reimbursement of expenses or costs in Sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 or 9.

## **1.7 POOLS**

1.7.1 Any members who set up a pool with one or more other members shall give written notice to the SPCB of the setting up of the pool. Such notice shall be in the names of all of the members in the pool and shall include a copy of the pool employment framework as approved by the SPCB from time to time.

## **1.8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1.8.1 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of expenses where those expenses have been, or will be, reimbursed or otherwise met from any other source.

1.8.2 Where a person becomes a member part way through a financial year, or where a member ceases to be a member part way through a financial year, any limit on the annual entitlement to reimbursement of expenses or costs is to be applied on a pro rata basis or on such other basis as the SPCB may determine.

## **SECTION 2 - ACCOMMODATION**

### **2.1 ACCOMMODATION IN EDINBURGH**

2.1.1 Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2.1.5 to 2.1.7 and 2.1.9, a member with a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A is entitled to

reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation for each night which that member requires to stay in Edinburgh in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.1.2 A disabled Member or a Member with caring responsibilities for dependents, whose main residence is in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A, may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the costs to lease a residential property as detailed in paragraphs 2.1.3 and 2.1.4. The SPCB may, in exceptional circumstances, approve such an application.

2.1.3 Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2.1.5 to 2.1.7, a member with a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Three of Annex A is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of either:-

- (a) overnight accommodation for each night which that member requires to stay in Edinburgh in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties; or
- (b) leasing residential property in Edinburgh, other than from a close family member, another member or connected person.

2.1.4 Where a member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of leasing residential property under paragraph 2.1.3(b), the member is entitled to reimbursement in respect of the following:-

- (a) rent;
- (b) council tax and water charges;
- (c) factoring charges, but excluding common repair costs;
- (d) utility costs and telecommunications costs; and
- (e) contents insurance.

2.1.5 Subject to paragraphs 2.1.6 a member who has either a main residence or any other residence in Edinburgh is not entitled to reimbursement of the cost of accommodation in Edinburgh under this Section.

2.1.6 A member who has a main residence in a constituency listed in either Group Two or Group Three of Annex A and who also has any other residence in Edinburgh may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation in Edinburgh. The SPCB shall reimburse such costs only if it is satisfied that it would not be reasonable in all the circumstances to expect that member to use that member's other residence in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.1.7 Where:-

- (a) a member has a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Three of Annex A; and
- (b) the member also owns another residence in Edinburgh which the member uses in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties, the member is entitled to claim reimbursement of the actual costs specified in paragraph 2.1.4(b), (c) (d) and (e) in respect of that other residence

2.1.8 A member is entitled to reimbursement of costs for accommodation in Edinburgh under paragraphs 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.6, 2.1.7 and 2.1.9 subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates.

2.1.9 A Presiding Officer whose main residence is in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A will be treated as if that residence were in Group Three of Annex A and is entitled to reimbursement of Edinburgh accommodation costs in accordance with paragraphs 2.1.2 to 2.1.4 and 2.1.6 to 2.1.7.

## **2.2 OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE EDINBURGH**

2.2.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation:

- (a) subject to paragraph 2.2.2, outside Edinburgh (but within the UK) for each night when the performance of parliamentary duties prevents the member from using the member's main residence or any other residence; and
- (b) travel outwith the UK undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties.

2.2.2 A member is not entitled to reimbursement under paragraph 2.2.1(a) in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties within the constituency or region from which the member has been returned unless:-

- (a) the member has been returned from one of the constituencies or regions listed in Annex B; or
- (b) in the case only of members returned either from the Cunninghame North Constituency or from the West of Scotland region, the requirement for overnight accommodation arises in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties on an island in the Cunninghame North constituency.

2.2.3 A member shall apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of overnight accommodation for each night which the member requires to stay outwith the UK in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

## **2.3 SHARED RESIDENTIAL LEASED ACCOMMODATION**

2.3.1 Section 2.3 shall only apply to a member with a main residence in a constituency listed in Group Three of Annex A or a Presiding Officer to whom paragraph 2.1.9 applies.

2.3.2 Subject to paragraph 2.3.3, where a member leases the same residential property in Edinburgh together with another member or members, those members are entitled between or amongst them to reimbursement of the costs of leasing the residential property in accordance with paragraph 2.1.4.

2.3.3 The limit on the entitlement of each member to reimbursement of costs reimbursed under paragraph 2.3.2 is the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates plus one third of that amount in respect of each additional member, apportioned equally between the members.

2.3.4 A member who submits a claim in respect of the cost of shared residential leased accommodation shall declare that arrangement to the SPCB. The declaration shall be in writing, include the name(s) of the other member or members with whom

tenancy is shared, a copy of the letting agreement and or lease, and such other information as the SPCB shall determine.

### **SECTION 3 - STAFF COSTS**

#### **3.1 INTRODUCTION**

3.1.1 A member may engage staff under a contract of employment (whether on a full-time or part-time basis), under a contract for services or by virtue of an arrangement with an agency.

3.1.2 A member of staff may be engaged either by a single member or jointly by two or more members through a pool.

3.1.3 This Section applies in respect of the following costs for staff who are engaged for the purpose of assisting in the performance of the member's parliamentary duties:-

- (a) staff salary costs;
- (b) employer's National Insurance and employer's pension contributions;
- (c) temporary staff cover costs;
- (d) incidental and ancillary employment costs; and
- (e) redundancy costs.

3.1.4 Staff shall not undertake any significant party political activity during any hours of work which are included within claims submitted under this Section.

3.1.5 The SPCB shall:-

- (a) provide a payroll service for members' employees;
- (b) provide an arrangement for employer's pension contributions to be paid to an employee's choice of pension scheme, provided that such pension scheme has been approved by the SPCB; and
- (c) process any other benefits deemed appropriate under the model terms and conditions of employment approved by the SPCB from time to time.

3.1.6 A member shall provide to the SPCB sufficient details about their employees to allow the SPCB to provide the services specified in paragraph 3.1.5.

3.1.7 Subject to paragraph 3.1.8 a member may only submit a claim under this section in respect of staff who are engaged in accordance with such policies and under such terms and conditions as are approved by the SPCB from time to time.

3.1.8 A member's staff may only be employed within the pay ranges and in accordance with the job families approved by the SPCB from time to time.

3.1.9 Section 3 does not apply in relation to the employment of a close family member by a member, whether individually or through a pool.

#### **3.2 STAFF SALARY COSTS**

3.2.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of staff salary costs subject to the limit in any financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates.

3.2.2 Staff salary costs comprise:-

- (a) in respect of employees, the employee's gross salary, including any overtime payments, and any necessary expenses (other than expenses in respect of the cost of travel or the cost of overnight accommodation) reimbursed to the employee by the member, but (subject to paragraph 3.3.1) excluding employer's National Insurance contributions or employer's pension contributions;
- (b) the amount of any redundancy payment payable to an employee or any costs which arise as a result of any other termination of an employee's contract;
- (c) in respect of self-employed or agency staff, the gross contracted payment to the member of staff or the agency; or
- (d) where members have set up a pool, incidental costs which arise from operation of the pool.

### **3.3 EMPLOYER'S NATIONAL INSURANCE AND EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

3.3.1 Where a member is entitled to reimbursement of staff salary costs for an employee under paragraph 3.2.2(a), the SPCB may also reimburse any employer's National Insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions. The reimbursement of employer's pension contributions will be subject to a limit of 10% of the employee's gross basic annual salary, except in the case of employees in post as at 1 March 2001 where the actual contributions will be reimbursed.

### **3.4 TEMPORARY STAFF COVER COSTS**

3.4.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the additional cost of employing or otherwise engaging temporary staff when necessary due to the absence of a permanent or fixed term member of staff lasting in excess of two weeks. In exceptional circumstances the SPCB may reduce or suspend the qualifying period of absence and suspend the requirement in paragraph 3.4.2 for adequate medical certificates or other relevant documents.

3.4.2 An application under paragraph 3.4.1 shall be supported by adequate medical certificates or other relevant documents confirming the reason for absence.

3.4.3 Any costs reimbursed under paragraph 3.4.1 may include employer's National Insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions subject to a limit of 10% of the employee's gross basic annual salary.

3.4.4 The SPCB shall reimburse costs under paragraph 3.4.1 only if it is satisfied that the employment of temporary staff was reasonable in the circumstances.

### **3.5 INCIDENTAL AND ANCILLARY EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

3.5.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the reasonable costs of advertising for recruitment of staff.

3.5.2 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of:-

- (a) the fees incurred for the personal attendance of a member of staff, a volunteer or intern at a seminar or conference within the UK, or at virtual or other on-line training for the purpose of assisting the member in the performance of parliamentary duties;

(b) the fees or other charges incurred in providing appropriate training for a member of staff; and

(c) the cost of travel and overnight accommodation associated with subparagraphs (a) or (b) above.

3.5.3 A member who submits an application under paragraph 3.5.2 shall certify the reason for the attendance of the member of staff, volunteer or intern at the seminar or conference or the reason for the training for a member of staff. The SPCB shall approve an application under paragraph 3.5.2 only to the extent that it is satisfied with the reason given.

3.5.4 The SPCB may meet such expenses or costs in respect of such items of a kind which reflect good employment practices and facilities for members in their capacity as employers or for member's staff as the SPCB determines appropriate and subject to such conditions as the SPCB considers appropriate.

### **3.6 REDUNDANCY COSTS**

3.6.1 Paragraphs 3.6.2 to 3.6.4 apply where a member dismisses an employee by reason of redundancy at any time other than when the member has ceased to be a member.

3.6.2 Subject to paragraphs 3.6.3 and 3.6.4, where in any financial year the limit on a member's entitlement to reimbursement of staff salary costs is or would be exceeded by reason of the making of a redundancy payment, the SPCB may, on an application by the member, reimburse such further amount (not exceeding the amount of the redundancy payment) as it considers appropriate.

3.6.3 The SPCB shall reimburse an amount under paragraph 3.6.2 only if it is satisfied that:-

(a) the member was entitled under this Section to receive reimbursement of staff salary costs in respect of the employee concerned at the date of dismissal;

(b) the employee was in fact dismissed by reason of redundancy;

(c) the member was under a legal obligation to make the payment; and

(d) where, under the terms of the contract between the member and the employee, the employee's entitlement to a redundancy payment exceeds the employee's statutory entitlement, the contractual provision was reasonable in all the circumstances.

3.6.4 If the SPCB determines under paragraph 3.6.3(d) that the contractual provision was not reasonable, the SPCB may restrict the application for reimbursement of the redundancy payment to such amount as the SPCB considers reasonable.

### **3.7 EMPLOYMENT OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS OF ANOTHER MEMBER**

3.7.1 A member who submits a claim in respect of the cost of employing a close family member of another member, whether individually or through a pool, shall declare that relationship to the SPCB. The declaration shall be in writing and include the name of the close family member, the name of the other member, the relationship to that other member and such other information as the SPCB may determine.



3.7.2 The SPCB shall arrange for all such declarations to be registered in a register which is open to public inspection.

## **SECTION 4 - OFFICE COSTS**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

4.1.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of office costs reasonably incurred in the leasing and running of a local parliamentary office in the performance of the member's parliamentary duties, in so far as not available from the SPCB by way of central provision.

4.1.2 Office costs relate solely to the actual costs of having and running a local parliamentary office and include, but are not limited to:-

- (a) the cost of establishing and running a local parliamentary office, such as leasing and utility costs;
- (b) the purchase or lease of office furniture or equipment (including IT, telephony or photocopying equipment where such equipment is not provided centrally);
- (c) the cost of telecommunications;
- (d) the cost of annual subscriptions, office related services and insurances;
- (e) the cost of overnight accommodation for a member of staff, a volunteer or intern when the member of staff, volunteer or intern is required to accompany a member for the purpose of assisting the member in the performance of parliamentary duties;
- (f) the fees for a member attending a seminar or conference; and
- (g) any other costs which are ancillary to those specified in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) above.

4.1.3 Subject to paragraph 4.3.5, a member may only submit a claim under this section in respect of a single local parliamentary office, within the constituency or region from which that member was returned. If a member has such an office, the member shall use it as the local parliamentary office and the office shall be the registered local address for correspondence.

4.1.4 A local parliamentary office shall not be used for party political activities of any kind.

### **4.2 START UP PROVISION**

4.2.1 Within the first year of a new parliamentary session or following a by-election, a member setting up their first local parliamentary office is entitled to reimbursement of any one-off office start up costs reasonably incurred in doing so, in so far as support is not available from the SPCB by way of central provision.

4.2.2 Start up costs include, but are not limited to:-

- a) Reasonable remedial work to ensure the premises are suitable as an office for example carpeting the office or creating an accessible meeting space;
- b) Solicitors fees for negotiating the office lease and other legal costs such as recording of the lease or an application for a change of use of the premises;
- c) Survey costs; and

d) Signage costs.

4.2.3 A member is entitled to reimbursement of one off start-up office costs subject to the limit specified in the Schedule of Rates.

**4.3 REIMBURSEMENT OF OFFICE COSTS FOR MEMBERS WHO ESTABLISH AND RUN LOCAL PARLIAMENTARY OFFICES**

4.3.1 A constituency member is entitled to reimbursement of office costs subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates. Members may vary the limit of the office cost provision up or down by a maximum of £5,000 each financial year, subject to the overall combined limit for the office cost and engagement cost provisions remaining within the overall agreed combined annual limit.

4.3.2 Members may only vary the maximum limits at set points in each financial year as determined by the SPCB.

4.3.3 Where in a particular region a single regional member is returned from a registered political party's regional list or where there is a regional member not aligned to any political party, that member is entitled to reimbursement of office costs subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates.

4.3.4 Subject to paragraph 4.3.5, where in a particular region more than one member is returned from a registered political party's regional list, those members are entitled between them only to reimbursement of office costs in respect of one regional office.

4.3.5 Where in the Highlands and Islands, North East Scotland, South of Scotland, West Scotland or Mid Scotland and Fife Regions more than one member is returned from a registered political party's regional list, the SPCB may, on the written application of all of the members concerned, determine that they are entitled to reimbursement of office costs in respect of an additional local parliamentary office within the region.

4.3.6 Where one or more local parliamentary office is shared by regional members as provided for in paragraph 4.3.4 or 4.3.5 then all costs associated with running the local parliamentary office(s) will be shared in equal proportions between participating members in accordance with paragraph 4.3.8.

4.3.7 The Office Cost Provision will be pro-rated to the period starting with the date a member enters the new local office to the end of the financial year for the first financial year of each new parliamentary session. This would also apply following any by-election.

4.3.8 The limit on the entitlement of each participating regional member to reimbursement of office costs in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 4.3.4 to 4.3.7 is calculated in accordance with the following table:-

Number of Regional Members	Percentage of Limit on Office Costs Applicable to a Single Regional Member	
	One Office in the Region (limit per member)	Two Offices in the Region (limit per member)
2	60%	100%

3	47%	80%
4	40%	65%
5	36%	56%

Any limit calculated in accordance with the table above shall be rounded up to the nearest £100.

4.3.9 On the application of a member the SPCB may, if satisfied that local variations in the market for office accommodation make it impracticable for the member to establish and run a suitable local parliamentary office within the limit of costs which can be reimbursed under this Section, increase by up to a maximum £2,500, the limit on entitlement to reimbursement which would otherwise be applicable to that member.

4.3.10 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of costs in respect of a local parliamentary office if the member leases office premises from or sub-lets any part of office premises to a close family member or connected person.

4.3.11 Subject to paragraph 4.3.13, a member who sub-lets any part of a local parliamentary office to any other person is entitled to reimbursement of the amount of rent paid by the member less the rent due under any sub-lease.

4.3.12 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of office costs in respect of a local parliamentary office which is shared with a Member of the House of Commons (“MP”) unless the member has entered into a written agreement with the MP as to the apportionment of costs and the terms of the agreement have been approved by the SPCB.

4.3.13 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of costs in respect of a local parliamentary office which is: (a) leased from a party political organisation; or (b) sub-leased from or sub-let to a party political organisation.

#### **4.4 REIMBURSEMENT OF OFFICE COSTS FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT ESTABLISH AND RUN LOCAL PARLIAMENTARY OFFICES**

4.4.1 Where a member does not establish and run a local parliamentary office or where a member uses an office in the Parliament as a local parliamentary office, that member is entitled only to reimbursement of office costs up to a maximum amount of 50% of the limit on entitlement to reimbursement which would otherwise be applicable to that member.

#### **4.5 MEMBERS WORKING FROM HOME**

4.5.1 A member who does not establish a local Parliamentary office or a parliamentary office but works solely from home in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties is not entitled to reimbursement of any office costs arising from the use of the home for that purpose other than the cost of telecommunications.

### **SECTION 5 - ENGAGEMENT PROVISION**

5.1.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of costs reasonably incurred in engaging with their constituents in the performance of the member’s parliamentary duties.

5.1.2 Engagement costs relate to the actual costs of engaging with constituents and include, but are not limited to:-

- a) business meeting expenses,
- b) postage and mailing costs,
- c) advertising costs,
- d) the hire of premises for surgeries, public meetings and other meetings with constituents;
- e) the cost of the publication and distribution of newsletters, annual reports and surveys.

5.1.3 A member is entitled to reimbursement of engagement costs subject to the limit in each financial year specified in the Schedule of Rates. members shall be able to vary the limit of the Engagement Provision up or down up to a maximum limit of £5k each financial year, subject to the overall combined limit for the Engagement and Office Cost Provisions remaining within the overall set limit.

5.1.4 Members may only vary the maximum limits at set points each financial year as determined by the SPCB.

## **SECTION 6 - COST OF TRAVEL**

6.1.1 A member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of travel:

- (a) undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties within the UK; or
- (b) subject to paragraph 6.1.5 in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties outwith the UK.

6.1.2 Subject to paragraph 6.1.3, travel undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties may include journeys between any places at which parliamentary duties are performed or between such places and a member's residence or overnight accommodation.

6.1.3 Where a member's rent is reimbursed under paragraph 2.1.3(a), and where the property is situated outside the boundary of the City of Edinburgh, the member is not entitled to reimbursement of the cost of travel between that property and the Parliament.

6.1.4 A member is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of travel within the UK undertaken by a member of staff, volunteer or intern in support of the member's parliamentary duties. A member who submits a claim under this paragraph shall certify that the journeys undertaken were necessary to support them in their parliamentary duties. Travel shall not include the cost of daily commuting journeys by a member of staff, volunteer or intern to a normal place of work.

6.1.5 A member shall apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of travel outwith the UK undertaken in the performance of parliamentary duties prior to any travel being undertaken.

## **SECTION 7 - DISABILITY**

7.1.1 A member who has a disability may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of expenses incurred in respect of additional resources reasonably required for the performance of that member's parliamentary duties.

7.1.2 In selecting premises for a local parliamentary office a member must ensure the premises are accessible or able to be made accessible. A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the member in respect of:-

- (a) making reasonable adjustments to the office to accommodate a disabled member of staff and/or facilitating access for disabled members of the public;
- (b) providing equipment and/or parking spaces for disabled persons; or
- (c) facilitating meetings involving disabled persons by hiring (on an occasional basis) alternative meeting premises.

## **SECTION 8 - ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

### **8.1 INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION AND SIMILAR COSTS**

8.1.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of any expenses incurred in respect of:-

- (a) engaging an interpreter for a language other than English or engaging a sign language interpreter who in either case is required for a meeting with members of the public;
- (b) translation services required for correspondence with members of the public, to take part in parliamentary business or for inclusion of other languages in parliamentary funded publications; or
- (c) any other services required to facilitate equal access to members for disabled persons.

### **8.2 EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES**

8.2.1 A member may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of any exceptional expenses to be incurred by that member in connection with the performance of parliamentary duties.

8.2.2 A member or their nominated representative, may apply to the SPCB for reimbursement of the cost of employing or otherwise engaging an additional temporary member of staff in relation to the long-term absence of a member which is likely to impact on the performance of the member's parliamentary duties and support to constituents.

8.2.3 In determining any application under paragraph 8.2.1 or 8.2.2 the SPCB shall, where applicable, recognise the distinctive needs of members not aligned to any political party or members aligned to a political party with fewer than five members.

8.2.4 The SPCB may, in exceptional circumstances, approve exceptional expenses incurred by members where the Scheme does not otherwise provide for reimbursement.

## **SECTION 9 - WINDING UP**

### **9.1 INTRODUCTION**

9.1.1 This Section applies when a person (referred to as the "former member") ceases to be a member of the Parliament for any reason.

9.1.2 On or after the date on which the former member ceased to be a member Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Scheme continue to apply only in respect of any

claim relating to expenses or costs incurred or committed to prior to that date. All such claims shall be submitted within such period as the SPCB may specify.

9.1.3 Unless paragraph 9.1.2 applies, paragraphs 9.2 to 9.5 apply in respect of any expenses or costs incurred after the date on which a former member ceased to be a member for the purpose of winding up the former member's office.

## **9.2 STAFF COSTS**

9.2.1 A former member remains entitled to reimbursement of staff salary costs, employer's National Insurance contributions and employer's pension contributions, as provided for in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3, in order to retain the services of staff for the purposes of the winding up of the former member's office for a maximum of three months after the date on which the former member ceased to be a member.

## **9.3 STAFF REDUNDANCY**

9.3.1 Where a former member dismisses an employee by reason of redundancy, the former member is entitled to reimbursement of any redundancy payment payable to the employee only if the SPCB is satisfied that:-

- (a) the former member was entitled to receive reimbursement of salary costs in respect of the employee concerned at the date of dismissal;
- (b) the employee was in fact dismissed by reason of redundancy;
- (c) the former member was under a legal obligation to make the payment; and
- (d) where, under the terms of the contract between the former member and the employee, the employee's entitlement to a redundancy payment exceeds the employee's statutory entitlement, the contractual provision was reasonable in all the circumstances.

9.3.2 If the SPCB determines under paragraph 9.3.1(d) that the contractual provision was not reasonable, the SPCB may restrict the application for reimbursement of the redundancy payment to such amount as the SPCB considers reasonable.

## **9.4 ACCOMMODATION, OFFICE AND ASSOCIATED COSTS**

9.4.1 A former member is entitled to reimbursement of the costs reasonably incurred

- (a) in the closing down of a parliamentary office
- (b) in undertaking a survey of that office as required where potential dilapidation costs exceed £5,000;
- (c) in connection with the termination of any agreement pertaining to leasing residential property within Edinburgh under paragraph 2.1.2(b);
- (d) in connection with any ancillary obligations arising from paragraph

9.4.1(c);

- (e) for the purpose of travel within Scotland undertaken in connection with (a), (b), (c) or (d);

9.4.2 The reimbursements in paragraph 9.4.1 are subject to a limit equivalent to one third of the maximum limit of the office cost provision as set out in section 4;

9.4.3 Any costs reimbursed under paragraph 9.4.1 may include the costs of travel of the former member's staff provided that such costs are incurred for the purpose of paragraphs 9.4.1(a), (b) or (d).

#### **9.5 MEMBER CHANGE OF STATUS**

9.5.1 A member is entitled to access the Winding Up Provision subject to the limits set out in paragraphs 9.4.1, 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 in circumstances when a member leaves a party or changes status from a regional member to constituency member or vice versa following a Scottish Parliamentary election to enable them to wind up their previous office and open a new office if necessary in accordance with section 4.3.

#### **9.6 TIME LIMIT FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS**

9.6.1 A former member shall submit any claims under paragraph 9.4 within six months from the date on which the former member ceased to be a member, or, if that is not possible, within such longer period as the SPCB may allow.

9.6.2 A member shall submit any claims under paragraphs 9.2, 9.3 and 9.5 within three months from the date on which the members' status changed, or, if that is not possible, within such longer period as the SPCB may allow.

### **SECTION 10 - DEFINITIONS**

10.1.1 The following definitions apply to the Scheme:-

"claim" means a claim or application under the Scheme for reimbursement of expenses or costs;

"close family member", in relation to a member, means-

- (a) a spouse, civil partner or cohabiting partner of the member; or
- (b) a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of the member or of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a);

"connected person", in relation to a member, means a business partner or a business associate of the member or any organisation (other than a party political organisation) in which the member concerned, or a close family member has an interest;

"cost of overnight accommodation" means the actual cost incurred by the member, or, as the case may be, member of staff, volunteer or intern (inclusive of the cost of any evening meal and breakfast) subject to the limit per night specified in the Schedule of Rates;

"cost of travel" means-

- (a) the actual cost of any travel ticket purchased, or fare paid in making a journey, or part of a journey, by public transport;
- (b) in respect of a journey, or part of a journey, by means of a motor vehicle (excluding a hired motor vehicle), motor cycle or bicycle, such amount per mile as is prescribed from time to time as the rate applicable for vehicles of those kinds in section 230(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (or any re-enactment of that provision);

(c) in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the SPCB, the actual cost of motor vehicle hire and associated fuel costs;

(d) tolls and car parking charges;

“constituency” and “region” refer to the constituencies and regions provided for by Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998 (or any re-enactment of that provision);

“constituency member” means a member of the Parliament for a constituency;

“disability” has the same meaning as in The Equality Act 2010 (or any re-enactment of that provision), and “disabled” is to be construed accordingly;

“Edinburgh” (except in paragraph 6.1.3) means a constituency listed in Group One of Annex A;

“financial year” means the year from 1 April to 31 March;

“improper claim” means a claim in respect of expenses or costs which have either not in fact been incurred or have not been incurred for a purpose permitted by the Scheme;

“member”, except where the context otherwise requires, means a member of the Scottish Parliament;

“other residence” means any residential property (other than a member’s main residence) which is owned by a member and which that member has regularly occupied as a residence;

“Parliament” means the Scottish Parliament;

“parliamentary duties” means any task or function which a member could reasonably be expected to carry out in that member’s capacity as a member, including but not limited to:-

(a) attending a meeting of the Parliament;

(b) attending a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Parliament on which the member sits or which the member is required to attend, or attending such a meeting for some other valid reason relating only to the business of the committee or sub-committee;

(c) undertaking research or administrative functions which relate directly to, or are in connection with, the business of the Parliament;

(d) attending meetings for the purpose of representing electors or explaining the application of policy or meeting a member of the public residing in the constituency or region from which that member was returned;

(e) attending parliamentary party group meetings in Edinburgh or, with the prior approval of the SPCB, any other place in Scotland;



(f) attending a meeting, ceremony or official function which relates directly to, or is in connection with, the business of the Parliament;

(g) attending an international conference which relates directly to, or is in connection with, the business of the Parliament with the prior approval of the SPCB;

but does not include a member's activities which are in relation to that member's role as a party spokesperson or representative;

“pool” means any arrangement by which two or more members jointly engage staff;

“Presiding Officer” means the member who is elected as the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament;

“public transport” means any service or services provided to the public at large for the carriage of passengers by road, rail, air or sea;

“regional member” means a member of the Parliament for a region;

“reimbursement” means either a payment by the SPCB to a member in respect of an expense or cost incurred by that member, or a payment made by the SPCB on behalf of a member either to a third party to whom that member has an obligation to make payment or to a member of staff to whom that member has requested that payment be made;

“Schedule of Rates” means the schedule published from time to time by the SPCB specifying the various limits on expenses or costs which can be reimbursed under this Scheme;

“Scheme” of “the Scheme” means the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme;

“Scheme Principles” means the principles in paragraph 1.1.2;

“SPCB” means the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;

“staff” means any person or persons in respect of whom a member is entitled to reimbursement of staff costs under Section 3 and a “member of staff” is to be construed accordingly.

#### **ANNEX A: GROUPS OF CONSTITUENCIES FOR ENTITLEMENT TO ACCOMMODATION IN EDINBURGH**

<b>Group One</b>	<b>Group Two</b>	<b>Group Three</b>
Edinburgh Central	Airdrie and Shotts	Aberdeen Central
Edinburgh Eastern	Clackmannanshire & Dunblane	Aberdeen Donside
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Coatbridge and Chryston	Aberdeen South and North
Edinburgh Pentlands	Cowdenbeath	Kincardine

Edinburgh Southern	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	Aberdeen East
Edinburgh Western	Dunfermline	Aberdeen West
Linlithgow	Dundee City East	Angus North and Mearns
Midlothian, North & Musselburgh	Dundee City West	Angus South
Almond Valley	East Lothian	Argyll and Bute
Ward ML6 Midlothian South – (Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale)	Falkirk East	Ayr
	Falkirk West	Banffshire and Buchan Coast
	Glasgow Anniesland	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
	Glasgow Cathcart	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley
	Glasgow Kelvin	Clydebank & Milngavie
	Glasgow Maryhill & Springburn	Clydesdale
	Glasgow Provan	Ward 5 Avondale and Stonehouse (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse)
	Glasgow Shettleston	Cunninghame North
	Glasgow Southside	Cunninghame South
	Hamilton Larkhall & Stonehouse (excluding ward 5 Avondale & Stonehouse)	Dumbarton
	Kirkcaldy	Dumfriesshire
	Mid Fife & Glenrothes	East Kilbride
	Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale (excluding electoral Ward ML6 – Midlothian)	Eastwood
	Motherwell and Wishaw	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire
	North East Fife	Galloway and West Dumfries
	Paisley	Greenock and Inverclyde
	Ward1 Carse of Gowrie and Ward12 Perth City Centre (Perthshire North)	Inverness and Nairn
	Ward R1 Renfrew North and West and Ward R2 Renfrew South and Gallowhill (Renfrewshire North & West)	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley
	Perthshire South and Kinrossshire	Moray
	Stirling	Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Western Isles)
	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Orkney
	Uddingston and Bellshill	Perthshire North (Excluding Ward1 Carse of Gowrie and Ward12 Perth City Centre)
		Renfrewshire South
		Renfrewshire North and West (Excluding Ward R1 Renfrew

	Rutherglen	North and West and Ward R2 Renfrew South and Gallowhill) Shetland Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
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**ANNEX B: CONSTITUENCIES AND REGIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT TO OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE EDINBURGH**

**Constituencies**

Argyll and Bute  
 Caithness, Sutherland and Ross  
 Galloway and West Dumfries  
 Inverness & Nairn  
 Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch  
 Perthshire North  
 Orkney Islands  
 Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire  
 Shetland Islands  
 Aberdeenshire West  
 Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Western Isles)

**Regions**

Highlands & Islands  
 Mid Scotland and Fife  
 North East Scotland  
 South of Scotland

**Annex 2**

**SCHEDULE OF RATES**

PARAGRAPH	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT	
2.1	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of overnight accommodation or leased	Full Year	£16,000 (Returned members)
		01/04/21 to 05/05/21	£1,534
		06/05/21 to 31/03/22	£14,466 (New Members)
		Overnight Limit	£175

	accommodation in Edinburgh	
3.2	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of staff salary costs	<p>£133,200 (from 6<sup>th</sup> May)</p> <p>Full Year £129,681 (Returned Members)</p> <p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 £9,254</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £120,428 (New Members)</p>
4.2	Annual limit on entitlement to Start up provision	<p>£5,000 per constituency Member for first year following an election only.</p> <p>Regional Members will be advised on an individual basis.</p>
4.3	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of office costs for a constituency member	<p>Full Year £16,775 (Returned Members)</p> <p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 £1,976</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £14,799 (New Members)</p> <p>Members able to flex up to £5,000 from Engagement Provision to Office Cost Provision.</p>
4.3	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of office costs for a single regional member or for a non-aligned regional member	Regional Members will be advised on an individual basis.
5.1	Annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of engagement costs	<p>Full year: £13,392</p> <p>06/05/21 to 31/03/22 £12,108 (New Members)</p> <p>This new Provision does not come into force until 06/05/2021.</p> <p>Members able to flex up to £5,000 from Office Cost Provision to Engagement Provision.</p>
	Surgery Advertising Provision	<p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 = £193</p> <p>Provision ceases after 5 May 2021</p>
	Telecommunication Provision	<p>01/04/21 to 05/05/21 = £146</p> <p>Provision ceases after 5 May 2021</p>

2.2	Overnight Accommodation in UK (excluding Greater London)	£175 per night
2.2	Overnight accommodation in Greater London and elsewhere outside UK	£204 per night

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**11. Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2021:** The Parliament debated S5M-24181 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament notes that 1 to 7 March 2021 is Eating Disorder Awareness Week; understands that more people lose their lives from eating disorders than any other psychiatric condition; recognises that people and organisations throughout Scotland and across the world, will mark the week by raising awareness and understanding of the issue; believes that the vast majority of people with these conditions are treated in the community; welcomes, therefore, the announcement of £120 million for a 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 publication of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland’s report into the care, treatment and support for people with an eating disorder, which forms the foundation of a review of services; believes that this review will be a crucial first step in a programme of work to improve these services, and guided by the review’s findings, looks forward to work in the next parliamentary session to improve support for people living with an eating disorder.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

## No. 103, Wednesday 3 March 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. What Should Primary Care Look Like for the Next Generation?:** Lewis Macdonald, on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee, moved S5M-24247—That the Parliament notes the Health and Sport Committee’s 8th Report 2021 (Session 5), *What should Primary Care look like for the next generation?* (SP Paper 939).

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

**3. Scotland’s Recovery:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-24263—That the Parliament believes that the next parliamentary session must be focused on rebuilding the economy for all of Scotland after the COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the structural inequalities that the pandemic has exposed in society and the opportunities that have been continually missed to deliver for workers and transform the exploitative, low-wage economy; calls therefore on the Scottish Government to recognise the need for a bold system change and for urgent action to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation, including prioritising greater support for disabled workers, ethnic minorities, women and young workers who often experience poorer work outcomes and are often more heavily concentrated in precarious and low-paid work; adhering to fair work principles, calls for further support for businesses and sectors hit hardest, to protect and create jobs, and agrees that the green economic recovery must be people-centred and incorporate community wealth building opportunities in order to drive success, wellbeing and prosperity for individuals, businesses and communities across the whole of Scotland.

The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved amendment S5M-24263.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24263 in the name of Monica Lennon (Scotland’s Recovery), insert at end “, and that, to properly address these issues, the Scottish Parliament needs to have control over employment law.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-24263.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24263 in the name of Monica Lennon (Scotland’s Recovery), leave out “the exploitative, low-wage economy” and insert “Scottish Government support for workers, jobs and communities, including the development of a roadmap to recovery, the creation of job security councils, establishing a Coronavirus Business Restrictions Advisory Council and additional support for town centres; welcomes the UK Government’s unprecedented support for Scotland’s recovery;”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the next parliamentary session must be focused on rebuilding the economy for all of Scotland after the COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the structural inequalities that the pandemic has exposed in society and the opportunities that have been continually missed to deliver for workers and transform the exploitative, low-wage economy; calls therefore on the Scottish Government to recognise the need for a bold system change and for urgent action to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation, including prioritising greater support for disabled workers, ethnic minorities, women and young workers who often experience poorer work outcomes and are often more heavily concentrated in precarious and low-paid work; adhering to fair work principles, calls for further support for businesses and sectors hit hardest, to protect and create jobs, and agrees that the green economic recovery must be people-centred and incorporate community wealth building opportunities in order to drive success, wellbeing and prosperity for individuals, businesses and communities across the whole of Scotland, and that, to properly address these issues, the Scottish Parliament needs to have control over employment law.

**4. Standing Order Rule Changes – Inquiry into the Resilience of the Scottish Parliament’s Practices and Procedures in Relation to its Business:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24246—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 2nd Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes - Inquiry into the resilience of the Scottish Parliament’s practices and procedures in relation to its business* (SP Paper 953), and agrees that—

(a) the rule change on the temporary amendment to Standing Orders be made with effect from 8 March 2021, and

(b) all remaining rule changes set out in Annexe A be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

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

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24274—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Climate Change Plan

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 10 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: St Andrews University (Medical Degrees) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Financial Services Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 11 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Appointment

5.10 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19



*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Urgent SPCB Questions

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Public Petitions System Changes

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Equalities and Human Rights Committee Remit

5.20 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 18 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 Parliamentary Bureau motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance Order

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Drugs policy

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to Private and Hybrid Bill procedures

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes in Relation to Revised Accompanying Documents for Emergency Bills

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to the Financial Scrutiny Provisions

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.35 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 March 2021, 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. Campaign Recess:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24275—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) for the purpose of the pre-election campaign period from 25 March to 4 May 2021 (inclusive), that the office of the clerk be closed from 25 March to 4 May 2021 (inclusive);

(b) in respect of meetings of committees and sub-committees during the pre-election campaign period, that, in rule 12.3.3, the word “normally” in the second sentence be suspended and the words “, except in the case of the COVID-19 Committee which may be convened by the Convener in an emergency” be inserted after “recess”; and

(c) for the purpose of the lodging of written questions immediately prior to the pre-election campaign period, that rule 13.3.4A be suspended and replaced with—

“The last day on which written questions may be lodged in the current session is Thursday 11 March 2021.”

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 1, Abstentions 21).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24276—That the Parliament agrees that the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24277—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24278—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24279—That the Parliament agrees that the Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24280—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

**13. Further Support for Autism and Learning Disabilities:** The Parliament debated S5M-24199 in the name of Alexander Burnett—That the Parliament commends ENABLE Scotland, National Autistic Society Scotland, Scottish Autism, people with a learning disability, autistic people, families, carers, professionals and academics, who have come together to campaign for what they consider is much-needed change; commends the vision and aspirations of the Scottish Strategy on Autism and the Keys to Life Strategy for people with a learning disability, both of which come to an end in 2021; considers that there is still much more work to be done to realise the aspirations of these strategies across a range of areas, and that this is evident from the members of the Cross-Party Groups on Autism and Learning Disability; believes that such areas include diagnosis, post-diagnosis support, additional support in school, access to employment, social care, quality and appropriate healthcare and housing and advocacy, as well as training for professionals and greater understanding among Scottish society, including in the Aberdeenshire West constituency, and notes the calls for a new commissioner role to bring further accountability to the system, uphold the rights of autistic people and people with a learning disability, and their families, and improve access to services and support so that they can be equal members of society.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

## No. 104, Thursday 4 March 2021

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by a member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**4. Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-24057—That the Parliament agrees that the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 56).

**5. Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24038—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**6. Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day 2021: #ChooseToChallenge:** The Parliament debated International Women's Day 2021: #ChooseToChallenge.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.30 pm.

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

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

**No. 105, Tuesday 9 March 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Gary Noonan, Minister, Houston and Killellan Kirk, Renfrewshire, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 4. Climate Change Plan:** Gillian Martin, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, moved S5M-24300—That the Parliament notes the reports of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, the Local Government and Communities Committee and the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on the Scottish Government document, *Securing a green recovery on a path to net zero: climate change plan 2018-2032*.

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

- 5. Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) 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.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

- 6. Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-24318—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

- 7. Committee Announcement:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Education and Skills Committee, made an announcement on Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

- 8. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24331—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Wednesday 10 March 2021—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

insert

*followed by* Motion of No Confidence

delete

6.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

8.00 pm Decision Time

delete

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) Thursday 11 March 2021—

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

**10. Upstart Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-24252 in the name of Beatrice Wishart—That the Parliament notes the calls from Upstart Scotland for the reform of early primary school education and the introduction of a statutory kindergarten stage up to age seven; recognises the work of campaigners across the country to further the campaign, which was launched in 2016; notes the evidence presented by Upstart Scotland, which suggested that children under seven, in Shetland and across Scotland, could benefit from an approach that supports their wider physical, emotional, social and cognitive development, and that this can lead to the best long-term outcomes and attainment, and understands that Upstart Scotland has the support of experts for this, including the Commissioner for Children and Young People, academics, doctors, charity directors and frontline education professionals.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

## No. 106, Wednesday 10 March 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**2. Motion of No Confidence:** Miles Briggs moved S5M-24260—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Deputy First Minister, in light of the Scottish Government's continued failure to publish legal advice called for in two resolutions of the Parliament on 4 and 25 November 2020.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

**3. University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-24321—That the Parliament agrees that the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24328—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Hate Crime and Public Order (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

Groups 3 and 4: 2 hours and 10 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 2 hours and 55 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 11, 13, 34, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 12, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 14 (For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
- 24 (For 70, Against 49, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 4 (For 53, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 32 (For 30, Against 89, Abstentions 1)
- 33 (For 30, Against 90, Abstentions 1)
- 5 (For 53, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 30, Against 91, Abstentions 1)
- 11G (For 51, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
- 11B (For 36, Against 84, Abstentions 1)
- 11C (For 34, Against 86, Abstentions 1)
- 11D (For 52, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 11F (For 52, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 17 (For 51, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 35 (For 34, Against 85, Abstentions 1)
- 36 (For 34, Against 84, Abstentions 1)
- 37 (For 34, Against 85, Abstentions 1)
- 21 (For 24, Against 95, Abstentions 1)
- 38 (For 33, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 42 (For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11E, 15, 26, 39, 40, 41 and 31.

The Presiding Officer extended the first time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit (and, as a result, subsequent time limits) by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice to suspend the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit (and, as a result, subsequent time limits) by up to a further 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**6. Motion Without Notice:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved without notice that, under Rule 9.8.5C, the remaining Stage 3 proceedings on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill be adjourned to a later day.



The motion was agreed to.

**7. Financial Services Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-24324—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Financial Services Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 21 October 2020, relating to amendments to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, 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. Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-24323—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 20 May 2020, relating to Scottish Ministers' executive competence with regard to the release of terrorism offenders from custodial sentences, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Business Programme:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24339—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Global Capital Investment Plan

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (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 17 March 2021 (Hybrid)

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: ScotRail

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Testing Strategy - Update

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Urgent SPCB Questions

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Public Petitions System Changes

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Equalities and Human Rights Committee Remit

6.20 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 18 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance Order

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Harms

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to Private and Hybrid Bill Procedures

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes in Relation to Revised Accompanying Documents for Emergency Bills

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to the Financial Scrutiny Provisions

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.35 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Reflections and Next Steps

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.20 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Motion of Thanks

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 March 2021, 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.

**10. Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24341—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/72) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24342—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/74) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24343—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Fees) Amendment Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24344—That the Parliament agrees that the Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14 Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24345—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15 Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24346—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (Supplemental Provisions) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16 Committee Meeting Times:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24347—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the COVID-19 Committee, Education and Skills Committee, Finance and Constitution Committee, Local Government and Communities Committee, Public Petitions Committee and Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 9.16 pm.

**No. 107, Thursday 11 March 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24357—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Thursday 11 March 2021—

after

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-24322—That the Parliament agrees that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 32, Abstentions 4).

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Stage 3 Timetable:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24355—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (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 4: 40 minutes

Groups 5 and 6: 1 hour 30 minutes

Group 7: 2 hours 30 minutes

Groups 8 and 9: 2 hours 45 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19A, 19B, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 48, 28, 29, 30, 31, 51, 32A, 32 and 33.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

39 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
40 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
41 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
42 (For 28, Against 88, Abstentions 0)  
43 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
18 (For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0)  
19C (For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
44 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
45 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 34, 35.

The following amendments were not moved: 36, 37, 38, 20, 46, 47, 49 and 50.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 7.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-24338—That the Parliament agrees that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**9. Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Appointment:** Margaret Mitchell, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S5M-24333—That the Parliament nominates Dr Brian Plastow to Her Majesty The Queen, for appointment as the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** Miles Briggs, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24340—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

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

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

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

**No. 108, Tuesday 16 March 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev David T Young, Parish Minister and Team Leader, Helensburgh Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Global Capital Investment Plan.
- 5. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24379—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (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 6: 1 hour

Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours and 15 minutes

Groups 11 to 14: 3 hours and 10 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 36, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 37, 38, 14, 15, 40, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 42, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 43, 44, 30, 45, 46, 47, 48, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 3 (For 85, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 86, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 83, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 84, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
- 39 (For 87, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
- 41 (For 86, Against 24, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 49 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.



The following amendments were not moved: 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation)**

**(Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved S5M-24369—That the Parliament agrees that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 7.18 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**10. Support for People with Learning Disabilities During the COVID-19**

**Pandemic:** The Parliament debated S5M-23746 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament notes with concern issues relating to support for people who have learning disabilities in the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that sufficient data on infection and mortality rates of people who have learning disabilities has not been made available despite repeated calls for this to be collated and published, and given that similar data exists for England; understands that, in its recent research on general mortality rates for people who have learning disabilities, the Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory found that people who have a learning disability die 20 years younger than their peers, and children who have a learning disability are 12 times more likely to die than their peers; understands that routine COVID-19 testing for staff who support people who have learning disabilities outwith care home settings remains unavailable; further notes concerns that it understands have been raised by the Mental Welfare Commission over a lack of clarity in guardian awareness of do-not-resuscitate forms, given further evidence from England suggesting a rise in blanket do-not-resuscitate forms for people who have learning disabilities, and notes the belief that people who have a learning disability in Dumbarton and across Scotland must be treated as a priority group in terms of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in order to support and protect this group of citizens and their family carers.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

## No. 109, Wednesday 17 March 2021

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

**1. The Human Right to a Healthy Environment:** The Parliament debated S5M-24212 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament notes the recommendations of the First Minister’s Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership, which were published in 2018; welcomes the subsequent establishment of the Scottish Government’s National Taskforce for Human Rights, which has focused on developing these into specific recommendations for legislation; looks forward to receiving the Taskforce’s recommendations and to advancing the discussion of how to further human rights in Scotland’s devolved context; notes the view that the concept of a Human Right to a Healthy Environment must be central to these developments, given what it considers has been the recent progress in international thinking on environmental rights, including the UN’s Special Rapporteur’s “16 principles”; notes what it sees as the unequal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been in putting important aspects of environmental rights in the spotlight, including the need to care for global biodiversity and the importance of access to good quality and local greenspace, particularly as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill progresses through the Parliament; acknowledges the importance of the right to a healthy environment for children and young people’s human rights, including in Cunninghame South, and welcomes the reported plan to bring forward proposals for a human rights bill in the next parliamentary session, to help underpin what it believes is Scotland’s role as a world leader on environmental matters.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland’s Railway.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland’s Testing Strategy – Update.

**5. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24394—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (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: 30 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour

Groups 6 and 7: 1 hour and 30 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Domestic Abuse (Protection) (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, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 7, 8 and 24.

Amendment 23 was disagreed to (by division: For 24, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-24381—That the Parliament agrees that the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Reappointment of Scottish Land Commissioners:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-24383—That the Parliament notes the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee's 3rd Report 2021 (Session 5), *Scottish Land Commission – Reappointment of Commissioners* (SP Paper 936); welcomes the committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the reappointment of Professor David Adams and Ms Megan MacInnes as Commissioners to the Scottish Land Commission for an additional three-year term, and approves the reappointments as required by Section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Urgent SPCB Questions:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24366—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Urgent Questions to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body* (SP Paper 975), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Public Petitions System Changes:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24365—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 7th Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Public Petitions*

*System* (SP Paper 974), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

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

**11. Equalities and Human Rights Committee Remit:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24374—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Equalities and Human Rights Committee Remit* (SP Paper 965), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

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

**12. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24397—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 March 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: COVID-19: Reflections and Next Steps

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implications of the administration of Greensill Capital UK for Businesses in Scotland

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.35 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 March 2021 (Hybrid)

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Motion of thanks

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 March 2021, 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.

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24398—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**14. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24399—That the Parliament agrees, with effect from 12 May 2021—

(A) the following temporary rules under rule 17.1A—

### **Temporary Rule 1**

#### **Election of the Presiding Officer and deputy Presiding Officers**

1. This Rule applies to the election of the Presiding Officer and any deputy Presiding Officers to be held at the beginning of Session 6 by virtue of Rules 3.2 and 3.3. It ceases to apply on 30 June 2021.

2. Any meeting of the Parliament convened for this purpose may be held in the Debating Chamber of the Parliament, Holyrood, or at any other location within Holyrood as may be determined by the Presiding Officer, and members shall be notified of that location or locations.

3. A member may, at any time during the period which is not earlier than 90 mins and not later than 30 minutes before the time appointed for the beginning of the voting period for Presiding Officer or, as the case may be, the first voting period for deputy Presiding Officer, nominate a candidate for appointment as the Presiding Officer or a deputy Presiding Officer by submitting a written nomination to the Clerk. A nomination shall be valid only if it is seconded by another member.

4. The vote at an election shall be by secret ballot and shall be held during the voting period appointed under Rule 3.2 or 3.3. Where there is more than one candidate, there may be more than one round of voting in accordance with paragraphs 13 to 18.

5. The result of any vote under this Rule is valid only if the number of members who voted is more than one quarter of the total number of seats for members. For this purpose, in calculating the number of members who voted—

(a) account shall be taken not only of those voting for or against a candidate, but also of those voting to abstain; and

(b) where there is more than one round of voting the result of each round of voting shall be treated as a separate result and the number of members who voted shall be taken to be the total number who voted in that round.

If the result of any vote at an election is invalid under this Rule, no candidate shall be elected at that election.

6. Each candidate may appoint a member to act as a scrutineer on that candidate's behalf. Each scrutineer may monitor the counting of votes by the Clerk and may request the Clerk to perform a count again. The Clerk may refuse such a request only if the Clerk considers it unreasonable.

7. Members may participate in the election of the Presiding Officer or any deputy Presiding Officer in person or remotely by video conference hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation.

8. Any member may, at the beginning of a round of voting, obtain a ballot paper from the Clerk, either in person or, where a member is participating remotely, by electronic means.

9. Any member who obtains a ballot paper in person shall immediately mark that member's vote on that ballot paper and then put the ballot paper in the ballot box provided for that purpose by the Clerk. That member may not thereafter obtain another ballot paper or vote during that round of voting.

10. Where a member is participating remotely, the Clerk shall facilitate the process and in doing so shall ensure the secrecy and confidentiality of it. The member shall use such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation for this purpose.

11. Any member participating remotely shall obtain a ballot paper from the Clerk by electronic means. Once the ballot paper has been received, the member shall immediately indicate to the Clerk the voting intention of that member. The Clerk shall mark that member's vote on a ballot paper in accordance with that member's voting intention, verify with that member that the ballot paper has been marked correctly and then put the ballot paper in the ballot box provided for that purpose. That member may not thereafter obtain another ballot paper or vote during that round of voting.

12. Where there is only one candidate in a round of voting, a member may vote for or against that candidate or to abstain. At the completion of that round of voting the Clerk shall count the votes and inform the person chairing the meeting of the number of votes for the candidate, the number of votes against the candidate and the

number of votes to abstain. The candidate shall be elected if a simple majority of votes in the candidate's favour is obtained.

13. Where there is more than one candidate in a round of voting, a member may vote for one of those candidates or to abstain. At the completion of each round of voting in which there is more than one candidate, the Clerk shall count the votes and inform the person chairing the meeting of the number of votes for each candidate and the number of votes to abstain.

14. Where there are two candidates in a round of voting, a candidate shall be elected if a simple majority of votes in that candidate's favour is obtained.

15. Where there are more than two candidates in a round of voting and the number of votes for one candidate exceeds the total number of votes for all the other candidates, that candidate shall be elected.

16. Where there are more than two candidates in a round of voting but no candidate is elected under paragraph 9, the candidate or candidates with the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated and there shall then be a further round or rounds of voting until—

(a) a candidate is elected in accordance with paragraph 12, 14 or 15;

(b) paragraph 17 applies; or

(c) the result of any vote is invalid under this Rule.

17. Where in any round of voting the candidates all receive the same number of votes no candidate shall be elected at that election.

18. A candidate may withdraw that candidate's candidature at any stage between the rounds of voting mentioned in paragraphs 13 to 16.

19. In counting the votes, the Clerk may disregard any ballot paper if, in the Clerk's opinion, it does not clearly indicate the voter's choice.

20. When a candidate has been elected in accordance with this Rule the person chairing the meeting shall announce the name of the candidate who has been elected. The person chairing the meeting shall also announce—

(a) after the count in a case where the provisions of paragraph 12 apply, the number of votes for and against the candidate and the number of votes to abstain; and

(b) after the count in any other case, the number of votes for each candidate, the number of votes to abstain and the name of any candidate who has been eliminated at that round.

21. Where no candidate is elected at an election held in accordance with this Rule, the person chairing the meeting shall announce that fact and arrange for another

election to be held as soon as possible. The Clerk shall notify members of the day and time appointed for the voting period at that election.

21. Following a declaration that a candidate has been elected or that no candidate has been elected, the Clerk shall destroy all the ballot papers.

22. Where provisions contained in this temporary rule are in conflict with other standing order provisions, those in the temporary rule have precedence.

## **Temporary Rule 2**

### **Oath of allegiance**

1. This Rule applies to the administration of the oath of allegiance or a solemn affirmation at the beginning of Session 6. It ceases to apply on 30 June 2021.

2. Every person who is returned as a member shall take the oath of allegiance or shall make a solemn affirmation at a meeting of the Parliament before the Clerk. Taking the oath of allegiance or making a solemn affirmation can include appearing before the Clerk remotely by video-conference, hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation. A member shall not take part in any other proceedings of the Parliament until that member has done so.

3. A member may, immediately after taking the oath or making a solemn affirmation, repeat the oath or affirmation in a language other than English.

4. The member shall then sign a register kept by the Clerk for the purpose, indicating that the member has taken the oath or, as the case may be, made a solemn affirmation. Where a member has taken the oath of allegiance or made a solemn affirmation remotely, they shall sign the register at the earliest possible opportunity after doing so.

5. The Parliament's power under section 84(3) (where a member fails to take the oath of allegiance) to decide, before the end of the period of two months within which a member must take the oath or make a solemn affirmation, to allow that member a longer period to do so is exercisable on a motion of any member. The motion is valid only if it is seconded by another member.

6. In these Rules, "oath of allegiance" means the oath in the form provided in section 2 of the Promissory Oaths Act 1868 (c.72) and "solemn affirmation" means the affirmation in the form provided in section 6(1) of the Oaths Act 1978 (c.19).

7. Where provisions contained in the temporary rule are in conflict with other standing order provisions, those in the temporary rule have precedence.

## **Temporary Rule 3**

### **Access to the public gallery**



1. In light of the ongoing public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19, members of the public shall not be admitted to the public gallery during any meeting of the Parliament from the date of dissolution until either such time as the newly elected Parliamentary corporation has taken a decision on public access to the Parliament, Holyrood or 30 June 2021, whichever is the earlier.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the Presiding Officer may decide to admit members of the public to the public gallery in advance of those timescales if relevant legislation and public health guidance allow for it.
3. Where provisions contained in the temporary rule are in conflict with other standing order provisions, those in the temporary rule have precedence.

(B) that, where provisions contained in the temporary rules are in conflict with other standing order provisions, those in the temporary rules have precedence.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24400—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/86) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24401—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24402—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24403—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/89) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24404—That the

Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**20. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24405—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**21. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24406—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**22. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24407—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**23. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24408—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/107) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**24. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24409—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/111) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**25. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24411—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/81) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**26. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24412—That the

Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**27. Referral of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24410—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**28. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.26 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**29. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 as noted above.

**30. 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz:** The Parliament debated S5M-24111 in the name of Gil Paterson—That the Parliament recognises that, on the evenings of 13 and 14 March 1941, Clydebank was extensively and systematically bombed; acknowledges that the Clydebank Blitz saw 99% of all houses in the town damaged or razed to the ground and that the devastating and tragic event caused 528 deaths, left 617 seriously injured and resulted in untold numbers of walking wounded; believes that, although the targets were reputed to be shipyards and the substantial industrial complexes in the locality, it was the town that bore the brunt of this intensive bombing; acknowledges and commends the action of the many in the emergency services and the general public for their considerable bravery; expresses its gratitude to the crew of the Polish Navy destroyer, ORP Piorun, who courageously and voluntarily drew fire on the vessel as it was docked for a refit at John Brown's shipyard, and notes that this act of selfless bravery is recognised by the people of Clydebank who have dedicated a civic space in their honour, which is known as Solidarity Plaza and is adjacent to the town hall, where an annual service of commemoration is held to both thank and acknowledge the brave contribution of the Polish Navy.

**31. Motion Without Notice:** Gil Paterson 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 7.26 pm.

**No. 110, Thursday 18 March 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24423—

That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 18 March 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**4. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]:** The Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-24395—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Harms:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S5M-24396—That the Parliament recognises that almost 3,400 people in Scotland have lost their lives to drug misuse in the last three years; believes that this scale of loss of life is not only a tragedy on the friends and families left behind, but is also a mark of shame on the nation; notes the Scottish Government's proposal to lead a national mission to reduce drug deaths and harms, and to agree that this is a public health emergency requiring partnership working and concerted action at all levels of public life, and welcomes the announcement of significant increased funding to support this national mission to be invested in a range of areas that will have the biggest impact in getting individuals into treatment and keeping them alive.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S5M-24396.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24396 in the name of Angela Constance (National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Harms), insert “; welcomes the Scottish Government's acknowledgement that more should have been done sooner to tackle Scotland's tragic rate of drug deaths; notes the Scottish Government's change in stance towards funding for residential rehabilitation and welcomes the additional £20 million of funding per year for facilities, which the Scottish Conservatives have repeatedly requested; believes that there needs to be more focus on long-term recovery programmes,

including non-pharmaceutical and abstinence-based treatments, and calls for easier access to services and cross-portfolio working towards future prevention measures.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 69, Abstentions 1).

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-24396.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24396 in the name of Angela Constance (National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Harms), insert at end “; acknowledges that additional resources are necessary after years of funding cuts to services; supports the use of public health interventions such as safe consumption facilities to prevent overdoses and save lives; considers that the resources of the police and criminal justice system should be focused on preventing supply of harmful drugs in Scotland's communities and ensuring that vulnerable drug users are not exposed to unnecessary court action; notes that the scale of drugs deaths in Scotland is the highest in the UK, and believes that, as well as preventing deaths, there is a need to deliver improvements in treatment options and the availability of same-day treatment for those who seek help with substance misuse.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S5M-24396.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-24396 in the name of Angela Constance (National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Harms), insert at end “; calls on the next Scottish administration to coordinate a plan for a Scotland-wide network of heroin-assisted treatment facilities, and agrees to work towards diverting people caught in possession of drugs for personal use into treatment and ceasing imprisonment in these cases, helping save lives.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that almost 3,400 people in Scotland have lost their lives to drug misuse in the last three years; believes that this scale of loss of life is not only a tragedy on the friends and families left behind, but is also a mark of shame on the nation; notes the Scottish Government's proposal to lead a national mission to reduce drug deaths and harms, and to agree that this is a public health emergency requiring partnership working and concerted action at all levels of public life; welcomes the announcement of significant increased funding to support this national mission to be invested in a range of areas that will have the biggest impact in getting individuals into treatment and keeping them alive; acknowledges that additional resources are necessary after years of funding cuts to services; supports the use of public health interventions such as safe consumption facilities to prevent overdoses and save lives; considers that the

resources of the police and criminal justice system should be focused on preventing supply of harmful drugs in Scotland's communities and ensuring that vulnerable drug users are not exposed to unnecessary court action; notes that the scale of drugs deaths in Scotland is the highest in the UK; believes that, as well as preventing deaths, there is a need to deliver improvements in treatment options and the availability of same-day treatment for those who seek help with substance misuse; calls on the next Scottish administration to coordinate a plan for a Scotland-wide network of heroin-assisted treatment facilities, and agrees to work towards diverting people caught in possession of drugs for personal use into treatment and ceasing imprisonment in these cases, helping save lives.

**6. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on what the Scottish Government's response is to Lothian Buses stopping its services at 7.30pm on 17 March in response to reported incidents where buses have been attacked and staff endangered, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson).

**7. Changes to Private and Hybrid Bill Procedures:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24364—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 6th Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Private and Hybrid Bill Procedures* (SP Paper 973), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Changes in Relation to Revised Accompanying Documents for Emergency Bills:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24391—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Delegated Powers Memorandum and Emergency Bills* (SP Paper 987), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Changes to the Financial Scrutiny Provisions:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24375—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 3rd Report 2021 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes on the Financial Scrutiny of Bills* (SP Paper 964), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 12 May 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Code of Conduct – Register of Interests – Gifts Threshold:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-24359—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 5th Report 2021 (Session 5), *Code of Conduct - Register*

*of Interests – Gifts Threshold* (SP Paper 972), and agrees that the proposed changes come into effect on 6 May 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

**No. 111, Tuesday 23 March 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Richard Holloway led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24452—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 23 March 2021—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Motion of No Confidence

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implications of the administration of Greensill Capital UK for Businesses in Scotland

(b) Wednesday 24 March 2021—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implications of the Administration of Greensill Capital UK for Businesses in Scotland

delete

6.20 pm Decision Time

insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Reflections and Next Steps.



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

**5. Motion of No Confidence:** Ruth Davidson moved S5M-24292—That the Parliament has no confidence in the First Minister, in light of confirmation that the Scottish Government ignored legal advice on its prospects of success in Alex Salmond’s judicial review case, and multiple credible witnesses indicating that the First Minister misled the Parliament.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to (by division: For 31, Against 65, Abstentions 27).

**6. European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 3 and 6.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 1.

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 4 and 5.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** Andy Wightman moved S5M-24238—That the Parliament agrees that the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24441—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tied Pubs (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
Group 4 to 6:	1 hour and 15 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 9 and 1.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 2, 3, 4, 12 and 11.

The following amendments were not moved: 5, 6, 13, 8 and 10.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**10. Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** Neil Bibby moved S5M-24271—That the Parliament agrees that the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-24453—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/117) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 7.21 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**13. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 10 and 11 as noted above.

**14. Stories of Hope Report, Scottish Churches Provide Support in Lockdown:** The Parliament debated S5M-23618 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, Stories of Hope, produced by the Evangelical Alliance and Serve Scotland, which has calculated that churches across Scotland have provided 212,214 acts of support during lockdown; understands that these acts were delivered by over 3,000 volunteers and impacted over 55,000 beneficiaries; acknowledges that churches in 180 locations across Scotland worked in partnership with key stakeholders, including supermarkets, community councils, NHS boards, food banks, voluntary support groups and charities, to deliver services to support vulnerable groups, including older, homeless and young people; recognises the important role that it considers churches and charities play in communities across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, and praises all those involved in delivering these services during the pandemic.

The meeting closed at 8.11 pm.

**No. 112, Wednesday 24 March 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills and then on Health and Sport and then on Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Implications of the Administration of Greensill Capital UK for Businesses in Scotland.
- 4. Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

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

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

- 5. Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** Emma Harper moved S5M-24270—That the Parliament agrees that the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

- 6. Motion of Thanks:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-24442—That the Parliament expresses its thanks to its Presiding Officer, Ken Macintosh, for his service to the Parliament and pays tribute to all of those Members who are standing down at the end of this session.

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

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

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

**No. 113, Monday 12 April 2021**

The meeting opened at 11.00 am.

**1. Motion of Condolence:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-24471—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; conveys its sincere condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family for their loss; acknowledges the deep respect and affection in which His Royal Highness was held in Scotland, and expresses gratitude for his outstanding contribution over many decades to public life in Scotland, his support for a wide variety of Scottish institutions and for a lifetime of dedicated service to the people of Scotland.

The motion was debated.

The meeting closed at 11.25 pm.

## Annex A: Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

11 May 2020

**Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in connection with coronavirus; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 71) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Russell

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 71-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 71-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 71-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 71-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

14 May 2020

**Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to increase penalties and provide additional powers to investigate and enforce the offence of livestock worrying, and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 72) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Emma Harper

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 72-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 72-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 72-PM), and statements on legislative competence. (SP Bill 72-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

21 May 2020

**Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to impose an extendable time limit on the period during which a person charged with an offence in connection with causing or contributing to a death can instruct a post-mortem examination. (SP Bill 73) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Gil Paterson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 73-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 73-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 73-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 73-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 June 2020

**Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision requiring the making of regulations under section 27 of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 licensing the activity of dog breeding; to make provision as to registration of litters of puppies born other than as part of the licensed activity if puppies are to be sold or given away; to make provision as to a code of practice in relation to acquisition of dogs as pets; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 74) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Christine Grahame

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 74-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 74-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 74-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 74-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law relating to culpable homicide; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 75) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Claire Baker

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 75-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 75-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 75-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 75-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to protect private sector tenants by introducing measures to limit rent increases, to allow a tenant to apply for a fair rent to be determined, and to increase the availability of public information about private rent levels in Scotland. (SP Bill 76) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Pauline McNeill

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 76-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 76-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 76-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 76-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

18 June 2020

**UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for Scotland in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, in particular to enable provision to be made that corresponds to provision in EU law after the United Kingdom's withdrawal; to establish guiding principles on the environment and to require public authorities to have regard to those principles in developing policies; to establish a body with the functions of ensuring compliance by public authorities with environmental law and monitoring the effectiveness of environmental law in protecting and improving the environment; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 77) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Russell

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 77-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 77-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 77-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 77-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

24 June 2020

**Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable the Parliament to make provision by resolution for payments to registered political parties for the purpose of assisting members of the Parliament who are connected with the parties to perform their Parliamentary duties. (SP Bill 78) (Committee Bill)

Introduced by: Bill Kidd (on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 78-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 78-FM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 78-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

13 August 2020

**Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a scheme of financial redress and related support for and in respect of survivors of historical child abuse in certain residential care settings in Scotland; to establish Redress Scotland and provide for its functions; to make provision for reporting by certain persons in relation to their redress activity; to make provision for the dissolution of the National Confidential Forum; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 79) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 79-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 79-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 79-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 79-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 September 2020

**United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to incorporate in Scots law rights and obligations set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; to make related provision to ensure compliance with duties relating to the Convention; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 80) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 80-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 80-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 80-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 80-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 September 2020

**Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about restricting pre-release access to official statistics; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 81) (Committee Bill)

Introduced by: Gordon Lindhurst (On behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 81-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 81-FM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 81-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 September 2020

**University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to repeal paragraph 17 of schedule 6 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966. (SP Bill 82) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Jeane Freeman

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 82-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 82-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 82-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 82-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

30 September 2020

**Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the Scottish Ministers to

introduce, and to implement, a National Transitions Strategy to improve outcomes for disabled children and young people in the transition to adulthood; to require the Scottish Ministers to assign to a member of the Scottish 5 Government, or to a junior Scottish Minister, special responsibility in relation to the exercise of their functions under this Act; and to require local authorities to introduce a transitions plan for each disabled child and young person to ensure that each disabled child and young person receives appropriate care and support before, and during, the transition to adulthood. (SP Bill 83) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Johann Lamont

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 83-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 83-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 83-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 82-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 October 2020

**Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for domestic abuse protection notices and orders for the purpose of protecting a person from abusive behaviour by the person's partner or ex-partner; and to make provision for the termination of Scottish secure tenancies in cases involving behaviour by a tenant which is abusive of the tenant's partner or ex-partner. (SP Bill 84) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 84-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 84-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 84-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 84-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

13 November 2020

**Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to allow the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland to investigate complaints of past sexual harassment made about members of the Parliament in respect of behaviour towards members of their own staff; to remove the default time limit for making complaints to the Commissioner; and to remove any requirement for the complainer's signature. (SP Bill 85) (Committee Bill)

Introduced by: Bill Kidd (on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 85-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 85-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 85-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 85-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

16 November 2020

**Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for measures relating to protection against coronavirus to apply to the ordinary general election for membership of the Scottish Parliament due to be held on 6 May 2021 (SP Bill 86) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Russell



Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 86-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 86-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 86-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 86-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

## **Annex B: Subordinate Legislation**

### **Made affirmative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the made affirmative procedure—

28 May 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/164)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

8 June 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/169)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/170)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

9 June 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/171)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

18 June 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/182)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

22 June 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/184)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

25 June 2020

Social Care Staff Support Fund (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/188)

laid under paragraph 7(4)(a) of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

26 June 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/190)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

2 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/199)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

3 July 2020

Care Homes Emergency Intervention Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/201)

laid under section 65B of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

9 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/210)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

10 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/209)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning

with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

14 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/211)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

15 July 2020

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/215)

laid under section 68(4) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 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

27 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/221)

laid under sections section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

28 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/229)

laid under sections 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

31 July 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/232)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/233)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

5 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Aberdeen City) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/234)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

7 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/235)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/236)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

13 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/241)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

14 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/242)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

21 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/251)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/252)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

24 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Aberdeen City) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/253)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

27 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/261)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/262)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

28 August 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/263)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

2 September 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/271)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

4 September 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/274)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

11 September 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/279)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/280)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

15 September 2020

Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/284)

laid under paragraph 8(2) of schedule 14 of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 40 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

25 September 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/300)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/301)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

2 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/307)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

9 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Additional Temporary Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/318)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning

with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

15 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Additional Temporary Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/325) laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

16 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/326) laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

20 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328) laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

22 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Additional Temporary Measures) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/329) laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

23 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/330) laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

30 October 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/343) laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning



with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/344)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

2 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/347)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

6 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/354)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

9 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/358)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

12 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/374)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

13 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/378)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

20 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/389)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 and paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

24 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/392)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

26 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/400)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

30 November 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/404)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

3 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/415)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

9 December 2020

Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/421)  
laid under paragraph 8(2) of schedule 14 of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 40 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

10 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (2020/425)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (2020/427)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

11 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Public Health Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/431)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

17 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/439)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

18 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Public Health Information) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/444)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

21 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/452)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

23 December 2020

Social Care Staff Support Fund (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/469)

laid under paragraph 7(4) of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than four days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/471)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

24 December 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/474)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

5 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/1)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

6 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/3)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

8 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/5)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

11 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/6)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning

with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

12 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/7)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

14 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/17)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

15 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/19)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/20)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

18 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/21)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

19 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/25)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

22 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel, Public Health Information and Pre-Departure Testing) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/34)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/35)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

28 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/49)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Personal Protective Equipment (Temporary Arrangements) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/50)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

29 January 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel, Prohibition on Travel from the United Arab Emirates) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/52)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/54)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

11 February 2021

Rural Support (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/72)  
laid under Article 115C(2) of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on

which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

15 February 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/74)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 and paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

18 February 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/81)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

19 February 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/86)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/89)

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

25 February 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Managed Accommodation and Testing etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/107)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

26 February 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/111)

under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

4 March 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/117)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

11 March 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

22 March 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

24 March 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period 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—

18 May 2020

Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 133(2C)(b) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

27 May 2020

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020

1 June 2020

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]



laid under section 32(2) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

3 June 2020

Local Government Finance (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

5 June 2020

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 37 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986, then withdrawn

12 June 2020

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
re-laid under section 37 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

25 June 2020

Abertay University and Robert Gordon University (Change of Names) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 103(5) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 33(3) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Representation of the People (Electoral Registers Publication Date) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

13 July 2020

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Climate Change Act 2008

10 August 2020

Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 18(11) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 115(1) and paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

21 August 2020

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 62(3)(a) of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

24 August 2020

Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 12(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

28 August 2020

Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 165(5) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

31 August 2020

Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 3(9) of schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998

3 September 2020

Insolvency Act 1986 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 22(3) of schedule ZA1 of the Insolvency Act 1986

8 September 2020

Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

11 September 2020

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Children's Advocacy Services) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 122(6) and 197(2) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

16 September 2020

Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

17 September 2020

Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 1(2) of the Census Act 1920

23 September 2020

Human Tissue (Excepted Body Parts) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 59(3)(ab) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

24 September 2020

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020

29 September 2020

Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (Scotland)  
Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

6 October 2020

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order  
2021 [draft]  
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

15 October 2020

Valuation (Postponement of Revaluation) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 37(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

16 October 2020

UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations  
2020 [draft]  
laid under section 32(2) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act  
2020

21 October 2020

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998 and section  
156(4)(j) and (ja) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

28 October 2020

Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020  
[draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

29 October 2020

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor  
General for Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and  
section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. and South of Scotland Enterprise  
(Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

3 November 2020

Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations  
2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act  
1972 and paragraph 1(1) and (3) of schedule 2 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

Island Communities Impact Assessments (Publication and Review of Decisions)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 29(2)(b) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

4 November 2020

Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 22 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

5 November 2020

Direct Payments to Farmers (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations  
2020 [draft]  
laid under sections 2(3), 3(4) and 4(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law  
and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Common Agricultural Policy (Less Favoured Area Support) (EU Exit) (Scotland)  
Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018 and sections 2(3), 3(4) and 4(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law  
and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

9 November 2020

Feed (Transfer of Functions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations  
2020 [draft]  
laid under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972

11 November 2020

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act  
1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

12 November 2020

Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants (Residence Requirements and Procedural Provisions) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and paragraphs 2 and 2A of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions, Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

13 November 2020

Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

18 November 2020

Feed (Transfer of Functions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972

Common Agricultural Policy (Less Favoured Area Support) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and sections 2(3), 3(4) and 4(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 22 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

19 November 2020

Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(1) and (3) of schedule 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

20 November 2020

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of the Repairing Standard) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criteria) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 86(2A) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

Rural Development (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018 and sections 2(3), 3(4) and 4(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law  
and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

24 November 2020

Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 24  
November 2020.*

26 November 2020

Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

30 November 2020

Criminal Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Counter-Terrorism and Border  
Security) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants (Residence Requirements  
and Procedural Provisions) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and  
paragraphs 2 and 2A of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

*The instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 30 November 2020 and is  
subject to the affirmative procedure.*

2 December 2020

Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 253B(7) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Supplementary Provisions) Order 2021  
[draft]  
laid under section 33(3) of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

7 December 2020

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland)  
Amendment Order 2020 [draft]  
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act  
2014

11 December 2020

Agricultural Holdings (Relinquishment and Assignment) (Application to Relevant  
Partnerships) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 91(4) of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003

14 December 2020

Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 275(7BA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under sections 3A(3) and 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

17 December 2020

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 126(3)(b) of the Land Reform Scotland Act 2016

18 December 2020

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2021 [draft]

laid under sections 177(4) and 197 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

23 December 2020

Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

11 January 2021

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type B Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 59(3)(ad) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

12 January 2021

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

14 January 2021

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 165(5) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

15 January 2021

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 126(3)(b) of the Land Reform Scotland Act 2016

18 January 2021

Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 17(3) of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004  
19 January 2021

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Property Factors (Code of Conduct) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 14(4) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011

20 January 2021

Low Emission Zones (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 128(2) and (3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

21 January 2021

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

22 January 2021

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Allocation of Functions) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

Registers of Scotland (Fees) Amendment Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 116(3)(l) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

26 January 2021

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (Supplemental Provisions) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 88(2) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 42(2) of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002



28 January 2021

Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 225 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

29 January 2021

Community Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 15(5) of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act  
2020

4 February 2021

Sea Fishing (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 8F(5) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

5 February 2021

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraphs 1(6) and 8F(5) of schedule 7 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

9 February 2021

Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

10 February 2021

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021  
[draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under sections 150(2) and 150A(2A) of the Social Security Administration  
Act 1992

12 February 2021

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021  
[draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

15 February 2021

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraphs 1(6) and 8F(5) of schedule 7 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

17 February 2021

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

24 February 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 12(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section  
9(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

25 February 2021

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020

26 February 2021

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021  
[draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 26  
February 2021.*

3 March 2021

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraphs 1(6) and 8F(5) of schedule 7 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 3  
March 2021.*

4 March 2021

Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020.

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 4  
March 2021.*

10 March 2021

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance  
Act 1992

18 March 2021

Sea Fishing (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 [draft]

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 18 March 2021.*

### **Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and  
are subject to the negative procedure—

7 May 2020

Census (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/143)  
laid under section 3(2) of the Census Act 1920

14 May 2020

Education (Deemed Decisions) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/149)  
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

15 May 2020

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Scottish Public Authorities) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/146)  
laid under section 72(2)(a) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Adults with Incapacity (Ethics Committee) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/151)  
laid under section 86(1) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/148)  
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/150)  
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/152)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

18 May 2020

Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/153)  
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

20 May 2020

Marine Works and Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/157)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

21 May 2020

Food Information and Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/156)  
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

29 May 2020

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/163)  
laid under sections 125(4) of the Police Act 1997 and section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Seed and Plant Material (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/165)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

11 June 2020

Glasgow Caledonian University Amendment Order of Council 2020 (SSI 2020/172)  
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

15 June 2020

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/175)  
laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

16 June 2020

Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/176)  
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

22 June 2020

Period Products in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/183)  
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

16 July 2020

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/213)  
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

17 July 2020

Personal Independence Payment (Transitional Provisions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/218)  
laid under section 94(7) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012

29 July 2020

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/230)  
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

11 August 2020

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/239)  
laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

14 August 2020

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/240)  
laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

20 August 2020

Direct Payments to Farmers (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/244)

laid under article 115C(1) of Regulation (EU) 1306/2013

21 August 2020

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/246)

laid under section 326(3) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

24 August 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/249)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 10(4)(b) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

25 August 2020

Town and Country Planning (Emergency Period and Extended Period) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/254)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

27 August 2020

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/258)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

28 August 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Suspension: Muirburn) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/260)

laid under section 11(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

31 August 2020

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/264)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

1 September 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Suspension: Adults with Incapacity) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/267)

laid under section 11(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/268)

laid under section 29(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

4 September 2020

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Reverse Vending Machines)) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/269)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Eviction from Dwelling-houses) (Notice Periods) Modification Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/270)  
laid under paragraph 8(4) of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

9 September 2020

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/275)  
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

14 September 2020

Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/281)  
laid under section 96(5) and (6) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

24 September 2020

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 5 and Saving, Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/294 (C. 25))  
laid under section 61 of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

28 September 2020

Scottish Elections (Details to appear on Election Material) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/297)  
laid under section 156(2) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Scottish Elections (Details to appear on Election Publications) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/298)  
laid under section 110A(10) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and article 72(7) of the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015

1 October 2020

Glasgow School of Art Order of Council 2020 (SSI 2020/303)  
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

2 October 2020

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Independent Review of Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/305)  
laid under section 23(1) and 82(1) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

5 October 2020

Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/308)  
laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

Electronic Monitoring (Relevant Disposals) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/309)

laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

6 October 2020

Town and Country Planning, Management of Extractive Waste and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/310)

laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

9 October 2020

Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/314)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

28 October 2020

Insolvency (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/337)

laid under section 22 and paragraph 8D(3) and (4) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

29 October 2020

Criminal Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/339)

laid under paragraphs 1(7) and 8D(4) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

30 October 2020

Social Security (Personal Independence Payment) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/340)

laid under section 94(7) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012

Water and Sewerage Services Undertaking (Borrowing) (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/341)

laid under section 34 of the Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

4 November 2020

Carer's Allowance (Coronavirus) (Breaks in Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/350)

laid under section 176 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

5 November 2020

Common Agricultural Policy (Simplifications and Improvements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/349)

laid under section 2 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

10 November 2020

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, etc. and Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/361)

laid under section 28(3) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

11 November 2020

Fisheries (Technical Conservation Measures) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/367)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Agriculture (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/368)

laid under paragraphs 1(7) and 8F(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

12 November 2020

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/366)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/365)

laid under section 10(9)(a) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

13 November 2020

Food and Feed (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/372)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/376)

laid under section 125(4) of the Police Act 1997 and section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

19 November 2020

Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls (Agriculture) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/380)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Valuation Appeal Committee (Procedure in Civil Penalty Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/382)

laid under Section 15(4) of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1963, and sections 31(7) and 34(5) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Genetically Modified Organisms and Pesticides (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/381)

laid under Schedule 7 paragraph 1(3) European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018



20 November 2020

Criminal Justice and Data Protection (Protocol No. 36) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/386)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/387)  
laid under section 93(12) of the Environment Act 1995

24 November 2020

Aquaculture and Fisheries (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/393)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

25 November 2020

Non-Domestic Rates (Restriction of Relief and Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/391)  
laid under Section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Official Feed and Food Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/398)  
laid under section 2(2) and paragraph 1A of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

26 November 2020

Social Security Co-ordination (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendments etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/399)  
laid under paragraph 1 of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

2 December 2020

Enforcement of Fines (Relevant Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/406)  
laid under section 226I(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

3 December 2020

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (Notifiable Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/408)  
laid under section 122(4) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/409)  
laid under section 161(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/416)  
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

4 December 2020

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Interim Recognition of Different Sex Relationships) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/414 (C. 38))  
laid under section 3(6) of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/413)  
laid under section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

10 December 2020

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/420)  
laid under Section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

11 December 2020

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/419)  
laid under section 29(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Hague Service Convention) (Amendment) 2020 (SSI 2020/423)  
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/424)  
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Agricultural Holdings (Relinquishment and Assignment) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 220/430)  
laid under sections 32B(2), 32D(3), 32G(7) and 32Q(9) of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991

17 December 2020

Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/434)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Charities (Disclosure of Information to Designated Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/435)  
laid under section 25(2)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005(a)

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2020 (SI 2020/1557)  
laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

18 December 2020

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development and Use Classes) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/437)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2020 (SSI 2020/440)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Seed, Plant Propagating Material and Forest Reproductive Material (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/445)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

21 December 2020

Fish Farming Businesses (Reporting) (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/447)  
laid under section 43(2) of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

Children's Hearings (Provision of Information by Principal Reporter) (Specified Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/449)  
laid under sections 195 and 196 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Census (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020 450)  
laid under section 3(2) of the Census Act 1920

Crofting Community Right to Buy (Procedure, Ballots and Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/451)  
laid under section 98(3) and (4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Animals, Food and Feed (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/455)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

22 December 2020

Police Service of Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/453)  
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Police Appeals Tribunals (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/454)  
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

11 January 2021

Parole Board (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/4)  
laid under section 45 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

13 January 2021

Repayment of Student Loans (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/8)  
laid under section 133(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and  
Revocation) (Coronavirus) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/10)

laid under section 29(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

14 January 2021

Common Agricultural Policy (Simplifications and Improvements) (Miscellaneous  
Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/9)

laid under section 2 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland)  
Act 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (SSI  
2021/12)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

General Pharmaceutical Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council  
2021 (SI 2021/26)

laid under article 70(2) of the Pharmacy Order 2010

Health and Care Professions Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules Order of  
Council 2021 (SI 2021/27)

laid under article 42(3) of the Health Professions Order 2001

15 January 2021

Fireworks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/14)

laid under section 16 of the Fireworks Act 2003

18 January 2021

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations  
2021 (SSI 2021/18)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3, Saving and  
Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/23)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010 (for regulation 2) and sections 3(6) and 15(3) of the Civil  
Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (for regulations 3 and 4 respectively)

20 January 2021

Civil Partnership Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland)  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/24)

laid under section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004, as amended by  
section 7(2)(f) of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020

Low Emission Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/26)

laid under section 128 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Crofting Community Right to Buy (Procedure, Ballots and Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/27)  
laid under section 98(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

21 January 2021

Education (Fees and Student Support) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/28)  
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/29)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 122 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

22 January 2021

Special Restrictions on Adoptions from Nigeria (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/30)  
laid under section 117(4) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/31)  
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 34(4) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

25 January 2021

Rural Development (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/33)  
laid under Paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and Section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

26 January 2021

Restorative Justice (Prescribed Persons) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/40)  
laid under section 5(4) of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

28 January 2021

M8 and M9 Trunk Roads (Newbridge to Hermiston Gait) (Actively Managed Hard Shoulder and Speed Limit Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/43)  
laid under Section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018 (Consequential, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/44)  
laid under section 76(1) of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018

29 January 2021

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/48)  
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

1 February 2021

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/51)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/56)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

4 February 2021

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/59)

laid under Section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (S) Act 1956

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/60)

laid under Section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

8 February 2021

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/63)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (District Heating Relief and Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/64)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/65)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

10 February 2021

Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/66)

laid under paragraph 1(1), and (3), and 11(M)(1) of schedule 2 and paragraph 21(b) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

11 February 2021

Food Information (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/70)

laid under Section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Overseas Production Orders) Order 2021 (SI 2021/144)

laid under section 115 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

12 February 2021

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/71)

laid under section 125(4) of the Police Act 1997 and section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/73)  
laid under section 96(4)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

18 February 2021

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/76)

laid under Section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/77)

laid under Section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

19 February 2021

Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/79)

laid under section 16 of the Fireworks Act 2003

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/80)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/82)

laid under section 15A(2)(b) of the Social Security Act 1988

22 February 2021

Plant Health and Plant Propagating Material (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/87)

laid under Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/627 (The Official Controls Regulation) EUWA paras 1(7) and 8F(6) of schedule 7

Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/88)

laid under Section 6(1) Plant Health Act 1967

23 February 2021

Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/91)

laid under section 1(9) of the Bees Act 1980

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/102)

laid under section 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972

Health and Care Professions Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules Order of Council 2021 (SI 2021/167)

laid under article 42 of the Health Professions Order 2001

Health and Care Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2021 (SI 2021/170)

laid under article 42 of the Health Professions Order 2001

24 February 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Early Expiry and Suspension of Provisions)  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/93)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and sections  
8(6) and 10(4) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

Social Security (Industrial Injuries Benefit and Personal Independence Payment)  
(Telephone and Video Assessment) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/97)

laid under section 190(3) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and  
section 94(7) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012

Town and Country Planning (Cairnryan Border Control Posts) (EU Exit) (Scotland)  
Special Development Order 2021 (SSI 2021/98)

laid under section 275(4) and (5) of the Town and Country Planning  
(Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/99)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Emergency Period and Extended Period) (Coronavirus)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/100)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997,  
section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)  
(Scotland) Act 1997, section 12 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and  
section 9 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

Looked After Children (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/103)

laid under section 5 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and sections 17,  
and 103 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

25 February 2021

Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (EU Exit)  
(Scotland) (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/109)

laid under paragraph 21(b) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

3 March 2021

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources and Sums for Personal  
Requirements) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/115)

laid under Section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

8 March 2021

Foods for Specific Groups (Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula) (Scotland)  
Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/123)

laid under Sections 6(4), 16(1)(a) and (e), 26(1) and (3) and 48(1) of the Food  
Safety Act 1990



9 March 2021

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/122)  
laid under section 96(4) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

10 March 2021

Red Rocks and Longay Urgent Marine Conservation Order 2021 (SSI 2021/131)  
laid under Section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

11 March 2021

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/137)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

15 March 2021

Carer's Allowance (Coronavirus) (Breaks in Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/140)  
laid under section 176 of the Social Security Contribution and Benefits Act 1992

Town and Country Planning (Emergency Period and Extended Period) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/142)  
laid under section 12 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

16 March 2021

Non-Domestic Rates (Restriction of Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/145)  
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

18 March 2021

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/151)  
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

23 March 2021

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/161)  
laid under paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

### **Laid only instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

15 May 2020

South of Scotland Enterprise (Transfer of Property and Liabilities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/147)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

29 May 2020

Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (Commencement)  
Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/162 (C. 15))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 June 2020

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules  
Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2020 (SSI 2020/166)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

4 June 2020

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018  
(Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/167 (C. 16))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

5 June 2020

Marking of Creels (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/168)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

26 June 2020

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2)  
Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/189 (C. 17))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 July 2020

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Company  
Insolvency Rules Amendment) (Insolvency) 2020 (SSI 2020/198)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

3 July 2020

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Jury Ballot) 2020  
(SSI 2020/200)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

9 July 2020

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Group  
Proceedings) 2020 (SSI 2020/208)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

11 August 2020

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/237 (C. 18))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 August 2020

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 10) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/243 (C. 19))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 August 2020

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 4 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/245 (C. 20))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 August 2020

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (Commencement) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/250 (C. 21))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 September 2020

Valuation Timetable (Disposal of Appeals and Complaints) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/277)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/278 (C. 23))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 September 2020

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 5 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/283 (C. 24))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 September 2020

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2020 (SSI 2020/293)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 September 2020

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/295 (C. 26))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

9 October 2020

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No.  
1) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/315 (C. 27))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

21 October 2020

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and  
Saving Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/327 (C. 28))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

3 November 2020

Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI  
2020/346 (C. 29))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

12 November 2020

Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2020 (SSI 2020/364)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3)  
Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/369 (C. 30))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

13 November 2020

Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Norway) Amendment (Scotland)  
Order 2020 (SSI 2020/371)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No.  
2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/373 (C. 31))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

16 November 2020

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Adult Social Care) (Scotland) Regulations 2020  
(SSI 2020/377)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/379 (C. 32))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 November 2020

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/383 (C. 33))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 December 2020

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 7 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/405 (C. 34))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/407 (C. 35))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 December 2020

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/410 (C. 36))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Children (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/412 (C. 37))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

7 December 2020

Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/417)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 December 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/422 (C. 39))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 12) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/428 (C. 40))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 December 2020

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/429 (C. 41))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 December 2020

Lands Tribunal for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/433)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 December 2020

Lands Tribunal for Scotland (Amendment) (Fees) (No. 2) Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/446)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 12 and Saving Provision) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/448 (C. 42))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 December 2020

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/457 (C.37))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provisions) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/464)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 December 2020

Act of Adjournal (Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit)) (Amendment) 2020 (SSI 2020/470)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 December 2020

Act of Sederunt (Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit)) (Amendment) 2020 (SSI 2020/472)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 January 2021

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2021 (SSI 2021/22)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2021

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/39 (C. 2))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 January 2021

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/42 (C. 3))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 February 2021

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2021 (SSI 2021/75)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 February 2021

Zoonoses Amendment (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/83)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 February 2021

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/101 (C. 4))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 February 2021

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/104 (C. 5))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 March 2021

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/108 (C. 6))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 March 2021

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Electronic Authentication of Copy Documents) 2021 (SSI 2021/116)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 March 2021

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/120 (C. 7))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

10 March 2021

Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision)  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/124 (C. 8))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018  
(Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/125  
(C. 9))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2021  
(SSI 2021/126 (C. 10))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

12 March 2021

Animal Health (Notification and Control Measures) (Miscellaneous Amendments)  
(Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/130)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Appointment of Chief Inspector) Order 2021 (SSI  
2021/132)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

17 March 2021

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021  
(Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/141 (C. 11))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

22 March 2021

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sitings)  
2021 (SSI 2021/153)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

23 March 2021

Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Regulations  
2021 (SSI 2021/155)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010



Specified Diseases (Notification and Slaughter) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/160)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 March 2021

Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/165)

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—

27 May 2020

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-39)

2 June 2020

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-40)

15 June 2020

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Tourism: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Fisheries Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-41)

25 June 2020

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Immigration and Social Security Coordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill (LCM-S5-42)

18 August 2020

Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-43)

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Tourism: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-38a)

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-44)

22 September 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sentencing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-45)

24 September 2020

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-46)

28 September 2020

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-47)

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-38b)

19 October 2020

Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-43a)

4 December 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-48)

16 December 2020

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-49)

29 December 2020

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-50)

20 January 2021

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Financial Services Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-51)

29 January 2021

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-52)

## **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—

16 September 2020

Code of Practice for the Welfare of Laying Hens (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2020 (SSI SG/2020/182)

laid under section 37(7)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

### **Other documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

11 May 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costings: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill – May 2020 SFC/2020/4

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

12 May 2020

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic plan 2020-25 SG/2020/76

laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

20 May 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costings Update: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill – May 2020 SFC/2020/5

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

21 May 2020

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (SG/2020/34)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

26 May 2020

Victim Surcharge Fund Guidance (SG/2020/89)

laid under regulation 5(3)(b) of the Victim Surcharge (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/387)

27 May 2020

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2020-21 Summer Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2021 SG/2020/78

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

29 May 2020

Trafficking and Exploitation: Strategy - Third Annual Progress Report and Strategy Review SG/2020/84

laid under section 36(5)(d)(ii) of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: Progress Report 2020 SG/2020/79  
laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

3 June 2020

The Local Government Finance (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 – Report by the Scottish Ministers SG/2020/95

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

5 June 2020

The Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 – Report on fatal accident inquiries 2019-2020 SG/2020/98

laid under section 29(2)(a) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

9 June 2020

The Coronavirus Acts: Two Monthly Report to Scottish Parliament SG/2020/92  
laid under section 15 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

10 June 2020

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report on inspections – 10 June 2020 SG/2020/101  
laid under section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – 25 May to 31 May and 1 June to 7 June 2020 SG/2020/100

laid under section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 June 2020

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2019/20 year ended 31 March 2020 and independent auditor's report (SP Paper 758)

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 June 2020

Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2018 SG/2020/90

laid under section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

17 June 2020

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Report of the trustees and accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2019 SG/2020/72

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations

Compendium of Case Reports for June 2020 SPSO/2020/05  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 14 June 2020  
SG/2020/104

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 June 2020

Highlands and Islands Enterprise: Management of Cairngorm Mountain and  
Funicular Railway- A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland  
AGS/2020/5

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2019 SG/2020/91  
laid under Section 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

19 June 2020

Statutory Guidance under section 142 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005  
SG/2020/108

laid under section 142(6) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

23 June 2020

General Pharmaceutical Council Annual report: annual fitness to practise report and  
annual accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/109

laid under Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

24 June 2020

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2020/107  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any  
laying power.

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections- 24 June 2020 SG/2020/113

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 22 June 2020  
SG/2020/112

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 June 2020

Committee on Climate Change: Reducing UK emissions - Progress Report to  
Parliament (June 2020) SG/2020/111

laid under Section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008

Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001  
Section 70(4) Financial Year 2019-20 SG/2020/81

laid under Section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

26 June 2020

Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Report to Parliament 2017 – 2019 SG/2020/110  
laid under Section 2(7) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

1 July 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 28 June 2020  
SG/2020/122  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 July 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 5 July 2020  
SG/2020/127  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – 8 July 2020 SG/2020/128  
laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 July 2020

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board SG/2020/96  
laid under Article 13 of The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board  
Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 576)

The Electoral Commission Annual report and accounts 2019-20 ELC/2020/01  
laid under Paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections  
and Referendums Act 2000

15 July 2020

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 UKSA/2020/01  
laid under 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Supplementary Costing: Increased starting threshold for residential LBTT – July  
2020  
SFC/2020/6

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 12 July 2020  
SG/2020/129  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 July 2020

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2019/20  
SG/2020/115  
laid under Sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

First Annual Progress Report on Getting the best from our land – A Land Use  
Strategy for Scotland 2016 – 2021 SG/2020/105  
laid under Government under section 37A of the Climate Change (Scotland)  
Act 2009

Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2020/21 SG/2020/83  
laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service  
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and  
Accounts 2019/2020 SG/2020/82  
laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service  
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

17 July 2020

Big Lottery Fund (operating as The National Lottery Community Fund) Annual  
Report and Accounts 2019-2020 SG/2020/124  
laid under Section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National  
Lottery etc. Act 1993

20 July 2020

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/126  
laid under paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Climate Change Act 2008

Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/123  
laid under Paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and  
Governance Act 2010

21 July 2020

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31  
March 2020 SG/2020/93  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20  
SG/2020/131  
laid under Section 5(5A) of the Utilities Act 2000

The National Lottery Heritage Fund: National Heritage Memorial Fund National  
Lottery Distribution Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020  
SG/2020/94  
laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/114  
laid under paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act  
2001

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31  
March 2020 SG/2020/120  
laid under section 46 of the Scotland Act 2016

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year  
ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/118  
laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of  
the Press



The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts For the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 SG/2020/106

laid under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 1 to the Office of Communications Act 2002

22 July 2020

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations-July 2020 SPSO/2020/06

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections –22 July 2020 SG/2020/132

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 19 July 2020 SG/2020/133

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 July 2020

MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 19/20 SG/2020/134

laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

24 July 2020

Government Chemist Review 2019 SG/2020/136

laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2019-20 Annual Accounts SG/2020/87

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2019-20 SG/2020/86

laid Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

5 August 2020

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections SG/2020/145

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 2 August 2020 SG/2020/146

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

7 August 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (August 2020) SG/2020/140

laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

11 August 2020

Coronavirus Acts: second report to Scottish Parliament (SG/2020/130)  
laid under section 15 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

12 August 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 9 August 2020  
SG/2020/154  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 August 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Report on the steps taken to ensure that the solemnisation of marriages and registration of civil partnerships continues to be available, and on the number of marriages and civil partnerships that have taken place during the reporting period. (SG/2020/153)  
laid under paragraph 24 of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

17 August 2020

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2020 SG/2020/156  
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

19 August 2020

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2020 SPSO/2020/07  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections –19 August 2020 SG/2020/159  
laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 16 August 2020  
SG/2020/160  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 August 2020

Standards Commission for Scotland: Annual Report 2019/20 SCfS/2020/01  
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

Proposed Extension of The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and The Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020: Statement of Reasons SG/2020/166  
laid under Section 12(6) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

26 August 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 23 August 2020  
SG/2020/167

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 August 2020

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Command and Control: Aspects of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Incident Command System SG/2020/85

laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

28 August 2020

National Investment Bank: Proposal to Set Missions for the Scottish National Investment Bank, August 2020 SG/2020/152

laid under Section 16 of the Scottish National Investment Bank Act 2020

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/77

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 August 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costing: Child Winter Heating Allowance – August 2020 SFC/2020/7

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2020  
SG/2020/158

laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Interim Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries at Cardowan by Steps, between Glasgow Provan constituency and Coatbridge and Chryston constituency and between Glasgow region and Central Scotland region: Report to Scottish Ministers SG/2020/169

laid under paragraph 3(9)(a) of schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998

2 September 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Fiscal Update – September 2020 SFC/2020/10

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Statement of Data Needs – September 2020  
SFC/2020/9

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission-: Forecast Evaluation Report – September 2020  
SFC/2020/8

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 30 August 2020  
SG/2020/172

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – 2 September 2020 SG/2020/171

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 September 2020

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/119

laid under Section 2B and Schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

8 September 2020

Arrangements for the Administration and Operation of Citizens' Assembly of Scotland: Scotland's Climate Assembly SG/2020/173

laid under section 32A(7) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costing: Scottish Child Payment – September 2020 SFC/2020/11

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

9 September 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 6 September 2020 SG/2020/176

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 September 2020

HMICS Thematic Inspection of Police Scotland Training and Development – Phase 1 HMICS/2020/02

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

BBC Group Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 BBC/2020/01

laid by the BBC under the Memorandum of Understanding

16 September 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 13 September 2020 SG/2020/181

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – 16 September 2020 SG/2020/180

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 September 2020

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/102

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2020/184

laid under Section 42(11)(b) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

22 September 2020

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2019/20 and Annual Programme 2020/21 SG/2020/177

laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

Risk Management Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/99  
laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and  
Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2018/19 SG/2020/16  
laid under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and  
paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings  
(Scotland) Act 1993

23 September 2020

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20  
SG/2020/163  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for September 2020 SPSO/2020/08  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 20 September  
2020 SG/2020/187  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 September 2020

Scottish Canals Corporate Plan 2020-2023 SG/2020/71  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any  
laying power

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2020-21 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget  
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2021 SG/2020/161  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any  
laying power

25 September 2020

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20  
SG/2020/175  
laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002  
and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act  
2000

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by the Secretary of State for  
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the First Minister of Scotland, and the  
Welsh Ministers for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/155  
laid under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Report on the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Qualifying Persons) and Young Carer Grant Amendment (Scotland) Regulations SCoSS/2020/06

laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

28 September 2020

National Records of Scotland Annual Reports & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/29  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2019-2020 SG/2020/189  
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

Scottish Land Commission Our Strategic Plan 2020 to 2023 SG/2020/179  
laid under Section 8(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

The Eighth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 65 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009; September 2020 SG/2020/27  
laid under Section 66(1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/195  
laid under paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 1 to the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 September 2020

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/196  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities' Functions: 2019–2020 SG/2020/197  
laid under Section 12 of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

30 September 2020

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020 SG/2020/143  
laid under Section 200(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2020/203  
laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 27 September 2020 SG/2020/204  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 October 2020

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report, October 2020 SG/2020/170

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

2 October 2020

Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Patients Hospitalised Due to COVID-19, A Plan for Scotland, September 2020 SG/2020/206

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

5 October 2020

Distribution of Income and Growth in Income Tax Revenue - October 2020 (SFC/2020/12)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Supplementary Forecast Evaluation Report: Income Tax - October 2020 – (SFC/2020/13)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

6 October 2020

Coronavirus Acts: third report to Scottish Parliament (SG/2020/186)

laid under section 15 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 (SG/2020/144)

laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2019-20 (SG/2020/194)

laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scotland's Population 2019 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends (SG/2020/74)

laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

7 October 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 4 October 2020 (SG/2020/212)

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 (SG/2020/209)

laid under Section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

Reducing emissions in Scotland Progress Report to Parliament, Committee on Climate Change, October 2020 (SG/2020/211)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Forestry Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 (SG/2020/208)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 October 2020

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 (SG/2020/218)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 October 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Second report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2020/205  
laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

12 October 2020

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/178  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 October 2020

GTC Scotland Annual Report & Accounts – Year to 31 March 2020 GTCS/2020/14  
laid under Section 22 (5) of Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 1995

14 October 2020

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2019-20 SG/2020/188  
laid under section 14(3) of schedule 1 of Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Report on the steps taken to ensure that the solemnisation of marriages and the registrations of civil partnerships continues to be available, and on the number of marriages and civil partnerships that have taken place during the reporting period. SG/2020/200  
laid under paragraph 24(4) of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2020/221  
laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 11 October 2020 SG/2020/222



laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 October 2020

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders regulating the management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 SG/2020/193  
laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

21 October 2020

National Confidential Forum Annual Report 2019/2020 SG/2020/192  
laid under paragraph 12(5) of schedule 1A of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2020 SPSO/2020/09  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 18 October 2020 SG/2020/230  
laid under section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 October 2020

Scottish Canals Annual Report and Accounts 2019/2020 SG/2020/224  
laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 October 2020

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020 SG/2020/168  
laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Children's Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/214  
laid under Paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children's Hearings Scotland Impact Report 2019-20 SG/2020/215 is not laid under any laying power

27 October 2020

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SCTS/2020/02  
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

28 October 2020

Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Performance Report & Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/207  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/216  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31  
March 2020 SFC/2020/14  
laid under section 12(1) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – 2020 SG/2020/232  
laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 25 October  
2020 SG/2020/233  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2019-  
20 CES/2020/04  
laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and  
Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

29 October 2020

Scottish Housing Regulator National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter  
– Headline Findings - 2019/20 SG/2020/220  
laid under section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2019-20 SG/2020/217  
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland)  
Act 2011

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2019-20 SPSO/2020/AR  
laid under Sections 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman  
Act 2002

Scottish Commission for Human Rights: Annual Report 2019-2020 SHRC/2020/02  
laid under Section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

30 October 2020

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report 2019-20  
(CCYP/2020/2)  
laid under section 10 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People  
(Scotland) Act 2003

The Scottish Civil Estate 2019-2020: The tenth report on the performance and  
environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate. (SG/2020/213)  
laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2019/20  
(SPCPF/2020/01)

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 (SG/2020/235)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

3 November 2020

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2019/2020 SG/2020/239

laid under Paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

4 November 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 1st November 2020 SG/2020/244

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 November 2020

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/219

laid under Section 11(3) the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/121

laid under Section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

6 November 2020

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/185

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 November 2020

Fair Start Scotland: Annual Report Year 2 SG/2020/245

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

10 November 2020

Crown Estate Scotland Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2020 SG/2020/242

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Ethical Standards Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/247

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 November 2020

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland: HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2019-20 SG/2020/223

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2020/249

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 8 November 2020 SG/2020/250

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Response to the UK Committee on Climate Change Scottish Progress Report 2020 SG/2020/251

laid under Section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

12 November 2020

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2020 SG/2020/174

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Forestry and Land Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020 SG/2020/210

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/80

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

13 November 2020

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/157

laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

13 November 2020

Transport Scotland: The costs and benefits of extending local Concessionary Travel Schemes to community bus services – A report in terms of Section 49 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 SG/2020/234

laid under section 49 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

16 November 2020

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/142

laid under section 5(4) of Part 1 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/229

laid under section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

17 November 2020

Transport Focus Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/241

laid under paragraph 11(6) of Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

18 November 2020

David MacBrayne Limited Group Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/225

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

CalMac Ferries Limited Strategic Report, Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/226

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/227

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/228

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/254

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2020 SPSO/2020/10

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 15 November 2020 SG/2020/257

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 November 2020

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 SG/2020/190

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 SG/2020/191

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 November 2020

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2020/238

laid under section 16(4) of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements  
Year ended 30 June 2020 SG/2020/237

laid under paragraph 15(2) of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Scrutiny Report on the Draft Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021 SCoSS/2020/07

laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

23 November 2020

Scotland: The Hydro Nation Annual Report 2020 SG/2020/236

laid under section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

25 November 2020

Revenue Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts for the Devolved Taxes for 2019-20 RS/2020/01

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Section 12(1)(c) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts for the Resource Accounts for 2019-20 RS/2020/02

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Section 12(1)(c) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2020/265

laid under section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 22 November 2020 SG/2020/266

laid under section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 November 2020

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/258

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/259

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/260

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020 SG/2020/256  
laid under section 5(7)(a) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and section  
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 November 2020

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2019-20 SG/2020/246  
laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment)  
(Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20  
SG/2020/253

laid under Section 42A(1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

1 December 2020

The Scottish Road Work Commissioner 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts  
SG/2020/139

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Social Security Scotland: Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2020  
SG/2020/201

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Audit Scotland: The 2019/20 audit of Social Security Scotland SG/2020/202

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Independent Living Fund Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31  
March 2020 SG/2020/231

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Transport Scotland: Coronavirus and progress toward establishing low emission  
zones SG/2020/269

laid under Section 13(2) of Schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2)  
Act 2020

2 December 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 29 November  
2020 SG/2020/271

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act  
2010

3 December 2020

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020  
SG/2020/137

laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the  
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Tayside Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020  
SG/2020/263

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

The 2019/20 audit of NHS Tayside SG/2020/264

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2020/252

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under  
any laying power

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts  
Year Ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/278

laid under Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Commissioner for Children  
and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public  
Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20  
SG/2020/279

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

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20  
SG/2020/280

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

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/281

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

4 December 2020

Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/116

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 2020 SG/2020/279

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000 an

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31  
March 2020 SG/2020/274

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 2020 SG/2020/275

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 December 2020

Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/262

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 December 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 6 December 2020 SG/2020/291

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 December 2020

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections SG/2020/290

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/285

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Coronavirus Acts: fourth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2020/248

laid under section 15 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

10 December 2020

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/267

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 2020 SG/2020/268

laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2019-20 SG/2020/286

laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: third report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2020/287

laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

11 December 2020

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/125  
laid under Schedule 11 Section 15(2) of the Public Services Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/198  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

2019/20 audit of the Scottish Police Authority SG/2020/199  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail & Cunntasan 2019-20 SG/2020/315  
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

14 December 2020

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland: The Fifteenth Annual Report to the  
Scottish Parliament December 2020 SG/2020/272  
laid under section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform)  
(Scotland) Act 2007

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Third Report on the steps taken to ensure  
that the solemnisation of marriages and the registrations of civil partnerships  
continues to be available, and on the number of marriages and civil partnerships that  
have taken place during the reporting period SG/2020/261  
laid under paragraph 24 of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2)  
Act 2020

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31 March  
2020 SG/2020/75  
laid under section 12(5) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 and  
Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/103  
laid under section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

15 December 2020

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/270  
laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

Scottish Water Annual Report & Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/276  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

The 2019/20 audit of Scottish Water SG/2020/277  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2019 SG/2020/164  
laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2019 - Statement by the  
Prime Minister on 15 December SG/2020/165  
laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

16 December 2020

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 - Report by the  
Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2020 SG/2020/183  
laid under Section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Social Services Council, Annual Report and Accounts - 1 April 2019 to 31  
March 2020 SG/2020/240  
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

British Tourist Authority - Trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland - Annual Report  
and Accounts Year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/243  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

VisitScotland Group Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31  
March 2020 SG/2020/70  
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 2020 SPSO/2020/11  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements for  
the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/282  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/283  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 13 December  
2020 SG/2020/42  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act  
2010

17 December 2020

British Film Institute Annual Report and Financial Statements 2019-20 SG/2020/289

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Information Commissioner: Impact of Covid-19 on Freedom of Information in Scotland SG/2020/316

laid under section 46(3) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Scrutiny Report on the Draft Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021 SCoSS/2020/08

laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/147

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/148

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 2020 SG/2020/149

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Budget for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/150

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The 2019/20 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts SG/2020/151

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 December 2020

TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2020 SG/2020/288

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/293

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2020/294

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/295

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 2020 SG/2020/296

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2019/2020 SG/2020/297

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The United Kingdom Sports Council, Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund, Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/97

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

21 December 2020

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/317

laid under Section 5 of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2019/2020 SG/2020/298

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 2020 SG/2020/299

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 2020 SG/2020/300

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 2020 SG/2020/301

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2020 SG/2020/302

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/88

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 December 2020

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020

SG/2020/303

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Shetland NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020

SG/2020/304

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 31st March 2020

SG/2020/305

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/306

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020

SG/2020/307

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 December 2020

Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2019 Annual Report SG/2020/292

laid under Section 26B of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/308

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/309

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 2020 SG/2020/310

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 2020

SG/2020/311

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 2020 SG/2020/312

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Waiting Times Centre Board (also known as the Golden Jubilee Foundation) Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020

SG/2020/313

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Commission on Social Security Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/314

laid under section 20(1)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 23 December 2020 SG/2020/318

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 21 December 2020 SG/2020/33

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 January 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 28 December 2020 SG/2020/319

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 January 2021

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2021/6

laid under section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 3 January 2021 SG/2021/7

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 January 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 10 January 2021 SG/2021/12

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 January 2021

Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011: Code of Conduct for Property Factors  
SG/2020/14

laid under section 14 of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011

Statutory Guidance: Sports Club Relief SG/2021/9

laid under Section 4(7D)(a) of the Local Government (Financial Provisions  
etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962

18 January 2021

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts 31 March 2020 SG/2021/17

laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

20 January 2021

Scottish Water Interim Report and Accounts For the six months to 30 September  
2020 SG/2021/4

laid under Section 57 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2021 SPSO/2021/01

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – SG/2021/19

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 17 January  
2021 SG/2021/20

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 January 2021

HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish Income tax 2019-20 SG/2021/15

laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998

27 January 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 24 January  
2021 SG/2021/23

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 January 2021

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 SG/2021/26

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20  
SG/2021/5

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts – January 2021 SFC/2021/1

laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016



2020-21 Fiscal Update – January 2021 SFC/2021/2  
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Budget 2021-22 SG/2021/22  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any  
laying power

29 January 2021

Implementation of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009: Report to the  
Scottish Parliament – 2019 SG/2021/11  
laid under Section 52 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

Social Security (Scotland) Act (2018) -Devolved Social Security Assistance Uprating  
for Inflation: A report in fulfilment of section 77: Duty to consider effects of inflation  
SG/2021/16  
laid under section 77(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Government's approach to the reappointment process SG/2021/24  
laid under section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

2 February 2021

Scotland's Carbon Footprint 1998-2017 SG/2021/27  
laid under section 37 (1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

3 February 2021

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – SG/2021/30  
laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 31 January  
2021 SG/2021/31  
laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 February 2021

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Scrutiny Report on the Draft Social  
Security (Up-rating) Miscellaneous Amendments (Scotland) Regulations 2021  
SCoSS/2021/01  
laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

9 February 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Fourth report on the Scottish Ministers'  
responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland)  
Act 2002 SG/2021/29  
laid under 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

10 February 2021

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system February 2021  
SG/2021/10

laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 7 February 2021 SG/2021/36

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 February 2021

Coronavirus Acts: fifth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2021/13

laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

12 February 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Fourth Report on the steps taken to ensure that the solemnisation of marriages and the registrations of civil partnerships continues to be available, and on the number of marriages and civil partnerships SG/2021/18

laid under paragraph 24(4) of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

17 February 2021

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for February 2021 SPSO/2021/02

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2021/39

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 14 February 2021 SG/2021/40

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 February 2021

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) SG/2021/8

laid under section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

24 February 2021

Proposed extension of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Statement of Reasons SG/2021/38

laid under section 12(6) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9(6) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 21 February 2021 SG/2021/45

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 February 2021

Young Start Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2021/37

laid under Paragraph 9, Part 3, Schedule 3 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2020-21 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2021 SG/2021/28

laid under at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

26 February 2021

Community Justice Scotland – Corporate Plan 2020-2023 SG/2021/21

laid under section 10(7) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Statement of Reasons: The Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 SG/2021/47

laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

1 March 2021

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Scrutiny Report on the Draft Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021

SCoSS/2021/02

laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Acoustic Deterrent Device (ADD) Use in the Aquaculture Sector Parliamentary Report: SG/2021/41

laid under section 15 of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protection and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020

3 March 2021

The Queen's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 SG/2021/32

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 28 February 2021 SG/2021/49

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 March 2021

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2021/50

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 March 2021

Revised Statement of Rail Franchising Policy by Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in section 26 of the Railways Act 1993 SG/2021/53

laid under section 26(4F)(b) of the Railways Act 1993

5 March 2021

Supplementary Costings: Non-Domestic Rates Measures and Self-Isolation Support Grant – March 2021 Scottish Fiscal Commission SFC/2021/3

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

8 March 2021

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/54

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/55

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

City of Glasgow College Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2021/56

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 2019 to 31 July 2020 SG/2021/57

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 2020 SG/2021/58

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Edinburgh College Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/59

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts 2019-20 SG/2021/60

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/61

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Clyde College Report and Financial Statements - for financial period 2019/20 SG/2021/62

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements August 2019 - July 2020 SG/2021/63

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 March 2021

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2019-20 SG/2021/67

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/68

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Moray College UHI Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/69

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended 31st July 2020 SG/2021/70

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 2020 SG/2021/71

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The North Highland College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/72

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 2020 SG/2021/73

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 2020 SG/2021/74

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 2020 SG/2021/75

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Fiscal Commission 2021-22 Fiscal Update- March 2021 SFC/2021/4

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

10 March 2021

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2021 – Report by the Scottish Ministers SG/2021/65

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

University of the Highlands and Islands: Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2020 SG/2021/77

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 SG/2021/78

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HMICS Crime Audit 2020 HMICS/2021/01

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 7 March 2021 SG/2021/76

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 March 2021

Eleventh Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 SG/2021/64

laid under Section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

15 March 2021

Community Justice Scotland: Community Payback Order, Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2019-20 SG/2021/3

laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

17 March 2021

The Ninth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 65 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 SG/2021/34

laid under Section 66(1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – SG/2021/82

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 14 March 2021 SG/2021/83

laid under 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 March 2021

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Strategy, Effective from March 2021 SG/2021/48

laid under paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 2 of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Government: Annual report on procurement activity in Scotland - An overview of procurement activity 2018-19 SG/2021/1  
laid under Section 21(4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

19 March 2021

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2020 SG/2021/46  
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Scottish Government: Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2020 SG/2021/44  
laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

22 March 2021

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024 SG/2021/66  
laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

National Islands Plan Annual Report 2020 SG/2021/86  
laid under section 5 of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

23 March 2021

Improving outcomes for young people through school education A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission AGS/2021/2  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2019/20 SG/2021/33  
laid under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

Review of the Guidance on Engaging Communities in Decisions Relating to Land March 2021 SG/2021/80  
laid under section 44(8) and (9) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2021/85  
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

HM Fire Service Inspectorate Assessing the Effectiveness of Inspection Activity March 2021 SG/2021/42  
laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

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 SG/2021/89  
laid under sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

24 March 2021

Community Justice Scotland: Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Annual Report 2019-2020 SG/2021/2

laid under section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Fifth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016. Ninth Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2021/43

laid under Section 33(2)(b) of the Scotland Act 2012

UK Government's Fifth Annual Report on the implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 and Ninth Annual Report on the implementation and operation of part 3 (financial provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2021/79

laid under Section 33(1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

Scotland's Climate Assembly Interim Report March 2021 SG/2021/35

laid under Part 2A Paragraph 32A and section (8)b of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Scotland's Third Land Use Strategy 2021-2026 SG/2021/81

laid under section 57 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scotland's Third Land Use Strategy 2021-2026 - The consultation response undertaken SG/2021/90

laid under section 57 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2021 SPSO/2021/03

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 21 March 2021 SG/2021/91

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2021-22

laid under Section 35(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012



## **Annex E: Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

12 May 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 27th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 May 2020 (SP Paper 727)

15 May 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 5th Report 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Agriculture Bill (LCM(S5)38) (SP Paper 728)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 6th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 13 May (SP Paper 729)

18 May 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 28th Report 2020 (Session 5): Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 731)

19 May 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Health and Sport Committee for 2019-20 (SP Paper 730)

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee, 2nd report, 2020 (Session 5): Post-legislative Scrutiny - The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (SP Paper 702)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 May 2020 (SP Paper 733)

21 May 2020

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Protected Trust Deeds (SP Paper 732)

26 May 2020

Covid-19 Committee, 2nd Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation: The Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 734)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 May 2020 (SP Paper 735)

2 June 2020

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 738)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 June 2020 (SP Paper 742)

3 June 2020

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 740)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 747)

4 June 2020

Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum Domestic Abuse Bill 2019-21 (SP Paper 743)

Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [HL] 2019-21 (SP Paper 745)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 746)

5 June 2020

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-2020 (SP Paper 744)

Local Government and Communities Committee, 5th Report 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 749)

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-2020 (SP Paper 744)

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 748)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 749)

8 June 2020

Education and Skills Committee, 1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-2020 (SP Paper 750)

Justice Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-2020 (SP Paper 751)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20 (SP Paper 754)

9 June 2020

Social Security Committee, 5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 739)

Covid-19 Committee, 3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation: SSI 2020/164: The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 753)

10 June 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 June 2020 (SP Paper 755)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Environment Bill (SP Paper 756)

12 June 2020

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill (SP Paper 757)

15 June 2020

Finance and Constitution Committee, 6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 760)

16 June 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report 2020 (Session 5): Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 761)

18 June 2020

Education and Skills Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] SP Paper 759

19 June 2020

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 4th Report 2020 (Session 5): The UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 764)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - UK Environment Bill (SP Paper 765)

22 June 2020

Public Petitions Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): PE1319: Improving youth football in Scotland (SP Paper 763)

23 June 2020

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Proposal for a Committee Bill – Complaints against MSPs – amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 (SP Paper 766)

Health and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 23 June 2020 (SP Paper 768)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 770)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 June 2020 (SP Paper 771)

24 June 2020

Justice Committee, 11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 772)

30 June 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Supply and demand for medicines (SP Paper 774)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 775)

12 August 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 11 August 2020 (SP Paper 778)

18 August 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Fisheries Bill (SP Paper 779)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill Financial Memorandum (SP Paper 780)

19 August 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 August 2020 (SP Paper 781)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 42nd Report 2020 (Session 5): Children (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 782)

20 August 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report 2020 (Session 5): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in 2019-20 (SP Paper 783)

21 August 2020

Covid-19 Committee, 5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 20 August 2020 (SP Paper 784)

24 August 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Fisheries Bill (LCM(S5)41) (SP Paper 785)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 786)

25 August 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 25 August 2020 (SP Paper 787)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 August 2020 (SP Paper 788)

26 August 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report 2020, (Session 5): Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 789)

27 August 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th Report 2020 (Session 5): Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 791)

28 August 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 790)

1 September 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 1 September 2020 (SP Paper 792)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 September 2020 (SP Paper 793)

3 September 2020

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 794)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Representation of the People (Electoral Registers Publication Date) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 795)

Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 798)

4 September 2020

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 796)

Covid-19 Committee, 6th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 2 September 2020 (SP Paper 799)

7 September 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 9th Report 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 801)

Education and Skills Committee, 3rd Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation - Abertay University and Robert Gordon University (Change of Names) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 797)

8 September 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 September 2020 (SP Paper 802)

9 September 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 8 September 2020 (SP Paper 803)

15 September 2020

Local Government and Communities Committee, 6th Report, 2020 Session 5: Report on the draft Rent Arrears Pre-Action Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 804)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 September 2020 (SP Paper 805)

Health and Sport Committee, 11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 15 September 2020 (SP Paper 806)

16 September 2020

Covid-19 Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 16 September 2020 (SP Paper 808)

17 September 2020

Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 15 September 2020 (SP Paper 807)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 51st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 810)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report 2020 (Session 5): Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 811)

18 September 2020

Justice Committee, 14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Consent notifications considered by the Justice Committee, 15 September 2020 (SP Paper 809)

23 September 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 September 2020 (SP Paper 813)

Health and Sport Committee, 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 22 September 2020 (SP Paper 814)

24 September 2020

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Complaint against Sarah Boyack MSP (SP Paper 815)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 816)

25 September 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th Report, 2020 (Session 5): UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 819)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Trade Bill (SP Paper 820)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 821)

28 September 2020

Justice Committee, 15th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Re-opening Scotland's courts and tribunals system (SP Paper 817)

29 September 2020

Justice Committee, 16th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum – Sentencing Bill [HL] 2019-21 (SP Paper 820)

30 September 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Agriculture Bill (LCM-S5-38b) (SP Paper 821)

1 October 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 September 2020 (SP Paper 823)

5 October 2020

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 824)

6 October 2020

Local Government and Communities Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 23 September 2020 (SP Paper 825)

7 October 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 September 2020 (SP Paper 826)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Trade Bill 2020 Legislative Consent Memorandum (SP Paper 827)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 828)

Health and Sport Committee, 13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 6 October 2020 (SP Paper 829)

Covid-19 Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 7 October 2020 (SP Paper 830)

8 October 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 60th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 831)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation - Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 832)



14 October 2020

Justice Committee, 17th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 822)

21 October 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st Report 2020 (Session 5): Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 834)

22 October 2020

Local Government and Communities Committee, 8th Report 2020 (Session 5) Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 833)

28 October 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 October 2020 (SP Paper 837)

Health and Sport Committee, 14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Human Tissue (Excepted Body Parts) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 838)

Health and Sport Committee, 15th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 27 October 2020 (SP Paper 839)

29 October 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 11th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 28 October 2020 (SP Paper 835)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill Financial Memorandum (SP Paper 836)

Health and Sport Committee, 16th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (LCM (S5) 43 and 43a) (SP Paper 841)

3 November 2020

Education and Skills Committee, 4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation - The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Children's Advocacy Services) Regulations 2020 [Draft] (SP Paper 840)

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 5th Report 2020 (Session 5): Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 842)

5 November 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 November 2020 (SP Paper 847)

Health and Sport Committee, 17th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 3 November 2020 (SP Paper 848)

6 November 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 849)

10 November 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 18th Report, 2020 (Session 5): More than 50% of the Scottish Budget - What are the expected outcomes from the Health and Social Care 2021/22 Budget? (SP Paper 851)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 850)

12 November 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 65th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 November 2020 (SP Paper 852)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): COVID-19: impact on businesses, workers and the economy and pre-budget scrutiny (SP Paper 853)

13 November 2020

Justice Committee, 18th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 843)

Justice Committee, 19th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 844)

15 November 2020

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Race Equality, Employment and Skills: Making Progress? (SP Paper 854)

17 November 2020

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 855)

19 November 2020

Covid-19 Committee, 9th Report 2020 (Session 5) Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2020 (SP Paper 856)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 66th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 November 2020 (SP Paper 857)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th Report 2020 (Session 5): Review of the Presiding Officer's determination to identify a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A of Standing Orders on 19 November 2020 (SP Paper 858)

23 November 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 19th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 17 November 2020 (SP Paper 860)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 862)

26 November 2020

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 6th Report, 2020 (Session 5), The UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 863)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill (SP Paper 864)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 865)

Justice Committee, 20th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2021 (SP Paper 866)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 November 2020 (SP Paper 867)

Health and Sport Committee, 20th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 24 November 2020 (SP Paper 868)

Covid-19 Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 26 November 2020 (SP Paper 869)

30 November 2020

Local Government and Communities Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Valuation (Postponement of Revaluation) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2020 (SP Paper 861)

2 December 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 70th Report 2020 (Session 5): Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 870)

3 December 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 71st Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 December 2020 (SP Paper 872)

Covid-19 Committee, 11th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 3 December 2020 (SP Paper 873)

4 December 2020

Justice Committee, 21st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 876)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 72nd Report 2020 (Session 5): European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 877)

7 December 2020

Finance and Constitution Committee, 13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22 (SP Paper 875)

8 December 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 21st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 8 December 2020 (SP Paper 880)

9 December 2020

Education and Skills Committee, 5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 874)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 73rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 882)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 74th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 (SP Paper 883)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 884)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 881)

10 December 2020

Justice Committee, 22nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 878)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 885)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 75th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 886)

11 December 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 76th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 December 2020 (SP Paper 887)

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): EU-UK Government Future Relationship Negotiations: The Impact of the End of the Transition Period (SP Paper 888)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 77th Report, 2020 (Session 5): UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 (SP Paper 889)

14 December 2020

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 871)

15 December 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 22nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 890)

Health and Sport Committee, 23rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.24) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 891)

16 December 2020

Finance and Constitution Committee, 14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill Financial Memorandum (SP Paper 893)

17 December 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 78th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 December 2020 (SP Paper 895)

18 December 2020

Health and Sport Committee, 24th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 894)

COVID-19 Committee, 12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the COVID-19 Committee at its meeting on 17 December 2020 (SP Paper 897)

23 December 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 79th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 December 2020 (SP Paper 900)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 80th Report, 2020 (Session 5):  
Legislative Consent Memorandum: Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal  
Conduct) Bill (SP Paper 901)

Covid-19 Committee, 13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation  
considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 23 December 2020 (SP  
Paper 902)

12 January 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Subordinate Legislation on Smoke and Fire Alarms considered by the Local  
Government and Communities Committee on 16 December 2020 (SP Paper 903)

13 January 2021

Health and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation  
considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 12 January 2021 (SP Paper 904)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform  
Committee on 12 January 2021 (SP Paper 1)

14 January 2021

Covid-19 Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation  
considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 14 January 2021 (SP Paper  
906)

19 January 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Report on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish  
Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020  
(Made affirmative) (SP Paper 908)

20 January 2021

Health and Sport Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the  
University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill (SP Paper 909)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform  
Committee on 19 January 2021 (SP Paper 912)

21 January 2021

Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Domestic Abuse (Protection)  
(Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 910)

Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation  
Considered by the Justice Committee on 19 January 2021 (SP Paper 913)

Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Consent Notification Considered  
by the Justice Committee on 19 January 2021 (SP Paper 914)

22 January 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the European Charter on Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (SP Number 915)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain (SP Paper 911)

27 January 2021

Health and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 26 January 2021 (SP Paper 916)

28 January 2021

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 27 January 2021 (SP Paper 919)

29 January 2021

Education and Skills Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation - The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 917)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 920)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 921)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 January 2021 (SP Paper 922)

Covid-19 Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 28 January 2021 (SP Paper 924)

1 February 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 923)

2 February 2021

Education and Skills Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation - The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 917)

4 February 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 February 2021 (SP Paper 926)

Covid-19 Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 4 February 2021 (SP Paper 928)

6 February 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 925)

10 February 2021

Health and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Future of Social Care and Support in Scotland (SP Paper 929)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 February 2021 (SP Paper 926)

Health and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type B Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 932)

Health and Sport Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 933)

11 February 2021

Health and Sport Committee, 7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 9 February 2021: Coronavirus International Travel Regulations (SP Paper 935)

Covid-19 Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 11 February 2021 (SP Paper 937)

15 February 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation on Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and Revocation) (Coronavirus) Order 2021/10 considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 10 February 2021 (SP Paper 931)

16 February 2021

Health and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): What should Primary Care look like for the next generation? Phase II (SP Paper 939)



Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 February 2021 (SP Paper 941)

17 February 2021

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Code of Conduct Rule changes - Treatment of Others (SP Paper 940)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 942)

18 February 2021

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 946)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Scottish Fiscal Commission – Commissioner Reappointment (SP Paper 947)

Covid-19 Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 18 February 2021 (SP Paper 950)

19 February 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 (SP Paper 945)

22 February 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation on the Property Factors (Code of Conduct) (Scotland) Order 2021 considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 10 February 2021 (SP Paper 930)

Local Government and Communities Committee, 7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SP Number 943)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 (SP Paper 944)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 2nd report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 952)

23 February 2021

Education and Skills Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) Order 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 951)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule Changes – Inquiry into the resilience of the

Scottish Parliament's practices and procedures in relation to its business (SP Paper 953)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on Scottish Government Budget 2021-22 (SP Paper 954)

24 February 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 11th Report 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 February 2021 (SP Paper 955)

Health and Sport Committee, 9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 957)

Health and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carers Support Plans and Young Carers Statements etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 958)

25 February 2021

Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 23 February 2021 (SP Paper 956)

Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Financial Services Bill (SP Paper 960)

Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill (SP Paper 961)

26 February 2021

Local Government and Communities Committee, 8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Community Empowerment: Taking Stock of Participation Requests and Asset Transfers Four Years On (SP Paper 959)

1 March 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 962)

2 March 2021

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Key audit themes: Managing public sector ICT projects (SP Paper 963)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes on the financial scrutiny of bills (SP Paper 964)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Equalities and Human Rights Committee remit (SP Paper 965)

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 967)

4 March 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report 2021 (Session 5):  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform  
Committee on 2 March 2021 (SP Paper 968)

5 March 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 14th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Hate  
Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 (SP Paper 969)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Committee on 3 March 2021 (SP Paper 971)

Social Security Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation  
considered by the Social Security Committee on 4 March 2021 (SP Paper 978)

8 March 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 15th Report, 2021 (Session 5):  
Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 (SP  
Paper 970)

9 March 2021

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 5th Report, 2021  
(Session 5): Code of Conduct - Register of Interests - Gifts threshold (SP Paper 972)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 6th Report, 2021  
(Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes – Private and Hybrid Bill Procedures (SP  
Paper 973)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 7th Report, 2021  
(Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes – Public Petitions System (SP Paper 974)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 8th Report, 2021  
(Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes – Urgent questions to the Scottish  
Parliamentary Corporate Body (SP Paper 975)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 9th Report, 2021  
(Session 5): The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment (Coronavirus)  
Order 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 976)

10 March 2021

Finance and Constitution Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate  
legislation considered by the Committee on 10 March 2021 (SP Paper 980)

Health and Sport Committee, 11th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation  
considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 9 March 2021: Coronavirus  
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