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**BUSINESS BULLETIN No. 13/2015**

**Wednesday 21 January 2015**

## Summary of Today's Business

### Meetings of Committees

9.15 am	Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
9.30 am	Finance Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
9.30 am	Local Government and Regeneration Committee	the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)
9.30 am	Public Audit Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
9.30 am	Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee	the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
10.00 am	Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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### Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm	Portfolio Questions
	Infrastructure, Investment and Cities; Culture, Europe and External Affairs
followed by	Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11626 Iain Gray: Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education Report

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## Business Bulletin: Wednesday 21 January 2015

### Section A – Today's Business

#### Meetings of Committees

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified. Contact details for Committee Clerks are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

#### Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
1. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries (in private):** The Committee will consider a request to submit written evidence anonymously.
  2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
  3. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Ewan Angus, Head of Commissioning, BBC Scotland;  
Alan Clements, Director of Content, STV;  
Ian MacKenzie, Development Manager, Channel 4;  
Drew McFarlane, National Organiser for Scotland and Northern Ireland, Equity;  
Jane Muirhead, National Director, Scotland, PACT;  
and then from—  
Ken Hay, Chief Executive, Centre for the Moving Image (CMI);  
John Archer, Producer, Hopscotch Films & Chair of Independent Producers Scotland;  
Arabella Page Croft, Producer, Black Camel Pictures;  
Bob Last, Independent Producer;  
Iain Smith, Producer, and Chair, British Film Commission.
  4. **Review of evidence heard** The Committee will review the evidence heard at today's meeting.

#### Finance Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
  2. **Further Fiscal Devolution:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Colin Borland, Head of External Affairs, FSB Scotland;  
Garry Clark, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;

Nicola Walker, Director of Devolution, Confederation of British Industry;  
and then from—

Edward Troup, Second Permanent Secretary, and Sarah Walker, Deputy  
Director and Head of Devolution Team, HM Revenue and Customs.

3. **Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
4. **Proposed Contingent Liability:** The Committee will consider its approach to a proposed contingent liability.

### **Local Government and Regeneration Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Scottish Public Authorities)  
Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/354).
2. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Dr James Cooper, Edinburgh Napier University;  
and then from—  
Kevin Woodburn, Edinburgh City Private Hire;  
Les McVay, CityCabs;  
Bill McIntosh, Scottish Taxi Federation;  
and then from—  
Audrey Watson, Managing Solicitor, West Lothian Licensing Board;  
Douglas Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), Renfrewshire  
Council;  
Tom Berney, Chair, Scottish Older Persons Assembly.
3. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

### **Public Audit Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Section 23 report - Community planning: Turning ambition into action:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled Community planning: Turning ambition into action from—  
Cllr Jenny Laing, Council Leader, Aberdeen City Council;  
Chief Superintendent Adrian Watson, Local Police Commander, Aberdeen  
City Division, Police Scotland;  
Susan Webb, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Grampian;  
Cllr David Parker, Council Leader, Scottish Borders Council;

Alistair McKinnon, Regional Director, South of Scotland, Scottish Enterprise;

John Raine, Chair, NHS Borders;

and then from—

Sarah Davidson, Director-General Communities, Scottish Government;

Cllr David O'Neill, President, COSLA;

Pat Watters, Chair, National Community Planning Group.

3. **Section 23 report - Community planning: Turning ambition into action:**

The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Community planning: Turning ambition into action" and take evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Antony Clark, Assistant Director, Best Value, Scrutiny and Improvement, Audit Scotland.

### **Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Scotland's National Marine Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scottish Government's National Marine Plan.

2. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft stage 1 report on Part 4 of the Bill.

### **Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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

2. **Housing Update:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Bill Barron, Division Head, Housing Services and Regeneration, Caroline Dicks, Acting Unit Head of Housing Supply Division, Barry Stalker, Team Leader, Private Rented Sector, and Stephen Garland, Head of Housing Sustainability Unit, Scottish Government.

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

## Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

### Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

**1. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how the devolution of air passenger duty will help the Ayrshire economy. (S4O-03911)

**2. Hanzala Malik:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to minimise disruption to passengers and businesses during the renovation of Glasgow Queen Street station. (S4O-03912)

**3. Ken Macintosh:** To ask the Scottish Government what assurance it can provide that Clyde and Hebridean ferry services will not be privatised. (S4O-03913)

**4. John Pentland:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities last met North Lanarkshire Council and what was discussed. (S4O-03914)

**5. Adam Ingram:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the rail investment proposals in the Industrial Communities Alliance's paper, *Tracks to Work*. (S4O-03915)

**6. Dennis Robertson:** To ask the Scottish Government what improvements are planned to upgrade the road and rail network in Aberdeenshire. (S4O-03916)

**7. George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government how many passengers travelled through Scotland's airports in 2014. (S4O-03917)

**8. Margaret McCulloch:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Network Rail and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding improvements to the East Kilbride railway line. (S4O-03918)

**9. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what cumulative savings have been realised since the establishment of the Scottish Futures Trust. (S4O-03919)

**10. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal is making. (S4O-03920)

### Culture, Europe and External Affairs

**1. Dave Thompson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet Ofcom to discuss broadcasting. (S4O-03921)

**2. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to promote major events in Scotland. (S4O-03922)



**3. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Creative Scotland and what issues were discussed. (S4O-03923)

**4. Hugh Henry:** [Not Lodged]

**5. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to recognise Holocaust Memorial Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in 2015. (S4O-03925)

**6. Gavin Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what the budget priorities are in 2015-16 for the Culture, Europe and External Affairs portfolio. (S4O-03926)

**7. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of its staff work in the culture and heritage and external affairs directorates. (S4O-03927)

**8. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what international development support it is providing for people affected by the humanitarian crisis in Iraq. (S4O-03928)

**9. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Creative Scotland regarding long-term funding for the Gaelic arts agency, Pròiseact nan Ealan. (S4O-03929)

**10. Nigel Don:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the condition of Scotland's historic buildings. (S4O-03930)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

**S4M-12101 John Swinney: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill—** That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill.

*followed by* Business Motions

**S4M-12104 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—** That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 January 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Education and Lifelong Learning

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (Private Members' Bill) – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 February 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights;  
Fair Work, Skills and Training

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

**S4M-12105 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 May 2015.

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**S4M-12106 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2015 [draft] be approved.

**S4M-12107 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 be approved.

**S4M-12108 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

5.00 pm

Decision Time

*followed by*

Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

**S4M-11626 Iain Gray: Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education Report**—That the Parliament notes with concern a recent survey, which was published by the Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education and supported by The Royal Society of Edinburgh, suggesting that 98% of primary and secondary schools depended on external funding for practical work, including from parents and teachers, that 45% of primaries reported having no access to safety equipment and that spending per head on pupils studying science in Scotland is around two thirds of the equivalent spending in England; is concerned that schools might be put off encouraging pupils to take science subjects at National 5 if sitting those exams is perceived to have an adverse impact on pass rates; acknowledges what it sees as the seriousness of these problems, given that some reports have stated that, by 2030, over seven million jobs in the UK will depend on science skills and that, therefore, the science graduates that Scotland's economy will rely on are already at school and being introduced to the subject; welcomes the Royal Society of Chemistry's recommendations on improving science learning in school through access to teaching specialists; further recognises what it believes is the important role that local science societies, such as the Dunbar Science Festival in East Lothian, and festivals play in making extracurricular science learning available, and understands with disappointment that, in 2015-16, science societies and festivals will receive a real-terms cut in funding from the Scottish Government.



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## **Business Bulletin: Wednesday 21 January 2015** **Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament**

### **Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on** **14 January 2015**

Thursday 22 January 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions (*for text of questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 15 January 2015*)

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions (*for text of questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 20 January 2015*)

*followed by* Members' Business – S4M-11361 Jamie McGrigor: Tackling Projected Population Decline in Argyll and Bute (*for text of motion see [Section F](#) of the Business Bulletin for Monday 19 January 2015*)

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: 2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS (*for text of motion S4M-12120 see [Section F](#)*)

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                    Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Wednesday 28 January 2015

2.00 pm                    Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm                    Portfolio Questions  
Education and Lifelong Learning (*for names of those Members selected for Portfolio Questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 20 January 2015*)

*followed by*                Scottish Government Business

*followed by*                Business Motions

*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                    Decision Time

*followed by*                Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2015

11.40 am                    Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am                    General Questions (*for names of those Members selected for General Questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 20 January 2015*)

12.00 pm                    First Minister's Questions

*followed by*                Members' Business

2.30 pm                    Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*                Scottish Government Business

*followed by*                Business Motions

*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                    Decision Time



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## **Business Bulletin: Wednesday 21 January 2015 Section C – Future Committee Meetings**

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

**Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed at:**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/committees/index.htm>

### **Devolution (Further Powers) Committee 22 January 2015 3rd Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
1. **Evidence from Scottish business organisations on the Smith Agreement.**  
The Committee will take evidence from—  
David Watt, Executive Director, Institute of Directors;  
Ross Martin, Chief Executive, Scottish Council for Development and Industry;  
Alan Watt, Chief Executive, Civil Engineering Contractors Association;  
Stuart Patrick, Chief Executive, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Proposed future business**

The committee will publish details of its next meeting shortly.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

### **European and External Relations Committee 22 January 2015 2nd Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 10.15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
1. **EU Strategy:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jacqueline Minor, Head of Representation in the United Kingdom, European Commission.

2. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 5 February, the Committee will take evidence from the Deputy First Minister on Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP); will consider its approach for the second strand of Connecting Scotland inquiry and will consider the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.





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## Business Bulletin: Wednesday 21 January 2015

### Section E – Written questions lodged on 20 January 2015

Questions marked with a triangle ( $\Delta$ ) are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

**S4W-24089 David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out a study of the impact on the Western Isles economy of the decision to delay improvement works on Ullapool harbour for a five-week period from 20 April 2015 and whether it is aware that B&B owners in Lewis are receiving cancellations due to the lack of sailings during this period.

**S4W-24090 Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government further to the answer to question S4W-23777 by Aileen McLeod on 13 January 2015, whether it will provide a full breakdown of the issues discussed at the meeting.

**S4W-24091 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government when it was made aware of the (a) delay and (b) rise in cost for the Dundee V&A project.

**S4W-24092 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) Dundee City Council and (b) other partners regarding the (i) construction, (ii) timetable and (iii) cost of the Dundee V&A project.

**S4W-24095 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government which hospitals were placed on red alert between 1 December 2014 and 15 January 2015 and for how long; how many beds were available during the red alert period, and how this compared with demand.

**S4W-24096 Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government which (a) local authority and (b) private care homes in each local authority area are subject to admission restrictions set by the Care Inspectorate, and how long these have been in place.

**S4W-24098 Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Smith Commission's recommendation on the matter, what progress is being made with the development of plans to allow international students to remain in Scotland after graduation.

**S4W-24099 Elaine Murray:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it allocated to each community justice authority for (a) 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15, and how much it will allocate in 2015-16.

**S4W-24101 Elaine Murray:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it will allocate to (a) Fife and Forth Valley, (b) Glasgow, (c) Lanarkshire, (d) Lothian and

Borders, (e) Northern, (f) North Strathclyde, (g) Tayside and (h) South West Scotland Community Justice Authority in 2015-16 to help fund women's justice support services.

**S4W-24102 Elaine Murray:** To ask the Scottish Government what projects supporting women offenders in the community it will provide support for in 2015-16, broken down by funding.



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## **Business Bulletin: Wednesday 21 January 2015**

### **Section F – Motions and Amendments**

Motions and amendments are normally printed the day after they are lodged. If an amendment is lodged to a motion then the original motion will appear alongside the amendment, along with any support lodged that day, in this section.

Each Monday, this section also contains all motions and amendments lodged the previous week that are still live and any motions and amendments that have been lodged for debate in the coming week. A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted from the list.

Where a motion or amendment has been withdrawn, it is indicated in this section the day after it has been withdrawn. Support for motions and amendments received after they are lodged is shown at the end of this section the day after such support is received.

Motions and amendments can be published with various symbols:

- Asterisks before the motion or amendment number indicate a motion or amendment published for the first time;
- Asterisks also identify alterations to the text of a motion or amendment made since it was first published;
- A hash symbol identifies motions eligible for debate at Members' Business;
- A diamond symbol identifies motions lodged for Members' Business that have not yet attracted the required cross-party support;
- An "R", identifies motions or amendments in which the Member who lodged it has a registrable interest.

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments not scheduled for debate and which are over six weeks old.

A search facility is also available on the Scottish Parliament web site at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>.

Any questions in relation to this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk, for which contact details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

## New and altered motions and amendments

**\*S4M-12120 Shona Robison: 2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS**—That the Parliament is committed to ensuring that Scotland’s NHS remains in public hands and free at the point of need; recognises that Scotland’s caring services face challenges common across the developed world, including those derived from an ageing population, changing demands of service provision and increased costs associated with new medicines and technologies; supports the achievements that quality improvement programmes have made, such as the Scottish Patient Safety Programme and the Early Years Collaborative, and the importance of sustaining and spreading these achievements; agrees that the 2020 vision’s strategy for integrated health and social care is key to ensuring sustainable caring services long into the future; commends the contribution of NHS and social care staff in caring for Scotland and in seeking to achieve the aims of the 2020 vision; believes that the contribution of staff, stakeholders and users of the country’s caring services will be vital to the development and implementation of delivery plans for the short and long term that meet the aims of the 2020 vision, and welcomes the recent additional investments in Scotland’s NHS, including a further £100 million over three years to address delays in discharge and support people to remain at home or in a homely setting for as long as possible.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn\*, Maureen Watt\*

**\*S4M-12119 Patricia Ferguson: John Paul Academy’s Public Speakers**—That the Parliament commends everyone at John Paul Academy in Summerston on its team’s strong showing in the 2015 Glasgow Schools Public Speaking Competition; understands that the team was one of the four finalists, alongside Kings Park Secondary, Rosshall Academy and the eventual victors, Shawlands Academy; notes that Shawlands Academy will now go to the West of Scotland Final; understands that the competition, which is organised by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and has been running annually since 2012, aims to encourage public speaking in schools that have not traditionally competed in such competitions, and believes that this strong showing by John Paul Academy bodes well for future competitions.

**\*S4M-12118 Patricia Ferguson: Elmvale Primary’s Sensory Garden**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at Elmvale Primary in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency on it being awarded funding toward the cost of building a sensory garden in the grounds of the school; understands that the £500 grant, which was presented by Scotmid Co-operative West Regional Committee, will allow the school to expand on its outdoor learning activities for pupils and provide green space in support of its bid for a third Eco School Green Flag, and wishes the pupils and staff all the best for both the design stage and successful completion of the project.

**\*S4M-12117 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen City Council Should Rethink the Marischal Square Development**—That the Parliament welcomes the production by Aberdeen-based Pinnacle Visualisation of 3D-images of the proposed Marischal Square development in Aberdeen city centre; believes that these images have been revelatory and have helped enlighten Aberdonians of the impact that this development will have on the city and in particular the category A-listed Marischal

College and Provost Skene's House; believes, that following the publication of the images, the reaction of the public has been overwhelmingly opposed to the scheme, and calls on Aberdeen City Council in its role as development partner to reconsider the development as a matter of urgency.

**\*S4M-12116 Mike MacKenzie: Frankie's Fish & Chips Nets Good Catch Award—**That the Parliament congratulates everyone at Frankie's Fish & Chips, which is in Brae, Shetland, on winning the Good Catch Award at 2015 National Fish and Chips Awards, which were held in London; understands that this is a sustainable seafood award that rewards knowledge and the promotion of responsible sourcing and sustainability practices; believes that this is recognition of the impeccable sourcing of sustainable seafood at Frankie's and the consistently high quality of its produce; understands that, since it opened in 2008, everyone at the shop has been dedicated to meeting the highest standards of hygiene, food quality and customer care; recognises the skill, effort and hard work of all of the staff at Frankie's in delivering what it considers an excellent eatery of which the community can be proud, and wishes the owner, Valerie Johnson, the manager, John Gold, and the staff continued success.

**\*S4M-12115 John Lamont: Good Luck to the Scotland Rugby Squad—**That the Parliament congratulates all those selected to represent Scotland in the 2015 RBS 6 Nations squad; notes that the squad includes a number of young players making their debut for Scotland, which it considers bodes well for the future of Scottish rugby; notes that the Scottish Borders is well represented in the squad by the captain, Greig Laidlaw, Hawick's Stuart Hogg, Ross Ford from Kelso and Geoff Cross from Galashiels; looks forward to a successful tournament, and wishes Scotland luck in its first fixture against France on 7 February.

Supported by: Jamie McGrigor\*, Cameron Buchanan\*, Nanette Milne\*, Liz Smith\*, Alex Fergusson\*, Mary Scanlon\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, Patricia Ferguson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Margaret McCulloch\*, Liam McArthur\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Adam Ingram\*, Neil Findlay\*

**\*S4M-12114 Graeme Dey: Congratulations to Dundee and Angus College—**That the Parliament congratulates the staff, students and management at Dundee and Angus College on a recent Scottish Funding Council report that suggested that it was the best performing college in terms of pass rates for higher education courses and had the second highest pass rate for further education courses; applauds the institution on these above national average figures; commends the college on its students from the most deprived postcode areas achieving a pass rate of 75%, and wishes all of the staff, students and management continuing success.

Supported by: Iain Gray\*, Roderick Campbell\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Hanzala Malik\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jenny Marra\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Adam Ingram\*

**\*S4M-12113 John Swinney: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—**That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Empowerment (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.

**\*S4M-12112 Colin Beattie: Health in Mind Receives £1,792 from Big Lottery Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Health in Mind on receiving £1,792 from Big Lottery Fund’s 2014 Communities programme; considers that the organisation provides a supportive environment for those seeking positive discussion on mental health; understands that the organisation facilitates a safe space for people to experience positive mental health and wellbeing; considers that it treats people with respect, integrity and compassion; believes that the organisation will establish dance taster lessons and dance workshops; recognises its contribution to creating a community based on inclusion, and wishes Health in Mind well in the future.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine\*, Chic Brodie\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Adam Ingram\*, Rob Gibson\*, Roderick Campbell\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*S4M-12111 Jackie Baillie: NoMorePage 3 Victory**—That the Parliament welcomes *The Sun’s* decision to respond to calls led by the NoMorePage 3 campaign to stop printing pictures of topless women; understands that more than 217,000 people have signed a petition to back this call and that numerous organisations, including UNISON, the British Youth Council, UK Girlguiding, the National Union of Teachers, the Royal College of Nursing and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers have voiced their support; applauds everyone behind the NoMorePage3 campaign for their hard work and determination; regards *The Sun’s* decision to refrain from printing pictures of topless women as an important step to combat sexist attitudes toward women; celebrates this as a victory against the objectification of women, but believes that much more needs to be done to tackle sexism in society.

Supported by: Kezia Dugdale\*, James Kelly\*, Mary Fee\*, Elaine Smith\*, David Stewart\*, John Pentland\*, Cara Hilton\*, Colin Beattie\*, Richard Simpson\*, John Scott\*, Graeme Pearson\*, Liam McArthur\*, Rob Gibson\*, Patricia Ferguson\*, Graeme Dey\*, Elaine Murray\*, Roderick Campbell\*, Iain Gray\*, Hanzala Malik\*, Drew Smith\*, Alison McInnes\*, John Wilson\*, Malcolm Chisholm\*

**\*S4M-12109 David Torrance: St Brycedale Church Playgroup Receives Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates St Brycedale Church Playgroup on receiving £2,471 from the Big Lottery Fund’s Awards for All Scotland programme; notes that the playgroup offers pre-school education for children aged from two and a half years and is registered for 24 places; considers that playgroups provide an excellent learning opportunity in an informal setting as children at that stage learn best through play; welcomes what it sees as the great efforts by the group’s staff to assist all children in having the best possible start in life by creating a friendly environment; understands that the playgroup will use the grant to purchase additional reading material and play items to further improve its services, and wishes everyone involved at the playgroup the best of luck in all their future endeavours.

**\*S4M-12108 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

**\*S4M-12107 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 be approved.

**\*S4M-12106 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children’s Hearings) Amendment Rules 2015 [draft] be approved.

**\*S4M-12105 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 May 2015.

**\*S4M-12104 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)  
– Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 28 January 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Education and Lifelong Learning

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 29 January 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am      General Questions

12.00 pm      First Minister's Questions

*followed by*      Members' Business

2.30 pm      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Stage 1 Debate: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (Private Members' Bill) – UK Legislation

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time

Tuesday 3 February 2015

2.00 pm      Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Scottish Government Business

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2015

2.00 pm      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm      Portfolio Questions  
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights;  
Fair Work, Skills and Training

*followed by*      Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 2015

11.40 am      Parliamentary Bureau Motions



11.40 am        General Questions

12.00 pm        First Minister's Questions

*followed by*    Members' Business

2.30 pm        Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*    Scottish Government Business

*followed by*    Business Motions

*followed by*    Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm        Decision Time

**\*S4M-12103♦ Hanzala Malik: Racism on the Rise in Glasgow's Schools**—That the Parliament notes with sadness reports of a drastic rise in the number of racially-motivated assaults in Glasgow's schools, with figures from Glasgow City Council suggesting that these have more than doubled in recent years; notes that 46 attacks were recorded in 2014, compared with 18 in 2010, which represents a 115% increase, further notes that the overall number of racist incidents in Glasgow schools has also gone up from 128 to 145 in the same time period, with incidents including physical assaults, verbal abuse and the ridiculing of pupils because of cultural differences; understands that Mr Jatin Haria, the executive director of the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights, has stated that, as many racist incidents are not recorded, the real figure might be much greater; believes that such incidents happen not only in Glasgow, but across Scotland; finds this latest news both concerning and worrying, and notes the view that, as it concerns the children of Scotland, this matter must be addressed immediately.

Supported by: David Stewart\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Richard Simpson\*, Elaine Murray\*, Patricia Ferguson\*, Alison McInnes\*, Cameron Buchanan\*, Anne McTaggart\*

**\*S4M-12102 Elaine Smith: 10 Years of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act**—That the Parliament celebrates 10 years of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005; understands that the bill received Royal Assent on 18 January 2005; recognises that it made it an offence to prevent or stop a child who is permitted to be in a public place or licensed premises from being fed milk in that place or on those premises; believes that it is the Scottish Government's role to educate public services, businesses and members of the public about the Act and that more publicity and promotion is required; acknowledges the benefits of breastfeeding for both mother and baby and believes that mothers breastfeeding in public should be celebrated and supported, and understands that, while the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 goes some way in doing that, more publicity and support is required.

Supported by: Malcolm Chisholm\*, Roderick Campbell\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Margaret McDougall\*, Lewis Macdonald\*, Drew Smith\*, Richard Simpson\*, Richard Lyle\*, Cara Hilton\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Neil Findlay\*, Patricia Ferguson\*, Elaine Murray\*, Alison McInnes\*

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

**S4M-12100 Anti-Semitism** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Ken Macintosh\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Rob Gibson\*, Neil Findlay\*, Alison McInnes\*, Hugh Henry\*, Stewart Maxwell\*, Adam Ingram\*, Elaine Smith\*, Drew Smith\*, Jim Hume\*, Jackie Baillie\*, John Wilson\*

**S4M-12099 USC Dundonald** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Richard Simpson\*, Richard Lyle\*, John Pentland\*, Margaret McDougall\*, Drew Smith\*, John Scott\*, Jackie Baillie\*

**S4M-12098 50th Anniversary of the Death of Sir Winston Churchill** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Richard Simpson\*, Richard Lyle\*, John Lamont\*, Gavin Brown\*, Jackson Carlaw\*, John Scott\*

**S4M-12097 Peace in Nigeria and Cameroon** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Mike MacKenzie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Stewart Maxwell\*, Dennis Robertson\*

**S4M-12094 Whitehill Welfare FC Awarded £1,190 from Big Lottery Fund** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Mike MacKenzie\*, Richard Lyle\*

**S4M-12093 Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland's Outstanding Support for Survivors** (lodged on 19 January 2015) John Mason\*, Ken Macintosh\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Hugh Henry\*, Jim Hume\*, Colin Beattie\*

**S4M-12092 Garrowhill Gardens Estate Wins Prize** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Jackie Baillie\*, Richard Lyle\*

**S4M-12091 Young Start Awards £99,492 from Big Lottery Fund Scotland** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Jackie Baillie\*, Richard Lyle\*

**S4M-12090 Record Number of Scots Relied on Foodbanks** (lodged on 19 January 2015) Ken Macintosh\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Hugh Henry\*

**S4M-12089 Je suis Raif Badawi** (lodged on 16 January 2015) John Mason\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Richard Lyle\*, Neil Findlay\*, Stewart Maxwell\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Elaine Murray\*

**S4M-12088 Commemorating the Life of Mary Slessor** (lodged on 16 January 2015) Stewart Maxwell\*, Colin Beattie\*, Siobhan McMahon\*, Murdo Fraser\*

**S4M-12087 Glasgow Pride 2015** (lodged on 16 January 2015) Neil Findlay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Dennis Robertson\*, John Wilson\*

**S4M-12086 USC Workforce Dundonald** (lodged on 16 January 2015) Richard Lyle\*, Hugh Henry\*, Stewart Maxwell\*, John Wilson\*

**S4M-12085 Raif Badawi** (lodged on 16 January 2015) Alison McInnes\*, Colin Beattie\*

**S4M-12084 Welcoming a More Energy Efficient Retail Sector** (lodged on 16 January 2015) Colin Beattie\*

**S4M-12083 Glasgow's Charitable Efforts in Wake of Tragedy** (lodged on 16 January 2015) Jean Urquhart\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Nanette Milne\*, Liz Smith\*, Cameron Buchanan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Chic Brodie\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Adam Ingram\*, Rob Gibson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Mike MacKenzie\*, Patricia Ferguson\*, Hanzala Malik\*

**S4M-12081 In Memory of Professor Ailsa McKay** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Stewart Maxwell\*, Siobhan McMahon\*, Elaine Smith\*

**S4M-12078 100 Years of Langside Library** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Stewart Maxwell\*

**S4M-12073 Congratulations to Harris Tweed Hebrides** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Margaret Mitchell\*

**S4M-12072 75th Anniversary of Citizens Advice Edinburgh** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Jackie Baillie\*

**S4M-12071 Congratulations to Burrell Exhibition at Bonhams, London** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Jackie Baillie\*

**S4M-12070 Thanks to Scotland's NHS Staff** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon\*

**S4M-12069 The Scottish Traditional Boat Festival** (lodged on 15 January 2015) Alex Salmond\*

**S4M-12066 Congratulating The Usual Place** (lodged on 14 January 2015) Cameron Buchanan\*

**S4M-12059 Devolution of Mineral Access Rights and Fracking** (lodged on 13 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon\*

**S4M-12058 Congratulating SSE Hydro** (lodged on 13 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon\*

**S4M-12057 Global Divestment Day, February 2015** (lodged on 13 January 2015) John Finnie\*

**S4M-12040 Awareness of Group B Streptococcus** (lodged on 12 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon\*

**S4M-12032 2014 Arms Control Person of the Year** (lodged on 12 January 2015) John Finnie\*

**S4M-12004 Voluntary Action Scotland, Supporting a Stronger Third Sector** (lodged on 07 January 2015) Ken Macintosh\*

**S4M-12003.1 Supporting PCS's Campaign against UK Government Meddling** (lodged on 08 January 2015) Alison Johnstone\*

**S4M-11995 Holocaust Memorial Day 2015** (lodged on 07 January 2015) Murdo Fraser\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Elaine Murray\*, Cameron Buchanan\*

**S4M-11931 John Muir Trust Wins Outdoor Campaigner of the Year** (lodged on 17 December 2014) Cameron Buchanan\*, Liz Smith\* R, Anne McTaggart\*, Alison Johnstone\*, Cara Hilton\*, Alex Fergusson\*, Neil Findlay\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Alison McInnes\*, Michael McMahon\*, Patricia Ferguson\*



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### **Section G – Bills**

#### **New amendments to Bills lodged on 20 January 2015**

#### **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2**

##### **Section 2**

##### **Margaret Burgess**

- 1** In section 2, page 1, line 17, at end insert—

<( ) The assistance which a local authority may use its welfare fund to provide does not include making loans.>

##### **Section 3**

##### **Margaret Burgess**

- 2** Leave out section 3

##### **Section 4**

##### **Margaret Burgess**

- 3** In section 4, page 2, line 4, leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert—

<(2A) Where an applicant for assistance in pursuance of section 2 from a local authority applies to it to do so, the local authority must review its decision on the application.

(2B) Subsection (2A) is subject to subsection (2C).

(2C) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—

- (a) provide as to circumstances in which a decision made in pursuance of section 2 is not to be reviewed under subsection (2A),
- (b) provide as to how an application for review under subsection (2A) is to be made,
- (c) provide as to time limits for the making of applications for review under subsection (2A).>

##### **Margaret Burgess**

- 4** In section 4, page 2, line 10, leave out subsections (3) and (4)

##### **Margaret Burgess**

- 5** In section 4, page 2, line 20, leave out <negative> and insert <affirmative>

## Section 5

### Margaret Burgess

- 6 In section 5, page 2, line 23, leave out <this Act> and insert <sections 1 to 4>

### Margaret Burgess

- 7 In section 5, page 2, line 37, leave out <this Act> and insert <sections 1 to 4>

### Margaret Burgess

- 8 In section 5, page 2, leave out line 39

### Margaret Burgess

- 9 In section 5, page 3, leave out lines 1 and 2

### Margaret Burgess

- 10 In section 5, page 3, line 2, at end insert—

<( ) about the procedure which local authorities are to follow in relation to reviews in pursuance of section 4, or applications for such reviews, including the period within which they are to take any particular steps,>

### Margaret Burgess

- 11 In section 5, page 3, line 12, leave out subsection (4)

### Margaret Burgess

- 12 In section 5, page 3, line 14, leave out <negative> and insert <affirmative>

## Section 6

### Margaret Burgess

- 13 In section 6, page 3, line 17, leave out <this Act.> and insert—

<(a) sections 1 to 4,  
(b) any regulations made under section 5.>

### Margaret Burgess

- 14 In section 6, page 3, line 23, after <fit,> insert—

<( ) the Ombudsman,>

## After section 6

### Margaret Burgess

- 15 After section 6, insert—

*<Further review by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman*

#### **Application to Ombudsman for further review**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where an applicant for assistance in pursuance of section 2 is dissatisfied with the outcome of a review by a local authority in pursuance of section 4.

- (2) An application for a further review may be made to the Ombudsman—
  - (a) by the applicant, or
  - (b) by a person authorised for the purpose by the applicant.
- (3) An application under subsection (2) may be made orally or in writing.
- (4) The Ombudsman must not consider an application under subsection (2) made more than one month after the day on which the applicant first had notice of the outcome of the review by the local authority in pursuance of section 4, unless the Ombudsman is satisfied that there are circumstances which make it appropriate to consider an application made outwith that period.
- (5) It is for the Ombudsman to determine whether an application under subsection (2) has been duly made.>

**Margaret Burgess**

**16** After section 6, insert—

**<Ombudsman’s powers**

If, on a review in pursuance of an application under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2), the Ombudsman considers that a different decision should have been made by the local authority, the Ombudsman may quash the decision and—

- (a) direct the local authority to reconsider the application to which the decision relates, or
- (b) direct the local authority to use its welfare fund to provide—
  - (i) the assistance concerned, or
  - (ii) any other assistance (being assistance which may be provided by the local authority under section 2).>

**Margaret Burgess**

**17** After section 6, insert—

**<Statement of practice**

- (1) The Ombudsman must prepare a statement of practice setting out the approach which the Ombudsman intends to take to the conduct of reviews in pursuance of applications under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2).
- (2) Before preparing the statement of practice, the Ombudsman must consult—
  - (a) local authorities, and
  - (b) such other persons as the Ombudsman considers appropriate.
- (3) The Ombudsman must publish the statement of practice in such manner as the Ombudsman considers appropriate.
- (4) The Ombudsman may revise the statement of practice.
- (5) Subsections (2) to (4) apply to a revised statement of practice as they apply to the original statement of practice.>

**Margaret Burgess**

**18** After section 6, insert—

**<Procedural matters**

- (1) The procedure for conducting a review in pursuance of an application under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2) is to be such as the Ombudsman thinks fit.
- (2) The Ombudsman may, in particular—
  - (a) obtain information from such persons and in such manner, and make such inquiries, as the Ombudsman thinks fit,
  - (b) hold an oral hearing or determine the review without one.
- (3) The Ombudsman may require any of the following persons to supply or produce information or documents which the Ombudsman considers is or are, or may be, relevant to the review—
  - (a) the local authority concerned,
  - (b) the applicant for assistance,
  - (c) any other person.
- (4) The Ombudsman may administer oaths at an oral hearing held in relation to the review.
- (5) The Ombudsman may make rules setting out—
  - (a) factors to be taken into account by the Ombudsman in deciding whether to hold an oral hearing in relation to a review in pursuance of applications under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2),
  - (b) the procedure to be followed in connection with an oral hearing.
- (6) Before making such rules, the Ombudsman must consult—
  - (a) local authorities, and
  - (b) such other persons as the Ombudsman considers appropriate.
- (7) The Ombudsman must publish any such rules as soon as reasonably practicable.>

**Margaret Burgess**

**19** After section 6, insert—

**<Obstruction and contempt**

- (1) Where—
  - (a) a person, without lawful excuse, obstructs the Ombudsman in the exercise of the Ombudsman's functions in relation to a review in pursuance of an application under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2), or
  - (b) a person does any act or fails to take any action in relation to such review by the Ombudsman which, if the review were a proceeding in the Court of Session, would constitute contempt of court,the Ombudsman may apply by petition to the Court of Session for the person to be dealt with in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) Where such a petition is presented, the Court of Session may inquire into the matter and after hearing—
  - (a) any witnesses who may be produced against or on behalf of the person in question, and



(b) any statement which may be offered in defence,  
may deal with the person as if the person had committed a contempt of court in relation  
to the Court of Session.>

**Margaret Burgess**

20 After section 6, insert—

**<Notice of decision and publication of report**

- (1) After conducting a review in pursuance of an application under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2), the Ombudsman—
  - (a) must notify the applicant for assistance and the local authority concerned of the Ombudsman’s decision, and
  - (b) may publish a report of the review.
- (2) Apart from identifying the local authority concerned, a report of a review must not—
  - (a) mention the name of any person, or
  - (b) contain any particulars which, in the Ombudsman’s opinion, are likely to identify any person and can be omitted without impairing the effectiveness of the report.>

**Margaret Burgess**

21 After section 6, insert—

*<General*

**Interpretation**

In this Act, “the Ombudsman” means the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.>

**Margaret Burgess**

22 After section 6, insert—

**<Consequential modifications**

- (1) The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 14(1)(a), after “functions” insert “under sections 2 to 13”.
- (3) After section 16G, insert—

*“Other functions of the Ombudsman*

**16H Reviews under the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015**

As well as the functions conferred by sections 2 to 16G, the Ombudsman has the functions in relation to the review of decisions by local authorities conferred by the 2015 Act (see sections (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*) to (*Interpretation*) of that Act).”

- (4) In section 18(1), after paragraph (c) insert—
  - “(d) any statement made by the Ombudsman in pursuance of section (*Notice of decision and publication of report*) of the 2015 Act,
  - (e) any statement made by the Ombudsman in communicating with any person for the purposes of a welfare fund review,

- (f) any statement made by any person in communicating with the Ombudsman for the purposes of such a review.”.
- (5) In section 19—
- (a) in subsection (2), after paragraph (d) insert—
- “(e) where subsection (2A) applies, the purposes of a welfare fund review.”
- (b) after subsection (2), insert—
- “(2A) This subsection applies if—
- (a) the matter in respect of which the complaint or request has been made relates to an exercise of a function by a local authority on an application to receive assistance in pursuance of section 2 of the 2015 Act, and
- (b) the welfare fund review relates to the decision made by the authority on that application.
- (2B) Information obtained by the Ombudsman or any of the Ombudsman’s advisers in connection with a welfare fund review must not be disclosed except for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2C) or as permitted by subsection (3).
- (2C) Those purposes are—
- (a) the purposes of the review,
- (b) the purposes of any proceedings for—
- (i) an offence under the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 alleged to have been committed in respect of information obtained by the Ombudsman,
- (ii) an offence of perjury alleged to have been committed in the course of the review,
- (c) the purposes of an inquiry with a view to the taking of any of the proceedings mentioned in paragraph (b),
- (d) the purposes of any proceedings under section (*Obstruction and contempt*) of the 2015 Act,
- (e) where subsection (2D) applies, the purposes of any consideration of a complaint or request in respect of a matter, or the investigation of the matter.
- (2D) This subsection applies if—
- (a) the matter in respect of which the complaint or request has been made relates to an exercise of a function by a local authority on an application to receive assistance in pursuance of section 2 of the 2015 Act, and
- (b) the welfare fund review relates to the decision made by the authority on that application.”,
- (c) in subsection (3), after “(1)” insert “or (2B)”,
- (d) after subsection (5), insert—
- “(5A) It is not competent to call upon the Ombudsman or the Ombudsman’s advisers to give evidence in any proceedings (other than proceedings referred to in subsection (2C)) of matters coming to the knowledge of the Ombudsman or advisers in connection with a welfare fund review.”.

- (6) In section 20(1), after “Act” insert “or the 2015 Act”.
- (7) In section 23(1)—
- (a) before the entry for “action” insert—
- ““the 2015 Act” means the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015,”
- (b) after the entry for “the Ombudsman” insert—
- ““the Ombudsman’s functions” includes the Ombudsman’s functions under the 2015 Act,”
- (c) after the entry for “request” insert—
- ““welfare fund review” means a review in pursuance of an application under section (*Application to Ombudsman for further review*)(2) of the 2015 Act.”>

### **Section 7**

#### **Margaret Burgess**

- 23** In section 7, page 3, line 31, leave out <incidental, supplementary, consequential,>

## Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no indication is given that the Scottish Government or UK Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

### Current Final Proposals

Names marked with an asterisk (\*) are new names of support. Where a proposal has secured the necessary level of cross-party support, the supporters' names are shown in bold.

**Anne McTaggart: Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation (Scotland) Bill**— Proposal for a Bill to amend the law on human transplantation, including by authorising (in certain circumstances) the posthumous removal of organs and tissue from an adult who had not given express consent. (lodged 6 January 2015).

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which may be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) or on the website page referred to above. Individual responses may also be viewed in SPICe.

Supported by: **Hugh Henry, Rhoda Grant, David Stewart, Paul Martin, Michael McMahon, Siobhan McMahon, Ken Macintosh, Elaine Murray, James Kelly, Mark Griffin, Patricia Ferguson, Neil Findlay, Mary Fee, Cara Hilton, Malcolm Chisholm, Iain Gray, John Pentland, Richard Simpson, Margaret McDougall, Graeme Pearson, Hanzala Malik, Margaret McCulloch, Jenny Marra, Claudia Beamish, Jackson Carlaw, Alison Johnstone, Kenneth Gibson, Alex Rowley, Stewart Maxwell, Liam McArthur, Jim Hume, Neil Bibby, Kezia Dugdale**



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### **Section H – New Documents**

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

##### **Affirmative instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2015 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5 and Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2015 [draft]  
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

##### **Negative instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2015 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Tweed Regulation Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/11)  
laid under article 77 of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006

#### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 20 January 2015—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> report 2015 (Session 4):  
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 651)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> report 2015 (Session 4):  
Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill (SP Paper 652)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> report 2015 (Session 4):  
Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 (SP Paper 653)

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### **Section J – Progress of Legislation**

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#### **Bills in Progress**

**A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:**

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For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is three sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Thursday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is four days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for Stage 2, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

#### **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Regeneration)) 21 January 2015

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)	20 January 2015
<b>Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (M)</b>	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport))	20 January 2015
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)	20 January 2015
<b>British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill (M)</b>	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Culture))	16 December 2014
<b>Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament)	21 January 2015
<b>Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Finance))	21 January 2015
<b>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 (Local Government and Regeneration Committee)	21 January 2015
Stage 1 (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee)	21 January 2015
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)	20 January 2015
<b>Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 completed	27 February 2013
<i>Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (<a href="mailto:Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk">Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk</a>)</i>	
<b>Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill (M)</b>	
Introduced	27 November 2013
<i>Lead committee – Justice</i>	
<b>Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice))	11 December 2014
<b>Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 2 completed	20 January 2015
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<b>Mental Health (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport))	20 January 2015
<b>Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice))	20 January 2014
<b>Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill (M)</b>	
Introduced	15 December 2014
<b>Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill (G)</b>	
Stage 2 (Welfare Reform Committee)	27 January 2015



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**Subordinate legislation in progress**  
*(date of laying) (Lead Committee)*

**Instrument subject to approval**

Instrument subject to approval by 28 January 2015

Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014  
(SSI 2014/367) (18 December 2014) **(Finance)**

**Affirmative instruments**

Lead committee to report by 20 January 2015

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2015 [draft] (26 November 2014) **(Education and Culture)**

Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] (26 November 2014) **(Education and Culture)**

Lead committee to report by 21 February 2015

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Addition and Modification of Reliefs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (19 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Lead committee to report by 24 February 2015

Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (7 January 2015) **(Equal Opportunities)**

Lead committee to report by 3 March 2015

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (14 January 2015) **(Finance)**

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (14 January 2015) **(Finance)**

Police Pensions (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (14 January 2015) **(Finance)**

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (14 January 2015) **(Finance)**

Lead committee to report by 9 March 2015

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5 and Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2015 [draft] (20 January 2015) **(Devolution (Further Powers))**

### **Negative instruments**

*Members should note that the deadline for the lead committee to report by is an administrative deadline. Lead committees normally report on negative instruments only after considering a motion recommending annulment of the instrument. Where Members have queries in relation to this deadline, they should contact the clerks to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.*

Subject to annulment by 25 January 2015  
Lead committee to report by 19 January 2015

Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/336) (1 December 2014) **(Justice)**

Mutual Recognition of Supervision Measures in the European Union (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/337) (1 December 2014) **(Justice)**

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/338) (1 December 2014) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 26 January 2015  
Lead committee to report by 19 January 2015

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Authorisation of Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/339) (2 December 2014) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 2 February 2015  
Lead committee to report by 26 January 2015

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Prescribed Proportions) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/350) (8 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Qualifying Public or Educational Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/351) (8 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Definition of Charity) (Relevant Territories) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/352) (8 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Subject to annulment by 3 February 2015

Lead committee to report by 2 February 2015

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Scottish Public Authorities) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/354) (10 December 2014) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Subject to annulment by 4 February 2015

Lead committee to report by 2 February 2015

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/355) (11 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Subject to annulment by 5 February 2015

Lead committee to report by 2 February 2015

Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/357) (12 December 2014) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 18 February 2015

Lead committee to report by 16 February 2015

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Prescribed Relatives) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/360) (16 December 2014) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 20 February 2015

Lead committee to report by 16 February 2015

Building (Scotland) Act 2003 (Charging Orders) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/369) (18 December 2014) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Subject to annulment by 21 February 2015

Lead committee to report by 16 February 2015

Children (Performances and Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/372) (19 December 2014) **(Education and Culture)**

Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/373) (19 December 2014) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/374) (19 December 2014) **(Health and Sport)**

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/375) (19 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Ancillary Provision) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/376) (19 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/377) (19 December 2014) **(Finance)**

Subject to annulment by 22 February 2015  
Lead committee to report by 16 February 2015

Sea Fishing (Points for Masters of Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/379) (22 December 2014) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 26 February 2015  
Lead committee to report by 23 February 2015

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/1) (9 January 2015) **(Justice)**

Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/3) (9 January 2015) **(Finance)**

Subject to annulment by 5 March 2015  
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Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration and Severance Payments) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/7) (16 January 2015) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/9) (16 January 2015) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Subject to annulment by 8 March 2015  
Lead committee to report by 2 March 2015

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/10) (19 January 2015) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 9 March 2015  
Lead committee to report by 9 March 2015

Tweed Regulation Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/11) (20 January 2015) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

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