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ANNOUNCEMENT

Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

Subject to:

- the Parliament's agreement on Wednesday 28 January to motion number S4M-12183 on the suspension of Standing Orders, and
- the Parliament's agreement on Thursday 29 January to motion number S4M-12176 on the Bill's general principles,

Members should note the timetable set out below for Stage 2 consideration of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill.

The Finance Committee expects to consider the Bill at Stage 2 on Wednesday 4 February. Amendments cannot be formally lodged until after the Bill's general principles are agreed to; if the general principles are agreed to, the deadline for lodging Stage 2 amendments will be 4.30pm on Friday 30 January. While amendments can only be formally lodged on Friday 30 January, it would be helpful if members gave advance notice of any proposed amendments to the clerks in the Legislation Team (Room T1.01; email Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk). The clerks will advise on the wording and admissibility of amendments in preparation for their formal lodging on Friday 30 January.

Summary of Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

9.30 am	Finance Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
10.00 am	Local Government and Regeneration Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
10.00 am	Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
10.30 am	Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm	Portfolio Questions Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by	Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas
followed by	Scottish Labour Party Debate: Women Offenders
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11190 Kevin Stewart: Hepatitis C

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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.

Finance Committee **4th Meeting, 2015**

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

1. **Further Fiscal Devolution:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Lindsey Fussell, Director Public Services, HM Treasury, UK Government; and then from—
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy, and Sean Neil, Acting Deputy Director of Finance, Scottish Government.
2. **Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Scottish Tax Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/355).

Local Government and Regeneration Committee **4th Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Assistant Chief Constable Nelson Telfer, Head of Policing, West of Scotland, and Chief Inspector Morag Stewart, Liquor and Civic Licensing Policy, Police Scotland;
Chief Superintendent John McBride, Divisional Commander for Scotland, and Superintendent Alison Evans, National Metal Theft Taskforce, British Transport Police.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its work programme, EU Priorities and approach to budget scrutiny should be taken in private at future meetings.
3. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

**Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee
4th Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider its EU priorities in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
 - Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/357);
 - Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/373); and
 - Sea Fishing (Points for Masters of Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/379).
3. **Dairy industry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Nigel Evans, Vice Chairman and Farmer Director, First Milk;
 - Graeme Jack, Group Corporate Communications Director, Muller Wiseman;
 - George Jamieson, Dairy Policy Manager, NFUS;
 - James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food and Drink;
 - Robert Macintyre, dairy farmer;
 - Dr Judith Bryans, Chief Executive, Dairy UK;
 - Robert Graham, Graham's The Family Dairy;
 - Kenneth Campbell, dairy farmer.
4. **Dairy industry:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at item 3 and consider future plans for its inquiry.
5. **Scotland's National Marine Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

**Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee
3rd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.
2. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 4 in private. The Committee will also consider whether to review the evidence heard at future meetings and draft reports in private.
3. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Janet Archer, Chief Executive, and Natalie Usher, Director of Film and Media, Creative Scotland;
 - David Smith, Director of Creative Industries, Scottish Enterprise;
 - Charlotte Wright, Director of Business and Sector Development, Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

4. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries:** The Committee will review evidence heard at this meeting.

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Lifelong Learning

1. Graeme Pearson: To ask the Scottish Government how many vacant beds there are in secure units for looked-after children. (S4O-03941)

2. Mary Scanlon: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports college students to complete their studies. (S4O-03942)

3. Christian Allard: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is carrying out to streamline the process for the registration of new teachers. (S4O-03943)

4. Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Dumfries and Galloway Council regarding its plans for Dumfries Learning Town. (S4O-03944)

5. Tavish Scott: [Not Lodged]

6. Annabel Goldie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it anticipates the university student population contracting or expanding over the next five years. (S4O-03946)

7. Paul Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on agreeing educational outcomes with COSLA as part of the local government settlement. (S4O-03947)

8. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to colleges in West Scotland to improve the fabric of their buildings. (S4O-03948)

9. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how many college students are achieving qualifications that are recognised and valued by employers. (S4O-03949)

10. Roderick Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to local authorities for fostering programmes. (S4O-03950)

11. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting colleges and other adult learning providers to improve adult literacy and numeracy and what progress has been made in tackling poor basic skills levels in adults. (S4O-03951)

12. Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to monitor the pay of university principals. (S4O-03952)

13. Nanette Milne: To ask the Scottish Government what educational principles will underpin the Higher Education Governance Bill. (S4O-03953)

14. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many pupils in Aberdeen are being provided with free school meals following its recently introduced policy. (S4O-03954)

15. Richard Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how it is engaging with schools to encourage pupils to consider careers in the oil and gas industry. (S4O-03955)

16. George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has met the target for full-time equivalent places at colleges. (S4O-03956)

17. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what the average college bursary funding is compared with England, Wales and Northern Ireland. (S4O-03957)

18. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to implement the recommendations of Jackie Brock’s report on safeguarding vulnerable children. (S4O-03958)

19. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress North East Scotland College has made following the recent merger. (S4O-03959)

20. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what progress the SQA has made on the development of the Scottish Baccalaureate qualification. (S4O-03960)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Women Offenders

S4M-12160 Kezia Dugdale: Women Offenders—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Scottish Government to abandon its previously published plans for a large-scale women’s prison; congratulates the coalition of views that helped to bring about this decision; believes that the report produced by the Commission on Women Offenders led by Dame Elish Angiolini provides a clear roadmap for a different approach to women offending; believes that adequate and sustained funding is needed for community-based alternatives to imprisonment, and calls for full cross-party and wider stakeholder support and engagement in the debate and delivery of the commission’s recommendations.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S4M-12160.2 Michael Matheson: Women Offenders—As an amendment to motion S4M-12160 in the name of Kezia Dugdale (Women Offenders), leave out from “to abandon” to end and insert “not to proceed with the plans for HMP Inverclyde as a prison for women; agrees that Scotland needs to take a more radical, ambitious and sophisticated approach in the way in which it deals with

female offenders; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to enter into dialogue with all interested parties to develop a modern and progressive response to women who offend in Scotland, and agrees with the view of the Commission on Women Offenders that it is imperative that mainstream service providers, such as health, education and housing work, recognise their responsibilities and work collaboratively with each other and with criminal justice partners to facilitate the provision of all necessary services to women offenders."

S4M-12160.3 Margaret Mitchell: Women Offenders—

As an amendment to motion S4M-12160 in the name of Kezia Dugdale (Women Offenders), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the decision of the Scottish Government to reverse its previously published plans for a female prison in Inverclyde; seeks clarity about the proposals for the new prison together with an explanation as to why this decision was taken so late in the day; further seeks information relating to the financial ramifications of the decision, and believes that the report produced by the Commission on Women Offenders led by Dame Elish Angiolini has constructive proposals for dealing with women offenders."

S4M-12160.1 Alison McInnes: Women Offenders—

As an amendment to motion S4M-12160 in the name of Kezia Dugdale (Women Offenders), after "women offending" insert "; considers that further judicial training, greater judicial diversity and the establishment of a Scottish sentencing council would help ensure that sentencing is focused on rehabilitation and addresses the specific needs of women offenders".

followed by

Business Motions

S4M-12165 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 February 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

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 Debate: Local Government Finance
(Scotland) Order 2015-16 [draft]

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Working in Partnership to End
the Practice of Female Genital Mutilation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 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 18 February 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

S4M-12166 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 January 2015.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S4M-12168 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

S4M-12183 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill:

(a) Rule 9.5.3A and Rule 9.5.3B of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(b) in Rule 9.10.2, the words “except on a final lodging-day, when amendments may be lodged only until 12:00” be suspended.

5.30 pm

Decision Time

followed by

Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-11190 Kevin Stewart: Hepatitis C—That the Parliament notes that the blood-borne virus, hepatitis C, is a major cause of liver disease; understands that, in Scotland, an estimated 39,000 people, many unknowingly, are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV), including many in Aberdeen; considers that the current Scottish administration and its predecessors have done much to highlight and prevent HCV infection and improve treatment by implementing the aims of the Hepatitis C Action Plan and the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework; commends organisations such as the Hepatitis C Trust and Hepatitis Scotland on their efforts in advocating for people with HCV and lobbying on their behalf; believes that new treatments may offer opportunities, and welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government, the NHS, the third sector and pharmaceutical companies continuing to cooperate in the fight to eradicate hepatitis C.



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Business Bulletin: Wednesday 28 January 2015 **Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament**

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on **27 January 2015**

Thursday 29 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 22 January 2015*)
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions (*for text of questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 27 January 2015*)
- followed by* Members' Business – S4M-11796 David Stewart: Educational Psychologists Numbers at Dangerously Low Levels in Scotland (*for text of motion see [Section F](#) of the Business Bulletin for Monday 26 January 2015*)
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Chilcot Inquiry (*for text of motion S4M-12182 see [Section F](#)*)
- followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill (*for text of motion S4M-12176 see [Section F](#)*)
- followed by* Financial Resolution: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill (*for text of motion S4M-12171 see [Section F](#)*)
- 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 (*for names of those Members selected for Portfolio Questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 27 January 2015*)

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 (*for names of those Members selected for General Questions see [Section D](#) of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 27 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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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>

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

29 January 2015

2nd Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
1. **Inquiry into lobbying (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
 2. **Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and Bill.
 3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 26 February, the Committee expects to consider written evidence on its inquiry into the election on Committee Conveners and a draft report on its inquiry into the procedures for considering legislation.

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



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Section E – Written questions lodged on 27 January 2015

Questions marked with a triangle (Δ) 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-24168 Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Falkirk Council and SEStran regarding the Scottish Stations Fund.

S4W-24175 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on (a) teacher numbers, (b) school building programmes and (c) class sizes if the Barnett formula was abandoned and its budget reduced by at least £4 billion.

S4W-24176 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on (a) local government funding, (b) public sector pay and pensions and (c) economic development if the Barnett formula was abandoned and its budget reduced by at least £4 billion.

S4W-24177 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on the number of NHS (a) doctors and (b) nurses if the Barnett formula was abandoned and its budget reduced by at least £4 billion.

S4W-24178 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what the impact would be on housebuilding if the Barnett formula was abandoned and its budget reduced by at least £4 billion.

S4W-24179 Malcolm Chisholm: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates in (a) general and (b) the areas where rates fall below the national average.

S4W-24180 Malcolm Chisholm: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the uptake of cervical screening in (a) general and (b) the areas where rates fall below the national average.

S4W-24181 Malcolm Chisholm: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase public awareness of cervical cancer symptoms.

S4W-24182 Malcolm Chisholm: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce inequalities in (a) cervical screening uptake and (b) human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates.

S4W-24183 Δ Michael Russell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress made in relation to the Malawi Development

Programme funding round 2015-18 and on its response to the recent floods in Malawi.

S4W-24186 Patricia Ferguson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is participating in the Civil Service Reserves 1% Challenge, which is aimed at recruiting reservists from among civil servants and, if so, when this commenced.

S4W-24187 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many closures of the Skye Bridge to (a) high-sided vehicles and (b) all vehicles there have been since September 2014.

S4W-24188 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many closures of the Skye Bridge to (a) high-sided vehicles and (b) all vehicles there were in (i) 2012, (ii) 2013 and (iii) 2014.

S4W-24189 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government when it last reviewed warning level criteria for high winds on bridges.

S4W-24190 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has discussed with Transport Scotland changes in the location of the system for measuring wind speeds on the Skye Bridge.

S4W-24191 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the economic impact on the island of closures of the Skye Bridge.

S4W-24192 Richard Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish any template that it has sent to NHS boards to use for their response to the Vale of Leven Hospital inquiry report.

S4W-24193 Richard Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish NHS board responses to the Vale of Leven Hospital inquiry report without redaction and, if so, when.

S4W-24194 Richard Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government on what date it will publish its full response to the Vale of Leven Hospital inquiry report.



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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-12183 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill:

(a) Rule 9.5.3A and Rule 9.5.3B of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(b) in Rule 9.10.2, the words “except on a final lodging-day, when amendments may be lodged only until 12:00” be suspended.

***S4M-12182 Nicola Sturgeon: The Chilcot Inquiry**—That the Parliament calls for Sir John Chilcot’s official inquiry into the invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the subsequent war to publish its findings and all evidence ahead of the UK general election; acknowledges that the Iraq war resulted in the deaths of 179 UK service personnel and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians; notes that the cost to taxpayers of the war is estimated at £9.6 billion, and believes that, six years after the inquiry was established and three years after hearings concluded, it is in the interests of transparency, accountability and democracy that the report is published as soon as possible and that any further delay in publication is completely unjustifiable.

Supported by: Keith Brown* John Swinney*

***S4M-12180 Anne McTaggart: Commonwealth Games-related Contract Boost for Glasgow’s Economy**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that many Glasgow-based businesses won contracts associated with staging the 2014 Commonwealth Games; notes that more than £669 million in Tier 1 Games-related contracts were awarded, with companies and organisations from the city winning over £423 million worth, and that Scotland-based firms won £510 million in total; welcomes what it considers the significant economic boost not only for Glasgow but for all of the Scottish economy that these contracts have brought; believes that they will bring a lasting benefit to Glasgow’s people, businesses and organisations, and commends everyone who was involved in organising what it believes was a fantastic sporting and cultural festival that showed Glasgow at its very best.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Graeme Dey*, John Mason*

***S4M-12179 Paul Martin: Lesson in Law at Lochend Community High School**—That the Parliament notes that Lochend Community High School has taken part in the Law Society of Scotland’s pilot programme, Street Law; understands that Street Law is a new form of public legal education, which sees trained law students teach weekly classes in schools as part of the curriculum; considers that Street Law is a highly participatory, interactive way of teaching law to school pupils in a way that makes the subject relevant to them, and believes that this is a hugely effective way of helping to ensure that young people better understand the law, how to access the law, and their place in the legal system.

Supported by: Hugh Henry*, David Torrance*, Anne McTaggart*, Hanzala Malik*, David Stewart*, Patricia Ferguson*, Margaret McCulloch*

***S4M-12178 Christina McKelvie: Families Like Us**—That the Parliament congratulates Families Like Us, which is based in Larkhall in South Lanarkshire, on

receiving a £9,996 grant from the Communities and Family Fund, which is supported by the Scottish Government and the Big Lottery Fund and aims to improve early learning, health and wellbeing for children under eight; understands that Families Like Us provides support for lone parent families and unemployed parents; further understands that the grant will be used to open a “family like us café” where parents will attend workshops on how to find employment, build their confidence and learn to eat healthily; notes that Lesley Robertson, founder of Families Like Us, said that the charity was delighted to have been awarded, and hopes that this grant will help it to achieve its goals.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Dennis Robertson*, Joan McAlpine*, Cara Hilton*, Margaret McCulloch*, Chic Brodie*

***S4M-12177 Graeme Dey: Eassie Primary School Parent Council**—That the Parliament congratulates Eassie Primary School Parent Council on being awarded £2,049 from the Communities and Family Fund to set up a library in the school that will be available not just for pupils but for the community as well and believes that this is an excellent example of a school seeking to play a part in its community.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Nanette Milne*, Dennis Robertson*, Chic Brodie*, Joan McAlpine*, Adam Ingram*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Nigel Don*, Margaret McCulloch*

***S4M-12176 John Swinney: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill.

Supported by: Marco Biagi*, Alex Neil*

***S4M-12174 Bill Kidd: Knightswood Secondary School Dances away with Excellent Report**—That the Parliament congratulates Knightswood Secondary School on what it considers an outstanding report from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, which recognised the quality of learning and achievements at the school; notes that the secondary school, Dance School of Scotland and residential accommodation at Dalrymple Hall were assessed in the inspection; understands that the investigation concluded that young people learn and achieve well at Knightswood Secondary School, with the quality of young people’s learning in the Dance School of Scotland being categorised as outstanding; recognises that students were praised in the report for their efforts in building a sense of community throughout the school; further notes that the school was recognised for innovative practice, which Glasgow City Council wants to share more widely, and wishes all students and staff at the Knightswood Secondary School continued success for the future.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Richard Lyle*, Dennis Robertson*, Chic Brodie*, Joan McAlpine*, David Torrance*, John Pentland* R, Rob Gibson*, Adam Ingram*, Kevin Stewart*, Nigel Don*

***S4M-12173 Paul Martin: Congratulations to Balornock East Residents Association**—That the Parliament congratulates Balornock East Residents Association on receiving £9,433 from the Communities and Families Fund;

understands that the group will use the grant to support families with pre-school children by appointing a Families and Children Project Worker; further understands that the project worker will develop a programme of weekly activities and signpost families to support services and provide advocacy in crisis situations, and believes that this appointment will help to improve the health and wellbeing of young children in the community by providing their families with additional support.

Supported by: Drew Smith*, Patricia Ferguson*, Margaret McCulloch*, Bill Kidd*, James Kelly*, Anne McTaggart*, Hanzala Malik*, Cara Hilton*, Dennis Robertson*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*

***S4M-12172 Paul Martin: Congratulations to Culture and Sport Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates Culture and Sport Glasgow on receiving £9,420 from the Communities and Families Fund; understands that the group will use the grant to run a number of forest school and natural play sessions in the grounds of Cranhill Community Centre and at Cranhill Park, benefitting over 100 children and their parents; further understands that the group will also host a community nature day and run outdoor play training sessions for centre staff and parents, and welcomes efforts to keep children active while helping them to develop an appreciation for nature.

Supported by: Drew Smith*, Patricia Ferguson*, Margaret McCulloch*, Bill Kidd*, James Kelly*, Anne McTaggart*, Hanzala Malik*, Dennis Robertson*, Colin Beattie*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*

***S4M-12171 John Swinney: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Charge Debt (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-12170 David Torrance: Toll Centre Supported by Communities and Family Fund**—That the Parliament welcomes the success of the Toll Centre in Burntisland in receiving £8,582 from the Big Lottery's Communities and Family Fund; notes that the Toll Centre is a community centre owned by the people living in Burntisland, which aims to support children and young people; understands that the grant will serve to create additional services, including art classes, zoolab sessions, discos and family fun days as well as by installing a children's toilet, which will be accessible from the playground; recognises the continued effort and commitment by the Burntisland community to maintain and constantly improve the facilities at the Toll Centre, which, it considers, forms a vital part of community life in the area, and wishes everyone involved the best of luck in all future endeavours.

Supported by: Liz Smith*, Joan McAlpine*, Graeme Dey*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Dennis Robertson*, Rob Gibson*, Adam Ingram*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*, Mike MacKenzie*

***S4M-12169 David Torrance: Sustainable Communities Initiatives Receives Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Sustainable Communities Initiatives (SCI) in Kinghorn on receiving £9,860 from the Big Lottery's Communities and Family

Fund; notes that SCI is a grassroots organisation promoting social and environmental sustainability in communities; recognises that, over the last 10 years, the charity has initiated a vast number of projects, ranging from teaching community members on sustainable building methods to offering workshops on how to live an environmentally-friendly lifestyle; understands that these focus groups and seminars foster the development of new and useful skills, enable participants to explore the surrounding area and strengthen community cohesion; further understands that the grant will be invested in workshops for less advantaged families that will involve storytelling, nature connection games, healthy snacks and arts and crafts sessions using natural materials; welcomes what it considers the dedicated and invaluable work accomplished by SCI in making a vital contribution to creating a sustainable future for following generations, and wishes SCI and its staff great success for their upcoming projects.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Graeme Dey*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Liz Smith*, Chic Brodie*, Roderick Campbell*, Colin Beattie*, Dennis Robertson*, Rob Gibson*, Adam Ingram*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*, Mike MacKenzie*

***S4M-12168 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

***S4M-12167 Alison Johnstone: Suspend Licensing for Fracking in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the proposals to devolve onshore oil and gas licensing; understands that the 14th licensing round for onshore oil and gas extraction covered large areas of central Scotland; welcomes the recent comments from SNP and Scottish Labour politicians indicating what it sees as their clear opposition to the issuing of licences for fracking and other unconventional gas developments prior to the power to do so being devolved; believes that there is overwhelming opposition in the Parliament to these licences and that if they were issued by the UK Government it would render the additional power worthless and demonstrate contempt for the Smith Commission process, and urges the UK Government to suspend the process until the power to issue these licences is devolved.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, Malcolm Chisholm*, John Mason*, John Finnie*, Jean Urquhart*, Patrick Harvie*, Anne McTaggart*, John Wilson*

***S4M-12166 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 January 2015.

***S4M-12165 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 February 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
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 Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015-16
[draft]
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Working in Partnership to End the Practice of Female
Genital Mutilation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 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 18 February 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

***S4M-12164 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 28 January 2015

after

followed by Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 29 January 2015

after

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

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

***S4M-12163♦ Mike MacKenzie: Average Speed Cameras on the A9**—That the Parliament welcomes the recently published performance data regarding the average speed cameras on the A9, which suggests that, since the cameras were introduced, the number of drivers speeding has reduced from around one in three to one in 20 and that examples of excessive speeding are down by 97%; understands that there is no evidence of drivers taking diversions or using so-called rat runs to avoid the cameras; believes that their introduction has resulted in an increase in journey time reliability to and from Inverness, and considers that both the cameras and the HGV speed limit pilot on the A9, which have been put in place ahead of the dualling of the road, have been a success and have led to more responsible and safer motoring.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Joan McAlpine*, Dave Thompson*, Bill Kidd*, Kenny MacAskill*, Adam Ingram*, John Finnie*, Graeme Dey*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Mason*, Stewart Stevenson*, Roderick Campbell*, Chic Brodie*, Colin Beattie*, Dennis Robertson*, Nigel Don*, Rob Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*, Christina McKelvie*

***S4M-12161 Joan McAlpine: Bridging the Gap, Young Adult Carers in Scotland**—That the Parliament acknowledges the launch on 29 January 2015 of *Bridging the Gap: Young Adult Carers in Scotland*, a report by Carers Trust Scotland; notes the finding that young adult carers remain hidden and consequently are not always recognised by health and social care professionals as undertaking a caring role; notes that young adult carers do not always have a choice about their situation but raising awareness of their experiences and the challenges that they face can ensure that they have a fair chance to reach their full potential; understands that a quarter of young adult carers in school have experienced bullying because of their caring role and that young adult carers are four times more likely to drop out of college or university than students who were not, and believes that every effort

should be made to ensure that the specific needs of young adult carers are recognised and that they receive all the support that they require.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Cara Hilton*, Rob Gibson*, Adam Ingram*, Drew Smith*, Graeme Dey*, Jim Hume*, Chic Brodie*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Mason*, Anne McTaggart*, Colin Beattie*, Dennis Robertson*, Nigel Don*, Neil Findlay*, David Torrance*, Mike MacKenzie*, Christina McKelvie*, Kevin Stewart*, Alison McInnes*

S4M-12160 Kezia Dugdale: Women Offenders—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Scottish Government to abandon its previously published plans for a large-scale women’s prison; congratulates the coalition of views that helped to bring about this decision; believes that the report produced by the Commission on Women Offenders led by Dame Elish Angiolini provides a clear roadmap for a different approach to women offending; believes that adequate and sustained funding is needed for community-based alternatives to imprisonment, and calls for full cross-party and wider stakeholder support and engagement in the debate and delivery of the commission’s recommendations.

Supported by: Hugh Henry*

***S4M-12160.3 Margaret Mitchell: Women Offenders**—As an amendment to motion S4M-12160 in the name of Kezia Dugdale (Women Offenders), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the decision of the Scottish Government to reverse its previously published plans for a female prison in Inverclyde; seeks clarity about the proposals for the new prison together with an explanation as to why this decision was taken so late in the day; further seeks information relating to the financial ramifications of the decision, and believes that the report produced by the Commission on Women Offenders led by Dame Elish Angiolini has constructive proposals for dealing with women offenders."

***S4M-12160.2 Michael Matheson: Women Offenders**—As an amendment to motion S4M-12160 in the name of Kezia Dugdale (Women Offenders), leave out from "to abandon" to end and insert "not to proceed with the plans for HMP Inverclyde as a prison for women; agrees that Scotland needs to take a more radical, ambitious and sophisticated approach in the way in which it deals with female offenders; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to enter into dialogue with all interested parties to develop a modern and progressive response to women who offend in Scotland, and agrees with the view of the Commission on Women Offenders that it is imperative that mainstream service providers, such as health, education and housing work, recognise their responsibilities and work collaboratively with each other and with criminal justice partners to facilitate the provision of all necessary services to women offenders."

Supported by: Paul Wheelhouse*

***S4M-12160.1 Alison McInnes: Women Offenders**—As an amendment to motion S4M-12160 in the name of Kezia Dugdale (Women Offenders), after "women offending" insert "; considers that further judicial training, greater judicial diversity and the establishment of a Scottish sentencing council would help ensure that sentencing is focused on rehabilitation and addresses the specific needs of women offenders".

***S4M-12157# Graeme Dey: Earth Hour 2015**—That the Parliament supports WWF’s Earth Hour 2015; celebrates the many individuals, families, communities, organisations and landmarks across Scotland, including the Scottish Parliament, that will be participating by switching their lights off for an hour at 8.30pm on 28 March; congratulates all of the local authorities participating in Earth Hour 2015, particularly Angus Council, which has been awarded one of WWF Scotland’s Super Local Authority badges for its level of participation; considers that Earth Hour has become a moment for people around the world to think about the importance of action to address climate change and protect the planet; notes that Scotland will be one of more than 160 countries, nations and territories around the world that will take part in Earth Hour 2015; understands that this year is an important year for action on climate change, with the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change taking place in Paris in December; welcomes the continued cross-party support for the aims of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and would welcome other nations sharing Scotland’s ambitions on tackling climate change, and wishes everyone participating in Earth Hour 2015 every success.

Supported by: Chic Brodie*, Cara Hilton*, Joan McAlpine*, Bill Kidd*, Nanette Milne*, John Mason*, John Finnie*, Bruce Crawford*, Jim Hume*, Jackie Baillie*, Roderick Campbell*, Angus MacDonald*, Colin Beattie*, Dennis Robertson*, Nigel Don*, Liam McArthur*, Neil Findlay*, Rob Gibson*, Adam Ingram*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Mike MacKenzie*, Patrick Harvie*, Alison McInnes*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S4M-12159 Young Apprentices Blazing the Signmaking Trail in East Kilbride and Lanarkshire (lodged on 26 January 2015) Stuart McMillan*, Roderick Campbell*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Joan McAlpine*, Graeme Dey*, Adam Ingram*, Colin Beattie*, Dennis Robertson*, Nigel Don*, Rob Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Mike MacKenzie*, Christina McKelvie*

S4M-12156 Hamilton Gymnastics Club (lodged on 26 January 2015) Rob Gibson*, Adam Ingram*, Richard Lyle*, Mike MacKenzie*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

S4M-12155 World Leprosy Day (lodged on 26 January 2015) Nanette Milne*, Jackie Baillie*, Jamie McGrigor*, Neil Findlay*, Rob Gibson*, Mike MacKenzie*, Kevin Stewart*, Anne McTaggart*, Dennis Robertson*, Hanzala Malik*, Jackson Carlaw*, David Torrance*

S4M-12154.1 Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment (lodged on 26 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12153 St Peter’s Primary School, Hamilton (lodged on 26 January 2015) Rob Gibson*, Mike MacKenzie*, Colin Beattie*

S4M-12152 Cervical Cancer Awareness Week (lodged on 26 January 2015) John Mason*, Nanette Milne*, John Pentland*, Jamie McGrigor*, Graeme Dey*, Adam Ingram*, Richard Lyle*, Mike MacKenzie*, Kevin Stewart*, Richard Simpson*, Hanzala Malik*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jackson Carlaw*, Lewis Macdonald*, Colin Beattie*, Nigel Don*, David Torrance*, Jackie Baillie*

S4M-12151 Arbroath Ladies' Lifeboat Guild (lodged on 23 January 2015) Colin Beattie*, Alison McInnes*

S4M-12150 Delivery Charges (lodged on 23 January 2015) Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

S4M-12148 Crackdown against Creationism (lodged on 23 January 2015) John Finnie*, Alison McInnes*

S4M-12146 The Need for Changing Places Toilets at Glasgow's Hydro and SECC (lodged on 23 January 2015) Dennis Robertson*, Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12145 Penicuik Jambos Pick up Awards (lodged on 23 January 2015) John Finnie*

S4M-12144 British Red Cross Report on Social Mobility Needs (lodged on 23 January 2015) Margaret McCulloch*, Hugh Henry*, Hanzala Malik*, Siobhan McMahon*, Patricia Ferguson*, John Pentland*, Anne McTaggart*

S4M-12140 Motor Neurone Disease Scotland (lodged on 22 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12139 Penrose Inquiry Final Report (lodged on 22 January 2015) Jackson Carlaw*, Alison McInnes*

S4M-12136 Marie Curie's 2015 Great Daffodil Appeal (lodged on 22 January 2015) Jackson Carlaw*, Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12135 Increasing Bus Fares Cause for Concern (lodged on 21 January 2015) Lewis Macdonald*, Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12111 NoMorePage 3 Victory (lodged on 20 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12103 Racism on the Rise in Glasgow's Schools (lodged on 20 January 2015) Lewis Macdonald*, Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12100 Anti-Semitism (lodged on 19 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12097 Peace in Nigeria and Cameroon (lodged on 19 January 2015) Jamie McGrigor*

S4M-12093 Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland's Outstanding Support for Survivors (lodged on 19 January 2015) Siobhan McMahon*

S4M-12084 Welcoming a More Energy Efficient Retail Sector (lodged on 16 January 2015) Richard Baker*, Margaret McCulloch*

S4M-11995 Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 (lodged on 07 January 2015) George Adam*

S4M-11931 John Muir Trust Wins Outdoor Campaigner of the Year (lodged on 17 December 2014) Lewis Macdonald*

S4M-11720 The Umbrella Company Contract Scam (lodged on 27 November 2014) Margaret McCulloch*, Sarah Boyack*



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Section G – Bills

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 27 January 2014

Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 51A) (Government Bill).

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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Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 28 January 2015—

Justice Committee, 5th Report 2015 (Session 4): Report on Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Serious Crime Bill (LCM(S4) 33.2) (SP Paper 660)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)



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Section I – Petitions

The following Petition was lodged with the Parliament on 21 January 2015

[PE1551](#) Petition by Scott Pattinson on mandatory reporting of child abuse.

The following Petition was lodged with the Parliament on 27 January 2015

[PE1547](#) Petition by Ian Gordon, on behalf of the Salmon and Trout Association (Scotland), on conserving Scottish wild salmon.

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/petitions/ViewPetitions.aspx>



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Section J – Progress of Legislation

For further information on the progress of Bills and subordinate legislation, contact either the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for details).

Bills in Progress

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

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

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)) 28 January 2015

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)	20 January 2015
Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (M)	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport))	27 January 2015
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)	20 January 2015
British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill (M)	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Culture))	16 December 2014
Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill (G)	
Stage 2	28 January 2015
Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament)	29 January 2015
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (G)	
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
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 1 completed	27 February 2013
<i>Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	
Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill (M)	
Introduced	27 November 2013
<i>Lead committee – Justice</i>	
Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice))	11 December 2014
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)	27 January 2015
Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 2 completed	20 January 2015
<i>Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>	
Mental Health (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport))	27 January 2015
Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice))	27 January 2014
Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill (M)	
Introduced	15 December 2014
Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill (G)	
Stage 2 (Welfare Reform Committee)	27 January 2015

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

Affirmative instruments

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))**

Lead committee to report by 10 March 2015

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (21 January 2015)

Lead committee to report by 12 March 2015

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Sub-sale Development Relief and Multiple Dwellings Relief) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (23 January 2015) **(Finance)**

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 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
Lead committee to report by 2 March 2015

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**)

Subject to annulment by 15 March 2015
Lead committee to report by 9 March 2015

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