

Friday 6 December 2013

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

### Enterprise and Environment

**Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party):** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) regulations are in place, (b) plans it has to review the regulations and (c) advice it has given to local authorities regarding the breeding of dogs.

(S4W-18524)

**Richard Lochhead:** There are no immediate plans to review the legislation on the breeding of dogs. The welfare standards associated with the breeding of dogs is already covered in Scotland by: the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973; the Breeding of Dogs Act 1991; The Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 2002; and by the wider welfare provisions in the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006. In addition, the Licensing of Animal Dealers (Young Cats and Young Dogs) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 provides further protection for the welfare of puppies. No advice has been given to local authorities on this matter.

**Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Scottish Green Party):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-16742 by Richard Lochhead on 10 September 2013, how it will (a) monitor and (b) ensure compliance with the moratorium and what advice it is providing regarding the safe disposal of seeds treated with neonicotinoids.

(S4W-18590)

**Richard Lochhead:** In Scotland the main implications of the restrictions will be for oilseed rape growers. Scottish Government staff have made sure that stakeholders were aware of the changes from 1 December 2013. This was done through different channels, including placing articles in relevant publications, information placed on websites and through direct discussion with stakeholders and the trade body, the Agricultural Industries Confederation.

Additionally, Scottish Government Seed Enforcement Officers (SEOs) carry out routine inspections on farm and in warehouses to ensure seed marketed in Scotland meets EU standards. Any non-compliance of the restrictions found by the SEOs will be reported to the appropriate enforcement body.

On disposal, farmers have been advised to return any surplus supply of treated seeds to their supplier.

### Learning and Justice

**Kezia Dugdale (Lothian) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government how many articulating students there are, broken down by institution.

**Holding answer issued: 21 November 2013**

(S4W-18140)

**Michael Russell:** Information on articulating students is collected by the Higher Education Statistics Authority from each Higher Education Institution (HEI) as part of their regular statistical return. The following table shows the information relating to Scottish HEIs for year 2011-12.

In December 2012, The Scottish Government announced an additional £10 million of funding for 2013-14 to pay for additional HEI places including more than 1,000 for young people moving on from college to university.

UK-domiciled first degree students at the Scottish higher education institutions, 2011-12 (1)

Institution by articulation status

Institution	Type of Articulating Student (2):						Not articulating	Not known	
	HN obtained at an FEC			HN obtained at an at an HEI(including UHI)					
	HNC obtained	HND obtained	Total	HNC obtained	HND obtained	Total			
Aberdeen, University of	10	45	55	35	45	85	8,345	315	8,805
Abertay Dundee, University of	260	310	570	55	10	65	3,060	145	3,840
Dundee, University of	175	85	260	5	-	5	7,975	395	8,640
Edinburgh Napier University	660	720	1,380	150	145	295	7,090	450	9,210
Edinburgh, University of	20	-	20	-	-	-	13,970	200	14,190
Glasgow Caledonian University	295	600	895	30	30	55	3,290	7,440	11,685
Glasgow School of Art	-	5	5	-	-	-	1,045	10	1,060
Glasgow, University of	-	-	-	-	20	20	10,275	3,930	14,225
Heriot-Watt University	100	30	130	160	5	165	4,200	45	4,540
Open University in Scotland	375	195	570	5	25	35	7,405	2,280	10,285
Queen Margaret	90	70	155	-	-	-	2,235	25	2,415

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	HNC obtained	HND obtained	Total	HNC obtained	HND obtained	Total			
University, Edinburgh									
Robert Gordon University	190	590	780	35	25	65	6,420	65	7,330
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	-	600
St Andrews, University of	5	-	10	-	-	-	4,100	10	4,115
Stirling, University of	200	155	355	5	-	5	5,695	345	6,400
Strathclyde, University of	205	30	235	-	-	-	10,610	100	10,950
Scottish Agricultural College	-	5	5	35	105	140	410	25	580
Highland & Islands, University of	160	65	230	265	170	435	940	470	2,070
West of Scotland, University of the	680	1,280	1,955	80	50	130	2,830	4,750	9,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>4,185</b>	<b>7,620</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>100,490</b>	<b>20,995</b>	<b>130,600</b>

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) Individual Student Record. The Funding Council uses a different standard population to the one used by HESA and the figures in the table might differ from any produced by HESA.

Notes:

1. For the purposes of data protection figures have been rounded to the nearest five. Totals have been rounded independently and might not equal the sum of their component parts.
2. The definition of "Articulation" used for the Individual Student returns collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) covers any case where the student enters their programme with advanced standing with an HNC or HND. The Funding Council's definition of articulation relates to students entering either the second year of a first degree with an HNC or the third year with an HND, with the HNC/D having been obtained at a college, excluding the UHI partner colleges. Thus, for example, students on non-degree courses, students entering the second year of a first degree with an HND and students who obtained their HNC/D at an HEI would be classified as articulating in the HESA returns but not by the Funding Council.

**Clare Adamson (Central Scotland) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in meeting each recommendation set out in the Independent Review of Open Water and Flood Rescue in Scotland.

**(S4W-18509)**

**Roseanna Cunningham:** Considerable progress has been made on the report's 15 recommendations, which I shall detail in a letter to the member. A copy of that letter will be placed on SPICe (Bib. number 55477)

**Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Scottish Green Party):** To ask the Scottish Government how many speeding offences have been recorded in 2013 where the speed limit is (a) 20mph, (b) 30mph, (c) 60mph and (d) 70mph.

(S4W-18516)

**Kenny MacAskill:** The police recorded crime statistics collected centrally are based on an aggregate return at local authority level, and do not distinguish the circumstances of the crime. As a result, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the speed limit of the area in which the speeding offences were recorded.

The statistical bulletin *Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2012-13* was published by the Scottish Government on 18 June 2013 and is available via the following web link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/06/9697>.

Table 2 of the bulletin provides details of the total number of speeding offences recorded in the last ten years. 2012-13 is the latest year for which data is available.

The following table provides a breakdown of the number of recorded speeding offences by (i) speeding in restricted areas and (ii) other speeding offences, in Scotland in 2012-13.

	2012-13
Speeding in Restricted Areas	62,188
Other Speeding Offences	66,748
Total Speeding offences	128,936

Source: Justice Analytical Services, Scottish Government.

Section 82(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 defines a restricted road in Scotland as a road which is provided with "a system of carriageway lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 185 metres apart and the road is of a classification or type specified" in regulations. The Restricted Roads (Classification or Type) (Scotland) Regulations 1985 specify that Class C or unclassified roads are restricted roads.

Other speeding offences include speeding on motorways, trunk roads, in areas with temporary speed limits, racing on public roads etc.

**Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Scottish Green Party):** To ask the Scottish Government how many road traffic offences have been recorded in 2013 (a) in built-up areas, (b) in 20mph zones and (c) during the evening in built-up areas.

(S4W-18517)

**Kenny MacAskill:** The police recorded crime statistics collected centrally are based on an aggregate return at local authority level, and do not distinguish the circumstances of the crime. As a result, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the type of area or the speed limit of the area in which road traffic offences were recorded or the time at which an offence was committed.

The statistical bulletin *Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2012-13* was published by the Scottish Government on 18 June 2013 and is available via the following web link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/06/9697>.

Table 2 of the bulletin provides details of the total number of motor vehicle offences recorded by the police in the last ten years. 2012-13 is the latest year for which data is available. These offences exclude the most serious driving related crimes such as causing death by dangerous driving, causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, causing death by careless driving and illegal driver involved in fatal accident.

### Strategy and External Affairs

**Willie Rennie (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Scottish Liberal Democrats):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-17874 by Fiona Hyslop on 13 November 2013, whether it has a policy position on Kurdistan statehood and whether it discussed the matter with (a) the government of Turkey at the meeting on 31 October 2013 and (b) representatives of Kurdistan on 12 June 2013.

**Holding answer issued: 29 November 2013**

(S4W-18372)

**Humza Yousaf:** The Scottish Government does not have a position on Kurdistan statehood and the issue was not discussed at either meeting.