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## **Business Bulletin: Monday 30 April 2012**

### **Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament**

#### **Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 25 April 2012**

Wednesday 2 May 2012

- 1.30 pm                      Time for Reflection – Pastor Stephen Hibbard, Sheddocksley Baptist Church, Aberdeen
- followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 1.35 pm                      Themed Question Time  
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (*for text of Themed Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 26 April 2012*)
- 2.15 pm                      General Question Time (*for text of General Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 26 April 2012*)
- 2.35 pm                      First Minister's Question Time
- 3.05 pm                      Scottish Government Debate: National Performing Companies
- followed by*                Public Body Consent Motion: Public Bodies (Abolition of the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances) Order 2012
- followed by*                Business Motion
- followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm                      Decision Time
- followed by*                Members' Business – S4M-02534 George Adam: National MS Week (*for text of motion see Section F*)

Wednesday 9 May 2012

- 2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection
- followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by*                Scottish Government Business
- followed by*                Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 10 May 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time (*for names of those Members selected for General Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 26 April 2012*)

12.00 pm First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time  
Justice and the Law Officers: Rural Affairs and the Environment  
(*for names of those Members selected for Themed Questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 26 April 2012*)

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

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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>

#### **Health and Sport Committee**

##### **1 May 2012**

##### **14th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.  
*Not before 10.30 am*
2. **NHS Boards budget scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Mrs Laura Ace, Director of Finance, NHS Lanarkshire;  
Marion Fordham, Director of Finance, NHS Western Isles;  
Craig Marriot, Director of Finance, NHS Dumfries and Galloway;  
Paul James, Executive Director and Director of Finance, NHS Greater Glasgow Council;  
and then from—  
Derek Feeley, Director-General Health & Social Care, and John Matheson, Director of Health Finance and Information, NHS Scotland.
3. **Inquiry into integration of health and social care (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 8 May, 2012 the Committee expects to take oral evidence on the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**Education and Culture Committee**  
**1 May 2012**  
**13th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Early Years:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Bill Alexander, Director of Social Work - Highland Council, and SallyAnn Kelly, Acting Director - Barnardo's Scotland, Early Years Taskforce;  
Helen Chambers, Head of Strategy and Delivery, Inspiring Scotland.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Amendment Order 2012.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 8 May, the Committee expects to take oral evidence on the Early Years.

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

**Justice Committee**  
**1 May 2012**  
**15th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 8 May, the Committee expects to consider a paper on Scottish Law Commission reports.

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

**Welfare Reform Committee**  
**1 May 2012**  
**6th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Dr Stephen Carty, General Practitioner, Black Triangle Campaign;  
Dr David Bell, BMA Scotland;  
Owen Kelly, Chief Executive, Scottish Financial Enterprise;  
Dermot O'Neil, General Manager, Scottish League of Credit Unions;  
Laurie Russell, Chief Executive, the Wise Group;

and then from—

Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy, Chris Boyland, Policy Executive, Welfare Division, Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, and Alison Stewart, Legal Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 8 May, the Committee expects to consider a draft report on the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill.

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

### **Equal Opportunities Committee**

**1 May 2012**

**8th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] from—  
Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy, Yvonne Strachan, Head of Equality, Third Sector and Communities Division, Graeme Bryce, Equality, Third Sector and Communities Division, and Mark Eggeling, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Nicola Sturgeon (Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy) to move—  
S4M-2612—That the Equal Opportunities Committee recommends that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to its future work programme.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 15 May 2012, the Committee will take evidence on its Gypsy/Travellers and care inquiry.

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

**Public Petitions Committee  
1 May 2012  
7th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider—  
[PE1425](#) by Maureen Harkness on the adverse impact of DVLA local office closures  
and take evidence from—  
Maureen Harkness, William Telfer and Finn Mackenzie.  
and will then consider—  
[PE1426](#) by Donna Scott on a national donor milk bank service  
and take evidence from—  
Donna Scott;  
Jase Kelly, Chairman, ScotsERVS.  
and will then consider—  
[PE1427](#) by Rob Kirkwood, on behalf of Leith Links Residents Association  
on access to justice for non-corporate multi-party groups  
and take evidence from—  
Rob Kirkwood, Professor Rob Jackson and Allan Smith, Leith Links Residents Association.
3. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider—  
[PE1285](#) by Caroline Mockford on free calls to NHS 24 for mobile phones;  
[PE1364](#) by Phyllis McBain on clarifying guidelines on Gypsy/Traveller encampments;  
[PE1395](#) by Jan Culik on targeted funding for lesser taught languages and cultures at universities; and  
[PE1400](#) by Libby Anderson, on behalf of OneKind, on a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 15 May, the Committee expects to consider petitions on the A83, making Scottish education more accessible, St Margaret of Scotland Hospice, mosquito devices, adult ADHD in Scotland, reforming uniform policy in all Scottish local authority schools, bond of caution, the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act 1855 and a review of health issues and planning guidelines in respect of telecommunications masts.

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



**European and External Relations Committee**  
**1 May 2012**  
**8th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 2.15 pm in Committee Room 6

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **EU Structural Funds:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Alison Cairns, Head of Development, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO);  
Alan Boyle, Chief Executive, West Fife Enterprise;  
Laurie Russell, Chief Executive, Wise Group;  
and then from—  
Dr Jeff Howarth, Vice-Principal (Research & Commercialisation), University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI);  
Brendan McGuckin, Head of Commercialisation, Edinburgh Napier University;  
Graeme Hyslop, Chair, West of Scotland Colleges' Partnership (WoSCoP), and Principal, Langside College;  
Derek Banks, Director of Finance and Estates, Coatbridge College.
3. **Support for families abroad:** The Committee will consider correspondence received.
4. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest edition of the Brussels Bulletin.
5. **Developments in the Eurozone:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its inquiry.
6. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2011 to 10 May 2012.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 15 May, the Committee expects to take evidence on EU Structural Funds and to consider an update on the forthcoming Horizon2020 Conference and the latest edition of the Brussels Bulletin.

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

**Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee**  
**2 May 2012**  
**14th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 9 May, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on its renewable energy inquiry.

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

**Finance Committee  
2 May 2012  
13th Meeting, 2012**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Financial Memorandum of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill from—  
Ann Bain, Senior Service Manager (Revenues and Benefits), Angus Council;  
Brian Cook, Head of Revenue Services, North Lanarkshire Council;  
James Gray, Executive Manager - Finance, and Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager - Housing, Shetland Islands Council;  
and then from—  
Sam Baker, Policy Manager (Housing Supply Division), Jamie Hamilton, Policy Manager (Housing Supply Division), Marianne Cook, Policy Manager (Local Government Finance), and Stuart Law, Senior Policy Advisor (Housing Supply Division), Scottish Government.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 9th May, the Committee expects to take evidence from Lena Wilson, Professor Jim McDonald and Philip Grant on Increasing Sustainable Economic Growth.

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 April 2012

Questions marked with a triangle (Δ) are initiated by the Scottish Executive 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-06923 Jim Hume:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it considers that the questions in the document, *Scottish Government Consultation on the European Commission's proposals for the future Common Agricultural Policy 2014 - 2020*, might lead to answers that can be interpreted in different ways.

**S4W-06924 Jim Hume:** To ask the Scottish Executive what measures it takes to deal with responses to its consultations in which it is considered that multiple choice answers have been interpreted in different ways.

**S4W-06925 Jim Hume:** To ask the Scottish Executive for what reason the document, *Scottish Government Consultation on the European Commission's proposals for the future Common Agricultural Policy 2014 - 2020*, did not provide more space for respondents to qualify their answers to multiple choice questions.

**S4W-06926 Jim Hume:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will update the document, *Scottish Executive: Consultation Good Practice Guidance*, to include advice on the use of the QuestBack method of consultation or other multiple choice systems.

**S4W-06938 Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Executive, in light of the recommendations in the WWF Scotland report, *Electric Vehicles: Driving the change*, whether it will (a) produce an action plan, (b) develop a national infrastructure, (c) commission a review of market models for a recharging infrastructure and (d) work with local government to encourage businesses to install recharging points.

**S4W-06944 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what assurances representatives of News Corporation provided on (a) jobs or (b) investment in Scotland in relation to gaining full control of BSkyB.

**S4W-06945 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it understood that (a) jobs or (b) investment in Scotland would be at risk if the News Corporation bid for BSkyB did not progress and, if so, what this would entail.

**S4W-06946 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the First Minister received a phone call from Rupert Murdoch informing him of job reductions at BSkyB centres in Scotland.

**S4W-06948 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the HEROtsc jobs referred to at First Minister's Question Time on 26 April 2012 (*Official Report*, c. 8487) were related to the bid by News Corporation for BSkyB and the First Minister's agreement to lobby the Department for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport in favour of the bid.

**S4W-06949 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether any of the 900 HEROtsc jobs referred to at First Minister's Question Time on 26 April 2012 (*Official Report*, c. 8487) will be transferred from other locations in (a) Glasgow or (b) Scotland.

**S4W-06950 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive when the First Minister agreed to support the News Corporation bid for BSkyB and when this was first made public.

**S4W-06951 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether its position is that a full takeover of BSkyB by News Corporation would (a) promote or (b) safeguard BSkyB jobs in Scotland.

**S4W-06952 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether jobs in Scotland have been put at risk as a result of the withdrawal by News Corporation of its bid for BSkyB.

**S4W-06957 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what its position is on the appropriateness of the First Minister inviting Rupert Murdoch to his official residence, in light of the ongoing police investigations into News Corporation companies.

**S4W-06958 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the Cabinet has discussed the possible impact on jobs and investment of the News Corporation bid for BSkyB and, if so, on what dates.

**S4W-06959 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what discussions it has had with Scottish Enterprise regarding the possible impact on jobs and investment of bids or potential bids for BSkyB.

**S4W-06960 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what discussions it has had with officials regarding possible jobs and investment in Scotland in relation to the News Corporation bid for BSkyB.

**S4W-06962 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive, in light of the First Minister's acknowledgement on 25 April 2012 that he had agreed to call the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport in relation to the News Corporation bid for BSkyB, for what reason he described any suggestion that he had phoned or written to the secretary of state on the matter as a conspiracy theory on 24 April 2012.

**S4W-06963 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what its position is on the email in exhibit PROP100001719 to the Leveson Inquiry, which refers to a meeting with the First Minister's adviser and notes "He will call Hunt whenever we need him to".

**S4W-06964 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what its position is on the email from Frederic Michel in exhibit PROP100001659 to the Leveson Inquiry, which states “Alex Salmond is very keen to also put these issues across to Cable and have a call with you tomorrow or Wednesday”.

**S4W-06965 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive what its position is on the email in exhibit PROP100001741 to the Leveson Inquiry, which notes in reference to the First Minister, “On the Sky bid, he will make himself available to support the debate if consultation is launched”.

**S4W-06966 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it or anyone representing it agreed to brief the Scottish press on the economic importance of News Corporation for Scotland, as per the email in exhibit PROP100001659 to the Leveson Inquiry, and whether such a briefing took place.

**S4W-06967 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive which special advisers have been in contact with (a) Rupert Murdoch, (b) James Murdoch or (c) Frederic Michel since May 2007 and what the nature was of any such contact.

**S4W-06968 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive which (a) ministers, (b) officials and (c) special advisers attended meetings or lunch at which Rupert Murdoch was present on (a) 20 June 2011, (b) 11 November 2011 and (c) 29 February 2012.

**S4W-06969 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive who was party to the telephone call between the First Minister and Rupert Murdoch on 21 February 2012.

**S4W-06970 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive (a) who was party to and (b) what was discussed during the telephone calls involving the First Minister and Rupert Murdoch on (i) 12 October 2007, (ii) 25 September 2008, (iii) 19 February 2009 and (iv) 17 March 2011.

**S4W-06971 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive who attended the breakfast meeting between Rupert Murdoch and the First Minister on 4 April 2008; where this took place; what was discussed, and for what reason it did not include this meeting in the information on meetings with Rupert Murdoch that it provided on 4 August 2011.

**S4W-06972 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth have discussed how many new jobs would be created in Scotland if News Corporation were successful in its takeover bid for BSkyB.

**S4W-06973 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth has discussed the possible economic impact on Scotland of News Corporation’s bid to take over BSkyB with the special adviser, Geoff Aberdeen.

**S4W-06974 Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the special adviser, Geoff Aberdeen, spoke with the First Minister’s authority in his dealings with News Corporation.

**S4W-06975 Aileen McLeod:** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will review the planning procedures for facilitating mobile telecommunications development.

**S4W-06976 Aileen McLeod:** To ask the Scottish Executive what mechanisms there are to allow telecommunications companies to access publicly-owned land.

**S4W-06977 Aileen McLeod:** To ask the Scottish Executive what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding spectrum fees being kept in proportion with network investment for telecommunications companies.

**S4W-06978 Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06349 by Bruce Crawford on 26 April 2012, what changes have been made as a result.

**S4W-06984 Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Executive what action it is taking to limit commercial exploitation of Atlantic salmon in Scottish coastal waters.

**S4W-06985 Elaine Murray:** To ask the Scottish Executive, further to the answer to question S4W-06469 by Nicola Sturgeon on 26 April 2012, on what date it responded to the UK Government's consultation on welfare reform; what concerns were raised in its response, and whether it has received correspondence from the UK Government regarding any concerns raised.

## **Business Bulletin: Monday 30 April 2012**

### **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-02728 Paul Martin: Murdochs not Fit and Proper People to Run BSkyB—**That the Parliament believes that Rupert and James Murdoch are not fit and proper people to run BSkyB in Scotland.

**\*S4M-02727 Jackie Baillie: Get on Your Bike to Raise Awareness for Dementia—**That the Parliament acknowledges Dementia Awareness Week, from 18 to 24 June 2012, across Scotland; notes that several events will be held in West Dunbartonshire to highlight the support available for people with dementia and their carers; further notes that an awareness cycle will be held from Clydebank to Balloch on June 16, leaving from 3 Queens Square in the Clyde Shopping Centre at 10.30 am and finishing at Loch Lomond Shores; considers it important for families and community groups in West Dunbartonshire to take part in this event; congratulates the West Dunbartonshire Dementia group for organising this activity, and wishes them well on the day.

Supported by: Drew Smith\*, Jamie McGrigor\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Mary Fee\*, Iain Gray\*, John Pentland\*, Jim Hume\*, Mark McDonald\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S4M-02726 Jackie Baillie: FOCUS Scotland Promotes Volunteers' Week—**That the Parliament notes the work of FOCUS Scotland in recruiting volunteers for local and third sector organisations across the country; believes that there is a need for every adult in Scotland to take some time out of their day-to-day routine to help others; promotes the idea that anyone can volunteer, no matter their age or background; acknowledges FOCUS Scotland's promotion of Volunteers' Week from 7 to 11 June 2012, and congratulates Scotland's volunteers, who it sees as the unsung heroes of communities across the country.

Supported by: Jim Hume\*, Liz Smith\*, Mary Fee\*, Nanette Milne\*, Mark McDonald\*, Ken Macintosh\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S4M-02725 Mary Fee: Congratulations to Paisley's James Goodfellow OBE, Inventor of PIN Technology—**That the Parliament congratulates James Goodfellow OBE from Paisley on being nominated for the 2012 British Visionary Innovator award; notes that this award was presented by the Intellectual Property Office on 26 April, which is deemed World Intellectual Property Day; recognises that Mr Goodfellow was awarded third place, behind the winner, Sir Jonathan Ive, and runner-up, Sir Tim Berners-Lee; further notes that his position was ahead of Sir James Dyson and J K Rowling OBE; congratulates Mr Goodfellow on creating Personal Identification Number (PIN) technology, which is used around the world with, it understands, more than one million cash machine transactions made every hour, and considers that this is an invention that is important to the daily lives of millions of people in Scotland and around the world.

Supported by: Ken Macintosh\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Iain Gray\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S4M-02724 Mary Fee: International ME Awareness Month—**That the Parliament notes that May is International ME Awareness Month, a worldwide collaboration of



myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) charities and organisations aiming to raise awareness of the illness that affects over 20,000 adults and children in Scotland; considers that all members of the Cross-party Group on ME do important work in contributing to improving the experience of those with the illness, and wishes the cross-party group great success for the It's All About ME awareness event in the Parliament on 8 May 2012.

Supported by: Drew Smith\*, Nanette Milne\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Jamie McGrigor\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Anne McTaggart\*, Bill Kidd\*, Claire Baker\*, John Mason\*, John Pentland\*, Alex Fergusson\*, Jim Hume\*, Ken Macintosh\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S4M-02723 Graeme Dey: Carnoustie's Musical History-makers**—That the Parliament commends Carnoustie and District Youth Brass Band on being the first band in the history of the British Youth Brass Band Championships to retain its British Youth Brass Band of the Year title, which follows its Band of the Year and Soloist of the Year wins at the BBC Radio 2 Young Brass Awards 2012; congratulates the band on the nature of its victory, which was summed up by the judges, Steven Mead and Dr Roger Webster, as "a truly memorable performance, so well-directed and delivered with such musical maturity"; makes special mention of the band's musical director, Michael Robertson, its chairman, Bryan Knight, and all of the talented youngsters involved in ensuring that the Carnoustie ensemble is the leading youth brass band in the British Isles; considers that it provides inspiration to other musically talented children across Scotland, and welcomes its success, which it believes provides a real boost for the county of Angus.

Supported by: Roderick Campbell\*, Jamie McGrigor\*, Nanette Milne\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Bill Kidd\*, Humza Yousaf\*, Rob Gibson\*, Richard Lyle\*

**\*S4M-02722 Sandra White: West End Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the West End Festival, which, it understands, is Glasgow's largest cultural event; notes that this is the 17th festival and is scheduled to run from 1 to 24 June 2012; thanks everyone involved with the organisation of what it considers to be this fantastic event, and encourages all to visit the many venues and enjoy everything that the West End Festival has to offer.

**\*S4M-02721 Kevin Stewart: St Peter's RC School**—That the Parliament congratulates St Peter's RC Primary School in Aberdeen on reaching the final of Euroquiz 2012; notes that 30 schools from across Scotland will be competing at the Parliament-hosted event, which aims to improve pupils' knowledge of Europe and the European Union; hopes that all contestants enjoy the visit, and wishes them all the very best of luck.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Nanette Milne\*, Humza Yousaf\*, Richard Lyle\*

**S4M-02720 John Mason: East End Development with the 2014 Commonwealth Games**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the new Clyde Gateway (or East End Regeneration Route), the £25 million road that links the east end of Glasgow to the M74 at Polmadie; considers that this latest investment in the transport network will help regenerate the east end and bring many jobs to the area; considers that it will provide improved access to the velodrome and athletes' village;

understands that this route will help transport some 18,000 athletes and support staff as well as spectators during the 2014 Commonwealth Games; welcomes what it considers the significant development and regeneration in Glasgow's east end as a result of the Commonwealth Games, and looks forward to this being part of a lasting legacy that will help transform the east end.

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**S4M-02719 Christine Grahame: DAVI**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Medics Against Violence Domestic Abuse Veterinary Initiative (DAVI), which recognises that both pets and people can be victims of violence in the home, advises veterinary surgeons about how to assess and address suspected cases of non-accidental injury to their patients, facilitates the safe, anonymous reporting of abuse of animals or people via Crimestoppers and assists with pet fostering for victims that need to leave home due to violence, and congratulates the DAVI partners, Medics Against Violence, the Links Group, Crimestoppers, OneKind, Pet Fostering Service Scotland and the Violence Reduction Unit on what it considers this innovative approach to combating violence against people and animals.

**S4M-02718 Kenneth Gibson: Alcohol Consumption and Cancer**—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Cancer Prevention Network considers that there are carcinogenic properties to alcohol and a relationship between alcohol consumption and cancer development; understands that alcohol is a contributory factor in 6.2% of all cancer cases, with prevalence rates linked between alcohol and cancer of the upper aerodigestive tract and breast cancer; understands that alcohol has a role in the pathogenesis of cancer, where alcohol itself can act like a solvent, aggravating the activity of other toxins, or where the metabolic product of alcohol, acetaldehyde, can act directly as a carcinogenic; considers that even moderate levels of alcohol can dramatically increase the risk of developing cancer, whereby a daily intake of one to three units can be associated with the development of cancer of the pharynx; recognises existing Scottish Government campaigns, including Alcohol Brief Intervention and "Time to think about what you drink", aimed at reducing the impact of lifestyle factors on the risk of developing cancer, and further considers increasing public and professional awareness of the risks of alcohol consumption and cancer through clinical training and public engagement, which is mirrored by the Australian AlcoholThinkAgain campaign, which has produced videos dealing with the carcinogenic nature of alcohol.

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**S4M-02717 Paul Wheelhouse: Cycling through the Borders**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race passing from Jedburgh to Dumfries via Hawick, St Mary's Loch and Moffat on 11 September 2012 and finishing on Dumfries' Whitesands; understands that over 100 professional

cyclists will take part over the eight stages of the race, which is said to be the most difficult yet; further notes that amateur cyclists will have the chance to sample part of the route on 26 August with the Tour Ride Scotland; wishes all cyclists, both amateur and professional, the best of luck with all stages, and hopes that this event will bring a new audience of sporting fans to the south of Scotland for stage three.

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**S4M-02716 Mark McDonald: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week 2012**—That the Parliament notes that 30 April 2012 is the start of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; understands that Scotland has one of the highest incidences of multiple sclerosis (MS) in the world, affecting over 10,000 people across the country, 1 in 500 of the population, and hopes that the week will help raise awareness of the impact of MS and inform and support everyone affected, including family and carers, at every stage from diagnosis onward to ensure that people with MS improve their quality of life.

**S4M-02715 Kezia Dugdale: Online Bullying, Don't Play The Game**—That the Parliament welcomes the anti-cyberbullying campaign launched in the week beginning 23 April 2012 in Edinburgh primary schools as part of a wider campaign targeting online safety by Lothian and Borders Police; believes that cyberbullying permeates the internet and that tackling it needs a multifaceted approach; wishes the best of luck to all the Primary 6 and 7 pupils taking part in the Online Bullying – Don't Play The Game campaign, which involves whole class discussion, group work, drama and a poster design competition, and hopes that pupils involved better understand safe online practices and grow up to be respectful, responsible internet users.

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**S4M-02714 Jackie Baillie: Headteacher in Arrochar Shortlisted for National Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Alison Palmer, headteacher of Arrochar Primary School, on being shortlisted for the headteacher of the year award at the Scottish Education Awards 2012; notes Alison's dedication to the primary school since taking over as headteacher in 2005; further notes that the school roll has increased by 20% since Alison joined and has won awards for its environmental reports; recognises the positive transformation of the school, as reflected in 2009 by an HMIE report, which it considers is one of the best in Argyll and Bute's history; acknowledges that Alison was nominated for the award by Arrochar and Tarbet Community Council representatives and local parents for her leadership skills;

acknowledges Alison's hard work, and wishes her well at the final awards ceremony at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow on 12 June.

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**S4M-02713 Kevin Stewart: The Return of the STV Appeal**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the STV Appeal; notes that the appeal, in its second year, is in partnership with the Hunter Foundation and will work with Aberlour, Action for Children, Barnardos Scotland, Children 1st, Save the Children Scotland and One Parent Families Scotland toward bringing children in Scotland out of poverty; notes that the appeal again has the support of the Scottish Government and has raised over £1.2 million for children and young people affected by poverty, which it notes was distributed through 48 grants covering every local authority area in Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government's continued support for what it considers such a successful force for good, and wishes this year's appeal the best of luck.

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**S4M-02712 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Universities' Royal Naval Unit**—That the Parliament notes with concern the confirmation by the Ministry of Defence that Aberdeen Universities' Royal Naval Unit (URNU) is being considered for relocation; notes that Aberdeen URNU, which was founded in 1967, is the oldest in the UK; believes that it continues to play an important and active role among the city's student community; understands that, if this closure goes ahead, it would leave dozens of midshipmen either out of work or facing lengthy commutes to the central belt to continue their training, and calls on the Ministry of Defence to retain the URNU in Aberdeen.

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**S4M-02711 Joe FitzPatrick: Top Award for University of Dundee**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Dundee on being rated as the best in the UK for student experience as surveyed by the *Times Higher Education*; is pleased that the University of Dundee has been recognised for its commitment to students academically and in all other areas of student life; believes that these results are a testament to the redevelopment of much of the university's main campus over the past five years, which it considers to be a result of the Scottish Government's sustained level of funding for Scotland's higher education institutions; is optimistic that the result of this survey will be beneficial to the university in attracting new students to the city; continues to support the university in its future endeavours to consolidate what it sees as its reputation as an excellent place in which to study, not just across the UK, but across the world, and considers that, as Dundee seeks to promote itself as a modern forward looking city, this news is a welcome boost to the whole city.

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**S4M-02710 Siobhan McMahon: Increased BT Investment in Scotland's Broadband Infrastructure**—That the Parliament welcomes the latest phase of BT's £2.5 billion broadband programme, which aims to bring super-fast fibre broadband to an additional 150,400 Scottish homes and businesses by spring 2013; understands that the latest round of investment will increase the coverage of high-speed broadband across Central Scotland, bringing high-speed internet access to many homes and businesses in the Falkirk area, including parts of Bo'ness, Larbert and Grangemouth, and presenting local residents with a vast array of new social, educational and business opportunities; further notes that more than 245,700 Scottish premises now have access to super-fast speeds, with a further 439,700 planned for later this year; considers that access to high-speed broadband is an increasingly important part of the modern business environment, and hopes that BT will continue to invest in Scotland's broadband infrastructure to assist the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises.

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**S4M-02709 Jenny Marra: University of Dundee Tops Student Satisfaction Survey**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Dundee on topping the *Times Higher Education* Student Experience Survey; understands that the university came first in a poll of over 14,000 undergraduates from institutions across the UK; considers that there has been significant investment by the university in its facilities and courses, and believes the university to be deserving of such an accolade.

**S4M-02708 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Football Team Wins International Tournament in Blackpool**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkcaldy team, St Johns 98s, on winning the international football tournament, Blackpool Cup Under 14s; notes that the team beat Irish and English teams in the preliminary stages and succeeded in what was considered a difficult final match against Greig City Academy from London; acknowledges the contribution of the coaches, Gordon McLeod, Vince Wallace and Colin Marshall, and considers that football is an excellent opportunity for young kids to develop team spirit, confidence and an identification with their community.

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**S4M-02707 Siobhan McMahon: Congratulations to Pupils of St Margaret's High School on their Fundraising for Malawi**—That the Parliament congratulates third

year students at St Margaret's High School in Airdrie on their efforts in raising over £1,000 for teachers and students in the Malawian village of Mendulo; understands that the money will be spent on a laptop and projector, which will be taken to Malawi this summer by pupils of St Margaret's, as part of the Girls Go for Health initiative; notes that Girls Go for Health supports young women by helping them further their education, providing them with health advice and running a drama club to boost their self-esteem; further notes that around 30 pupils, teachers and volunteers will travel to Africa this year to support the Girls Go for Health initiative; applauds the students' laudable achievement, and wishes all the students, teachers and volunteers travelling to Malawi this year every success in their efforts to help and support the communities they visit.

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**S4M-02706♦ Helen Eadie: Coalfields Regeneration Trust**—That the Parliament appreciates very much the role that the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) has played for almost two decades; understands that the CRT has undertaken development work in every former coalfield community in Scotland, including in Fife; further understands that the grant-giving powers of the CRT have been restricted by the Scottish Government to only 20% of the most deprived coalfield communities in Scotland; is concerned that, a few weeks into the new fiscal year, the CRT has not received from the Scottish Government formal notification of continuing future funding; hopes that there will continue to be a dedicated stream of grant allocations made by the CRT to support the special needs of individual communities that are at differing stages of their development; considers vitally important the role of seedcorn funding, which has led to important partnership working between the CRT and other community stakeholders, sometimes leading to the creation of larger, more sustainable enterprises such as Recycle Fife; is aware of the importance of the future funding of the CRT by the Scottish Government, and notes that there is a three year funding agreement in place with the CRT in England.

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**S4M-02705 Stuart McMillan: Supporting the Lunderston Bay Beach Clean-up Effort**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Lunderston Bay Beach, between Gourock and Inverkip, has been selected to take part in the first ever M&S Big Beach Clean-up on the weekend of 11 May 2012; registers its concern that so many beaches from the UK have unacceptably high levels of beach litter that need clean-up; notes that this is part of a larger clean-up effort of 50 different beaches around the UK during this weekend, funded by Marks & Spencer and the Marine Conservation Society; encourages the people of the Inverclyde area, as well as others around the UK, to take part in beach clean-up efforts to preserve the beauty of affected coastal areas in Scotland, and encourages this effort and other

forms of conservation activism to keep Scotland a pristine natural beauty that will both lead to increased tourism and serve as a source of civic pride for the people of Scotland.

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**S4M-02704 Jackie Baillie: SMC Rejection of Prostate Cancer Drug, Abiraterone**—That the Parliament notes that prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in Scotland, with 2,700 new diagnoses each year; welcomes the licensing of what is considered the breakthrough prostate cancer drug, abiraterone, a life-enhancing and life-extending treatment for men in the final stages of an incurable form of the disease; observes with dismay the Scottish Medicines Consortium's (SMC) decision not to recommend abiraterone for routine use on the NHS in Scotland on grounds of cost; notes that a patient survey conducted by The Prostate Cancer Charity and presented to the SMC showed that over 90% of Scottish respondents with direct experience of prostate cancer believe that the drug should be made available on the NHS, with no respondents expressing opposition to such an outcome; believes that men in Scotland who are dying of prostate cancer should not be faced with an additional battle to be given access to licensed treatments that can significantly reduce their pain and extend their lives, especially when these same treatments are available to men elsewhere in the UK; welcomes the decision of the drug manufacturer, Janssen, to resubmit its application to the SMC and encourages it to reduce the cost of abiraterone as it does so, and calls on the SMC to revisit its appraisal as a matter of urgency to ensure that abiraterone is made available to all men for whom it is clinically appropriate on the NHS in Scotland.

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**S4M-02703 Ken Macintosh: Humankind Index**—That the Parliament warmly welcomes the launch of Oxfam Scotland's Humankind Index; notes that the Humankind Index is a new method of measuring Scotland's collective prosperity, going beyond GDP; commends Oxfam Scotland for what it sees as its participatory approach and for ensuring that seldom-heard communities are given the opportunity to state what really matters to them in relation to their wellbeing; considers that the people of Scotland place great importance on values such as decent housing, good health and clean neighbourhoods, holding them above purely financial and economic values, and hopes that the Humankind Index will be a progressive tool and deliver a framework that helps spark debate and helps policymakers make more informed decisions serving the real prosperity of Scotland and supporting Scottish communities, individuals and the environment to achieve a truly socially just and sustainable Scotland.

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**S4M-02702 Margaret Burgess: Take-up of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit**—That the Parliament notes with concern the poor take-up of housing benefit and council tax benefit identified in the report, *Income Related Benefits: Estimates of Take-Up in 2009-10*, published by the Department of Work and Pensions on 23 February 2012; considers that take-up rates for two-parent families with children for both benefits is particularly low, with up to 17,600 such families missing out on an average of £2,880 in housing benefit a year, and as many as 24,000 such families missing out an average of £780 in council tax benefit; understands that up to £443 million may be lost to the Scottish economy and low-income families as a result of this low take-up, that maximising the take-up of these benefits ahead of the implementation of the Welfare Reform Bill may help mitigate some of the impact of that legislation, as well as ensuring that no-one misses out on any transitional protection that they should receive; notes that local authorities have a statutory responsibility to promote council tax benefit and considers that many organisations, including the Scottish Government, have an interest in promoting the take-up of benefits, and therefore supports the call by Children 1st for the Scottish Government, local authorities and MSPs to do all that they can to maximise the take-up of these benefits by low-income families in Scotland.

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**S4M-02701 Jackie Baillie: Councillor William Petrie Retires after 45 Years of Service**—That the Parliament congratulates William Petrie OBE JP DL on 45 years of public service as councillor for the Helensburgh and Lomond area; notes his election for his home village of Rhu, where he served as a subpostmaster in 1967; further notes his dedication to Argyll and Bute Council since the local government restructure in 1996; recognises his service to a number of local authorities including Helensburgh District Council, Dunbartonshire County Council, Strathclyde Regional Council and Dunbarton District Council; acknowledges his various positions held as chairman of Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs tourist boards, vice chair of West of Scotland Archaeological Society, chairman of Loch Katrine Steamboat Complex and Northern Lighthouse Board commissioner; further acknowledges all his hard work as a Lomond ward councillor for over four decades and his dedication as Provost, Depute Lord Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire and Justice of the Peace; thanks him for what it considers his positive impact on the Helensburgh and Lomond community; warmly congratulates him on becoming an honorary freeman of Argyll and Bute, and wishes him well in his retirement.

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**S4M-02700 Jackie Baillie: HRH the Princess Royal Opens New Aggreko Factory in Dumbarton**—That the Parliament welcomes the official opening of Aggreko's new manufacturing facility at Lomondgate in Dumbarton by HRH the Princess Royal on 25 April 2012; notes that Aggreko is a key energy supplier for major sporting events including the FIFA World Cup and the American Superbowl; further notes Aggreko's selection as the chosen supplier for temporary energy services for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games; recognises its expansion, providing power to over 100 countries; further welcomes the creation of 100 new jobs in design, development and manufacturing; congratulates Aggreko and all its staff on the growth of the company, and acknowledges this official ceremony as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations as testament to Aggreko's success.

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**S4M-02699# Jamie McGrigor: The Picture House, Campbeltown**—That the Parliament believes that the Picture House in Campbeltown ([www.weepictures.co.uk](http://www.weepictures.co.uk)) is a much-loved and very valuable community asset for the residents of Campbeltown and Kintyre; understands that this cinema has been run by volunteers through Campbeltown Community Business Ltd for 25 years and operates six days a week, 52 weeks a year; is further aware of the architectural importance of the Picture House, which is one of the very few surviving pre-First World War cinemas in the UK and a category A listed building designed by Albert V Gardner in 1912-13 with a unique Glasgow School Art Nouveau exterior and Art Deco interior also completed by Albert V Gardner in 1935; is aware of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd's continuing efforts to obtain funding from various sources to secure the future of the cinema and allow it to move forward with its ambitious plans to both conserve the interior and introduce digital and 3-D projection facilities; wishes it every success in attracting support, and considers that the securing of such funding is vital to the future of the cinema and would be a very fitting way to mark the centenary of the cinema in 2013.

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**S4M-02698 Fiona McLeod: Bearsden Primary Reach Euroquiz 2012 Final**—That the Parliament congratulates Bearsden Primary School on what it considers its great achievement in reaching the Euroquiz 2012 Final; recognises the hard work of all involved and the knowledge shown by the pupils of the wide range of subjects covered; believes that this is an excellent opportunity to build on the pupils' enthusiasm to learn; notes that the final, which will be contested by 30 other teams from around Scotland, will be held at the Parliament on 14 May 2012, and hopes that they enjoy the experience of the event.

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**S4M-02697 James Dornan: Congratulations to Glasgow's Helping Heroes**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of the awarding of £5,732 to Glasgow's Helping Heroes from the Scottish Veterans Fund; notes that Glasgow's Helping Heroes aims to provide information on access to, and co-ordination of, support across a wide range of areas including health, housing, social care, employability and financial services; commends the work of this organisation in helping ex-service personnel and their families, and wishes it every success in the future.

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**S4M-02696 Roderick Campbell: Skin Cancer Rates Highlight the Dangers of Sunbeds**—That the Parliament is concerned about an increase in the incidence of skin cancer among Scots as reported in ISD Scotland's report, *Cancer Incidence in Scotland (2010)*, published on 24 April 2012; notes that the report shows that there has been a 62% rise in the incidence of skin cancer between 2000 and 2010; further notes the warning issued jointly on 24 April by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy and Jacqui Carruthers, someone who has recovered from skin cancer, which stated that people should exercise caution when considering the use of a sunbed; asks the public to give serious thought to what it considers is the conclusive link between sunbed use and malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer; recognises that part of the purpose of the Scottish Government's Detect Cancer Early Programme is to raise awareness of all types of cancer, given the correlation between early detection, early treatment and higher survival rates, and hopes that the Scottish Government will continue to make curing and avoiding cancer a health priority.

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**S4M-02695 Jackie Baillie: National Allergy Week, 23 to 29 April 2012**—That the Parliament recognises National Allergy Week, which runs from 23 to 29 April 2012; understands that allergies affect 21 million adults in the UK; further understands that 23% of adults with an allergy say that the condition makes them miserable and that 15% are so affected by their condition that they do not like to leave their homes, and commends the efforts of Allergy UK in providing advice, information and support to people with allergies, food intolerance and chemical sensitivity.

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**S4M-02694 Jackie Baillie: Cuts to the Social Care Sector**—That the Parliament notes the findings of the *Service Provider Optimism Survey*, which was carried out by the Coalition of Care and Support Providers Scotland; understands that, in the three months leading up to November 2011, more than one third of respondents reported a downturn in business; notes that 42% of the social care sector-based respondents reported a decrease in surplus; is concerned that 100% of the respondents claimed that they had been given budget reductions by local authorities in 2011-12; believes that such funding reductions are beginning to have a detrimental effect on service provision; understands that the Scottish Government has passed on 89% of all the reductions imposed on it by the UK Government to local government, and believes that, by doing so, the Scottish Government has worsened the position for service providers.

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**S4M-02690 Drew Smith: Glasgow International Festival of Visual Art**—That the Parliament welcomes the biennial Glasgow International Festival of Visual Art, which runs from 20 April to 7 May 2012; notes that the festival was launched with the opening of *Sacrilege*, a major new work by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, which is a full-scale, inflatable replica of Stonehenge; notes that the festival showcases work by more than 130 artists across around 50 of Glasgow's permanent and temporary exhibition venues; understands that, this year, the festival continues its tradition of bringing together exhibitions by the best international and local artists, and commends the festival director, Katrina Brown, for the 18-day programme, which also features a series of newly commissioned works involving disciplines such as dance, film, music, performance and theatre.

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**S4M-02689 Roderick Campbell: 75th Anniversary of the RNZAF's Creation by Fife's Cochrane the Architect**—That the Parliament welcomes the celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) on 1 April 2012; notes that, to celebrate this, the year's Ohakea air show, which was held on 31 March, saw the RNZAF's full complement of military aircraft on public show for the first time since 2009; understands that the man described as the founding father of the RNZAF was Sir Ralph Alexander Cochrane of Springfield, Fife; believes that, due to his work, Sir Ralph was appointed as the RNZAF's first chief of air staff and became known as Cochrane the Architect, and hopes that the RNZAF

continues to grow and appreciates the far-reaching influence of North East Fifers throughout the world.

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**S4M-02688 Graeme Dey: Scottish Companies Leading the Way in Queen's Awards for Enterprise**—That the Parliament congratulates the winners of the Queen's Awards for Enterprise 2012, which included Angus jam-maker, Mackays Ltd of Arbroath, which received an enterprise award for the second time, and technical textile manufacturing firm, J&D Wilkie Ltd of Kirriemuir; commends Mackays on its success in the international export market, with its products now being delivered to 52 countries across the globe, which it considers provides a valuable boost to the Scottish food and drink brand worldwide; notes J&D Wilkie's achievement of a growth in overseas sales of 207% in the past three years and the access it believes the company has created for itself in the market due to its production unit in China; welcomes the contribution that these two Angus companies, and the other winners of the Queen's Awards, have made in boosting the profile and reputation of Scottish companies abroad, particularly given the current wider economic climate, and hopes that, as Scotland is increasingly considered an attractive destination for people to do business, more Scottish companies will be inspired by these examples to strive to access new international markets and encourage their European and international counterparts to be based in this country.

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**S4M-02686 Jackie Baillie: Spinal Injuries Scotland Webcast**—That the Parliament welcomes the live webcast project that has been developed by Spinal Injuries Scotland; understands that, every year, around 170 people in Scotland experience spinal injuries; believes that more progress toward simultaneous nationwide communication of information, advice, support and education specific to those with spinal cord injuries needs to be made; understands that the project helps to remove societal barriers, enhances life chances for patients and enables both greater participation and engagement with others, and invites everyone to view the webcasts, which are scheduled to be broadcast on the last Friday of every month, starting on 27 April 2012.

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**S4M-02685 James Kelly: Dr Alexander Thomson, Rutherglen Old Parish Church**—That the Parliament commends Dr Alexander Thomson who is retiring as the minister of Rutherglen Old Parish Church after what it considers to have been a remarkable 27 years of service; believes that, since joining the parish in May 1986, Dr Thomson has made a positive contribution to the local community; understands that the congregation holds him in very high regard and will miss him, and wishes the minister and Mrs Thomson all the very best on their retirement.

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**S4M-02684 Nigel Don: Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards**—That the Parliament welcomes the shortlist for the 2012 Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards; note that three of the 50 companies on the list, which has been shortened from an original list of 200 entrants, are from Angus North and Mearns; congratulates Strathmore Foods from Forfar, the Bay Fish and Chips from Stonehaven and Macphie of Glenbervie Ltd on being named in their respective categories; wishes all of the entrants and the organisers a successful event, and looks forward to the winners being announced at the awards ceremony, which is scheduled to be held on 24 May 2012 at the Doubletree by Hilton Dunblane Hydro Hotel.

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**S4M-02683 Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Tennis Player Selected for GB World Cup Team**—That the Parliament congratulates Gordon Reid of Helensburgh Tennis Club on being selected as a member of the GB wheelchair tennis world cup team; understands that Gordon will compete in the BNP Paribas World Team Cup in Seoul, Republic of Korea, which is scheduled to take place from 21 to 27 May 2012; notes that Gordon was selected after winning the main draw consolation singles final at the 2012 Florida Open; understands that these are just some of Gordon's many achievements in his seven-year tennis career, and wishes him and the rest of the team well in preparing for Seoul and in the competition.

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**S4M-02681# Christine Grahame: Better than Going to the Gym, Upper Tweed Railway Paths**—That the Parliament congratulates Upper Tweed Railway Paths, a community organisation, on its efforts to construct a multi-user path suitable for cycling, horse-riding and walking, with disabled access, along the former railway line from Peebles, by way of Stobo, Broughton, Tweedsmuir and Biggar to Symington; notes that it has lodged applications for funding with the Big Lottery, among others, to fund a feasibility study, and considers that reopening the old line as a pathway will bring not only economic benefits along its route, but promote healthy activity in an environment that is safe and free to access.

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**S4M-02680 Fiona McLeod: Victoria Bowling Club, Torrance**—That the Parliament congratulates the ladies of the Victoria Bowling Club in Torrance on raising what it considers an incredible £1,400 for cancer research at their annual charity bingo night earlier this year; commends the club for its hard work and effort, and hopes that more clubs will follow suit in using sports for good causes.

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**S4M-02679 John Park: Welcoming Creative Skillset**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Sector Skills Councils across all industries in Scotland; notes that the new body, Creative Skillset, continues the work of the Sector Skills Council for the Creative Media Industries following relicensing decisions by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills; further notes that Creative Skillset now includes advertising and the fashion and textile industries; applauds the talent of Scotland's creative industries and understands the importance of developing support and training for people and businesses to continue this success; welcomes Creative Skillset's ambition to develop world-class talent and diversify into international markets, and acknowledges the work being undertaken to move to sustainable employer-owned solutions following the ending of year-on-year grant investment.

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**S4M-02678 Jackie Baillie: Helensburgh Rugby Club Becomes National Champion**—That the Parliament congratulates Helensburgh Rugby Club's first team on winning the RBS National Bowl at Murrayfield; understands that this was the first time that a Helensburgh team has played at the national stadium; notes that hundreds of people from Helensburgh travelled to Edinburgh on match day to support the team; considers that the success of the team has brought the local community together with local retailers and hopes that this will result in the promotion of the team's youth development project, and congratulates the players, coaches and members of Helensburgh Rugby Club on what it considers this immense achievement.

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**S4M-02677# Fiona McLeod: The Third Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference**—That the Parliament recognises the third international Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference, which is scheduled to taking place in Stockholm from

27 June to 1 July 2012; understands that the conference, which is being organised by the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA), will bring together leading dermatologists and rheumatologists from around the world; notes that this year's event will look at areas including the psychosocial impact of the conditions on quality of life; commends the previous conferences, which, it understands, focused on issues such as clarifying the connection between psoriasis of the skin and psoriatic arthritis and on highlighting the condition as a complex and chronic inflammatory disease with a number of comorbidities, and notes that people in Strathkelvin and Bearsden and across Scotland with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis will be represented by Janice Johnson, the hard-working founder of IFPA member Psoriasis Scotland Arthritis Link Volunteers (PSALV).

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**S4M-02674 Ken Macintosh: Asda Kwik Cricket Competition Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the 2012 Asda Kwik Cricket competition at Our Lady of the Missions (OLM) Primary School in East Renfrewshire; considers kwik cricket to be a great way to get children active and to introduce them to one of Scotland's fastest growing sports; recognises that over 500 schools and 5,000 boys and girls across Scotland participated in the competition last year, which won an International Cricket Council (ICC) Global Development Programme award, and looks forward to even greater success with this year's tournament; notes that the Scotland final takes place at Perth's Doo'cot Park on 19 June and that the winners will go on to represent Scotland at the UK final in July, and commends the continued support of Asda and Cricket Scotland in developing the game across the country.

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**S4M-02673 Bob Doris: Independence Celebrations of Zimbabwe**—That the Parliament sends its best wishes to the people of Zimbabwe who, on 18 April 2012, marked the 32nd anniversary of the establishment of the independent Republic of Zimbabwe; congratulates Zimbabweans in Scotland and across the world on celebrating their independence; laments the difficulties faced by the people of Zimbabwe and what are considered to be the affronts to democracy and human rights that have forced many persecuted Zimbabweans to flee their country; looks forward to the day when Zimbabweans can be assured of peace and stability in their homeland; is inspired by the example of the Zimbabwean Scots celebrating in Glasgow; recognises the contribution that Zimbabwean Scots, and other African communities, make to Scotland, and looks forward to Scotland joining the family of independent nations and its own people and diaspora celebrating their independence.

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**S4M-02672 Roderick Campbell: Photonics Research**—That the Parliament welcomes the award of a £5.6 million research grant to the University of St Andrews' School of Physics and Astronomy, led by Professor Kishan Dholakia, from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council; notes that the grant will be used in developing new light technologies that could improve diagnosis and treatments of diseases; understands that this work could enable medics to see the inside of the human body in more depth and detail than ever before, and understands the significant potential that there is for further development of photonics technology to improve the understanding of conditions such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease.

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**S4M-02671 Drew Smith: Glasgow's Treasures to Go Online**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement by the leader of Glasgow City Council to make all of the city's artworks and museum collections available online for the world to see; hopes that it will be a useful resource for teachers, pupils, students and all with an interest in Glasgow's art collection; understands that, currently, 3,000 images from the collection are online but that the entire art collection is over one million strong; believes that Glasgow will be the first city in Scotland to do this, and hopes that this will attract more attention to Glasgow's art collection and attract more visitors to what are considered to be its many well-loved museums and galleries, which, it understands, have seen much investment and sustained support from Glasgow City Council over many years.

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**S4M-02670 Murdo Fraser: Black Watch Homecoming Parades**—That the Parliament thanks the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland for its courage, dedication and service during the battalion's recent tour in Afghanistan; welcomes the forthcoming Black Watch homecoming parades, which will see soldiers marching through Inverness, Forfar, Kirkcaldy, Dundee and Perth and will give the public a chance to show their appreciation of the battalion's service; believes that, whenever the country calls on them, the soldiers do a tremendous job and that the whole of Scotland holds the men and women of the armed forces in the highest regard; notes that the Black Watch is based at Fort George, and understands that Angus, Dundee, Fife and Perthshire have a long and proud history as the historic recruiting grounds for the Black Watch and that they are proud to be the home of what is considered one of the best fighting units in the world.

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**S4M-02669 David Torrance: Scottish Scouting's Continued Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Scouts Scotland on its sixth consecutive year of growing



popularity as evidenced by a new report; notes that, according to the report, growth in the number of scouts in Scotland has outpaced the rest of the UK for the third successive year, as a result both of the growth of existing troops and the creation of new ones, and that the chief commissioner attributes this growth to word-of-mouth recommendation; welcomes the fact that almost 1 in 7 of the 41,261 youth members are girls; further notes that an independent report released in 2011 suggested that many employers took a positive view of scouting experience when considering job applicants and that many voluntary groups value the contribution of scouts; believes that scouting offers Scotland's young people real adventure and an excellent way to build confidence, responsibility and leadership, and wishes the movement continuing success in its contribution to individuals and Scottish society as a whole.

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**S4M-02668 Kenneth Gibson: Moving Toward a Smoke-free Ayrshire and Arran**—That the Parliament supports the publication of the draft *Ayrshire and Arran Tobacco Control Strategy 2012 - 2021, Moving Towards a Smoke Free Ayrshire and Arran*, which proposes a 10-year model to tackle the significant challenges associated with smoking that are faced by people in Ayrshire and Arran; believes that these include high levels of smoking in deprived areas and among young people and an increase in the use of illicit tobacco; notes the strategy's priorities of prevention, protection and cessation; understands that the strategy aims to meet these priorities by developing education-based programmes targeted at young people, adherence to legislation such as age restrictions, the enforcement of stringent restrictions to tackle the supply of illicit tobacco and the provision of support to vulnerable groups, including pregnant women and people living in deprived areas; notes what it considers are the effective tobacco control services in Ayrshire and Arran that are currently established; further notes the development of the cessation and prevention service, Fresh Airshire, and the campaign, Smoke Free Cars and Homes; believes that public feedback is important to the strategy; notes the comments of Dr Carol Davidson, NHS Ayrshire and Arran's Executive Director of Public Health, who stated that, "we want to ensure that this strategy and action plan will meet the needs of local people", and wishes the strategy great success in addressing the effects of smoking in Ayrshire and Arran.

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**S4M-02667 Richard Simpson: Plain Packaging of Tobacco Review of Evidence**—That the Parliament congratulates the academics from the University of Stirling Management School, who have conducted a systematic review of plain tobacco packaging, which it believes has led to the UK Government's consultation on whether tobacco should be sold in standardised, or plain, packaging; notes that the

study team included Professor Gerard Hastings and Professor Linda Bauld, both of whom are members of the UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies; notes that the review of evidence focuses on whether cigarettes should be sold in plain packs to reduce the attractiveness of the brand packaging and making the health warnings clear; further notes that the study claims that, in over three dozen other studies, it was shown that plain packaging can help smokers in three ways, by increasing the prominence and effectiveness of health warnings, by making the pack, and thereby smoking, less appealing and by removing the confusion about the relative harm that pack design can cause, and calls on all those who have concerns about the substantial number of new smokers each year in Scotland, who it understands are predominately young people, to respond to this consultation.

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**S4M-02666 Richard Simpson: Cystic Fibrosis Week**—That the Parliament notes that 29 April 2012 is the start of Cystic Fibrosis Week; believes that cystic fibrosis is one of the most common life-threatening, inherited diseases in the UK; understands that cystic fibrosis affects over 9,000 people in the UK, with approximately 1,000 in Scotland, and that the numbers continue to rise; welcomes what it considers to be the improved support and management and the extended survival of those who have cystic fibrosis; notes that some patients are only identified with the condition as adults, and hopes that further research will achieve even greater improvements.

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**S4M-02665 Richard Simpson: Depression Awareness Week**—That the Parliament notes that the 22 April 2012 marks the start of Depression Awareness Week; understands that 1 in 4 people will have a mental health issue in their lifetime; acknowledges the support that organisations such as Action on Depression provide; congratulates Action on Depression on working with the University of Glasgow to create the online interactive course, Living Life to the Full; welcomes the expansion of this course across Scotland, and thanks the university's psychology graduate and undergraduate volunteers who give up their time to work with Action on Depression and provide support on the phone to those who experience depression.

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**S4M-02664 Richard Simpson: Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week 2012**—That the Parliament notes that 23 to 29 April 2012 is Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week 2012; understands that this charity, started in 1996 by the former testicular cancer patient, Colin Osborne, is the only UK-registered charity to focus on male cancer specifically, including prostate, penile and testicular cancer; understands that the charity has a dedicated medical research programme, is dedicated to the support services that it provides to patients and family members and that its main objective is to educate and promote awareness of male cancer; considers this week to be very important as over two thirds of men are reported to be unsure about how to check for signs of male cancer, putting themselves at high risk by potentially delaying life-saving consultations with GPs, and notes that Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week is a way to promote and highlight the importance of this.

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**S4M-02534 George Adam: National MS Week**—That the Parliament notes the importance of National MS Week, which takes place this year from 30 April to 6 May; recognises the particular significance of MS to Scotland, which has the highest prevalence of MS anywhere in the world; congratulates the MS Society Scotland, along with local branches of the society such as the Paisley and District branch, for what it considers its excellent work supporting those affected by MS, and considers that this good work, conducted across many local authority areas, is being undermined by savage cuts to disability benefits including Employment and Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, with people with MS being among those hardest hit because of the complex, fluctuating and often hidden nature of the condition and its symptoms.

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

**S4M-02663 Congratulations to Grace Smith, Scottish Agricultural College** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jamie McGrigor, Maureen Watt, Mike MacKenzie, Kevin Stewart, Jim Eadie, Richard Lyle, Angus MacDonald, Aileen McLeod, Annabelle Ewing, Fiona McLeod, Claire Baker, Nanette Milne, Kenneth Gibson, Humza Yousaf, Bill Kidd, Margaret Burgess, David Torrance, Elaine Murray, Mark McDonald, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Beattie, Jean Urquhart, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02662 Art Fund Prize 2012** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Malcolm Chisholm, Angus MacDonald, Jim Eadie, Hugh Henry, Adam Ingram, Margaret Burgess, Elaine Murray, John Finnie, Richard Simpson, Alison McInnes, Margaret McDougall, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Beattie, Jean Urquhart

**S4M-02661 Crime Falls in Strathclyde** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Margaret Burgess, John Finnie, Joan McAlpine, Jim Eadie, Jean Urquhart, Mark McDonald, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02660 HMP Aberdeen and Commission on Women Offenders** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Malcolm Chisholm, Stuart McMillan, Hugh Henry, Hanzala Malik, Claudia Beamish, Ken Macintosh, Alison McInnes, Jim Eadie, John Finnie, Richard Simpson, Graeme Pearson, Margaret McDougall, Mary Fee, Jamie Hepburn, Jean Urquhart

**S4M-02659 £3.5 Million Green Facelift for Springburn's Carron Estate** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Anne McTaggart, Neil Bibby, Hugh Henry, John Pentland, Hanzala Malik, Drew Smith, Jackie Baillie, Elaine Murray, Margaret McDougall, Jamie Hepburn

**S4M-02658 Partnership Protects Wards Estate** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Kevin Stewart, Neil Bibby, Jim Eadie, Fiona McLeod, David Stewart, Dennis Robertson, Elaine Murray, Claudia Beamish, Richard Simpson, Margaret McDougall, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Beattie, Annabel Goldie, Gil Paterson

**S4M-02657 Pedal on Parliament Action on Cycling** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Rob Gibson, Stuart McMillan, Annabelle Ewing, Roderick Campbell, Jim Eadie, John Finnie, Jean Urquhart, Mark McDonald, Jim Hume, Paul Wheelhouse\*

**S4M-02655 Dumbarton Supporters Raise Quids For Kids** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Jamie Hepburn

**S4M-02654 Scotland's First Women's Sevens Rugby Squad** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Mike MacKenzie, Stewart Maxwell, Drew Smith, Neil Bibby, Patricia Ferguson, Nanette Milne, Helen Eadie, Roderick Campbell, Hugh Henry, Alison Johnstone, John Park, Kevin Stewart, Kenneth Gibson, Margaret McCulloch, Jamie McGrigor, John Wilson, Annabelle Ewing, Dennis Robertson, Anne McTaggart, Jackie Baillie, Neil Findlay, Bill Kidd, Margaret McDougall, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Beattie, Gil Paterson, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02653 Social Media for Social Good** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Liam McArthur, Hanzala Malik, John Park, Kenneth Gibson, Anne McTaggart, Neil Findlay, David Torrance, Dennis Robertson, Margaret Burgess, Mike MacKenzie, Jean Urquhart, Jackie Baillie, Jim Eadie, Elaine Murray, Gil Paterson, John Finnie, Fiona McLeod, Margaret McDougall, Jamie Hepburn, Colin Beattie, John Pentland, Roderick Campbell

**S4M-02652 Brendan Barber Retires** (lodged on 19 April 2012) John Finnie, Jim Eadie, Richard Simpson, Jamie Hepburn, Sandra White, Siobhan McMahon

**S4M-02651 Parkinson's Awareness Week** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Dennis Robertson, Jim Eadie, John Finnie, Richard Simpson, Nigel Don, Mark McDonald, Jamie Hepburn

**S4M-02650 Mel McLean is a Woman of Influence** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Dennis Robertson, Ruth Davidson, Jim Eadie, John Finnie, Richard Simpson

**S4M-02649 Breathing New Life** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Sarah Boyack, Dave Thompson, Drew Smith, Alison Johnstone, Dennis Robertson, Elaine Murray, Humza Yousaf, Ken Macintosh, Richard Simpson, Annabel Goldie, Siobhan McMahon

**S4M-02648 Time-limiting of Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Dennis Robertson, Jim Eadie, John Finnie, Mark McDonald, Jean Urquhart

**S4M-02647 Ensure Scotland's Schools Sound Good** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Siobhan McMahon, Alison McInnes, Jim Hume, Liam McArthur, Ken Macintosh, John Park\*, Sarah Boyack\*

**S4M-02646 Celebrating Scotland's Heritage** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Dennis Robertson, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02645 Hugh Murray, St Mirren Legend, Leaves after 15 Years' Service** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Roderick Campbell, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02644 Report of the Commission on Women Offenders** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie, Alison McInnes, Margaret McDougall, Christina McKelvie, Duncan McNeil

**S4M-02643 Congratulations to Jim Fiddes, Author of Brodiach to Bervie** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Roderick Campbell

**S4M-02642 Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, Annabelle Ewing, Dennis Robertson, Nigel Don, Annabel Goldie

**S4M-02641 Pedal on Parliament** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Malcolm Chisholm, Jim Hume, John Lamont

**S4M-02640 UK Border Agency** (lodged on 18 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Roderick Campbell, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02639 Transport** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Sarah Boyack

**S4M-02634 Concern at Evictions in Glasgow** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, John Finnie, Bob Doris, Roderick Campbell, Marco Biagi, Clare Adamson, Alison Johnstone, Mark McDonald, Stewart Maxwell

**S4M-02633 Opportunities from Fracking** (lodged on 17 April 2012) David McLetchie

**S4M-02632 Play Scotland's Final at Scotland's National Stadium** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02631 Euroquiz 2012** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Mark McDonald

**S4M-02630 Fracking and Unconventional Fossil Fuels** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Neil Findlay

**S4M-02629 Edinburgh Cup Final Should be Played at Murrayfield** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Bill Walker

**S4M-02628 Family Support for Recovering Addicts** (lodged on 19 April 2012) Alex Fergusson, Margaret Mitchell, Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, Sandra White, Dennis Robertson, Jim Eadie, Alison McInnes, Jean Urquhart, Annabel Goldie

**S4M-02627 Orkney Library Shortlisted for UK Library of the Year** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02626 Congratulations to Glengowan Primary School** (lodged on 17 April 2012) Bob Doris, Mark McDonald, Siobhan McMahon

**S4M-02624 Glasgow's FutureChef 2012 Success** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Mark McDonald

**S4M-02621 Concern over Charitable Donations** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Margaret McDougall

**S4M-02620 Edinburgh's Cup Success** (lodged on 16 April 2012) John Finnie

**S4M-02619 Citizens Advice Scotland Graduate Employment Survey** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Margaret McDougall

**S4M-02618 Glasgow Sevens** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02616 Hall & Tawse Joinery** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Maureen Watt

**S4M-02615 Congratulations to The Coalyard** (lodged on 13 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02611 Success for Saint Kentigern's Academy's Seen and Heard Group** (lodged on 13 April 2012) Sarah Boyack, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02610 Remembering RMS Titanic, 100 Years On** (lodged on 12 April 2012) Jim Eadie

**S4M-02609 Fife Arabic Society's Big Lottery Fund Award** (lodged on 12 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02608 Helensburgh Rugby Club Makes History** (lodged on 12 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02607 The Welfare of Post-conflict Soldiers** (lodged on 12 April 2012)  
Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02606 Care and Technology in the 21st Century** (lodged on 11 April 2012)  
Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02605 Hawick Band Scocha Promotes Scotland in New York** (lodged on 11 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02603 Glasgow Named One of the World's Greatest Sporting Cities** (lodged on 11 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02602 Ross County** (lodged on 11 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02600 Edinburgh Rugby Victory in Heineken Cup** (lodged on 11 April 2012)  
Maureen Watt

**S4M-02599 East Kilbride Crime Prevention Panel Awards 2012, John F Doyle Award** (lodged on 11 April 2012) Graeme Pearson

**S4M-02598 The Death Penalty in India** (lodged on 16 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie, Margaret Burgess, Alison McInnes, Mark McDonald, Siobhan McMahon

**S4M-02597 Arbroath Marks 70 Years since the Red Lichtie Took to the Skies** (lodged on 11 April 2012) Maureen Watt

**S4M-02596 Global Day of Action on Military Spending** (lodged on 11 April 2012)  
Jim Eadie

**S4M-02595 Infant Development Programme** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02594 Easy Does It! Expands Services** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02593 Congratulating the Participants of the Big Splash 2012** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Jim Eadie

**S4M-02592 Edinburgh Rugby Victory** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Sarah Boyack

**S4M-02590 International Workers' Memorial Day, Mourn the Dead and Fight for the Living** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Sarah Boyack, Jim Eadie, Margaret Burgess, Richard Simpson, Lewis Macdonald, Hugh Henry\*

**S4M-02587 Fairness for Scotland** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Humza Yousaf, Jean Urquhart, James Dornan, Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, John Finnie, Dennis Robertson, Willie Coffey

**S4M-02586 West Calder Welcomes the Three Bears** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Sarah Boyack, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02585 RealLiving Project Grant** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02584 North Berwick Law Nature Reserve Receives Lottery Funding** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02583 LAMH Recycle Ltd** (lodged on 10 April 2012) Jamie McGrigor, Dennis Robertson, Richard Lyle, John Pentland, Mike MacKenzie, Jim Eadie, Gil Paterson, Fiona McLeod, Colin Beattie

**S4M-02582 Big Lottery 2014 Communities Funding** (lodged on 05 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie

**S4M-02581 Bootle Site Closure** (lodged on 05 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02580 Deaf Awareness Week** (lodged on 05 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Maureen Watt, Alison McInnes, Annabel Goldie

**S4M-02578 Supporting People at Key Times of Change** (lodged on 05 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02576 Tapping all our Talents** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Maureen Watt

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**S4M-02573 Beyond the Frame** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Adam Ingram, Jean Urquhart

**S4M-02572 Opportunities for All** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Maureen Watt, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02571 Glasgow's East End, the Home of Sport** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Jim Eadie

**S4M-02570 The Ayesha Appeal** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02569 Aberdeen Sports Village Multi-sports Club** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald, Joe FitzPatrick

**S4M-02568 The Hidden Gardens and the John Muir Award Scheme** (lodged on 04 April 2012) Jim Eadie



**S4M-02566 Congratulations to the Cobbles Inn** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Annabel Goldie

**S4M-02565 Congratulations to Aberdeen's Community Payback Team** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald, Sandra White

**S4M-02564 Congratulations to Falkirk FC on Cup Final Win** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Sandra White

**S4M-02563 Commonwheels Comes to Aberdeen** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Alison McInnes, Sandra White

**S4M-02562 Europe Direct Aberdeen's Bags of Fun** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Jim Eadie

**S4M-02561 Gourock to Kilcreggan Ferry** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02559 Congratulations to Grace Allan** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02558 On the Margins and Caught in the Headlines** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Alison McInnes, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02557 Kelso's Alistair Moffat Chosen as Rector of the University of St Andrews** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02556 Community Pubs Month** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Stuart McMillan, Jim Eadie, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02555 University of the West of Scotland Students' Association** (lodged on 03 April 2012) Mark McDonald, Sandra White

**S4M-02553 Homophobia, Let's Tackle It** (lodged on 30 March 2012) Roderick Campbell, Mark McDonald

**S4M-02552 UK Supreme Court Ruling on Asbestos Exposure** (lodged on 30 March 2012) Jim Eadie

**S4M-02551 The Jubilee Bridge, Appin** (lodged on 30 March 2012) Annabel Goldie

**S4M-02543 Castle Rock Edinvar Success at Low Carbon Building Awards** (lodged on 29 March 2012) Claire Baker

**S4M-02536 Measures to Combat Metal Theft** (lodged on 28 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02535 Lothian's Co-operatives, Social Enterprises and Employee-owned Companies** (lodged on 28 March 2012) Stuart McMillan, Nigel Don

**S4M-02531 Welcoming Asda Cumbernauld Community Life Project** (lodged on 28 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02528 Kilwinning Abbey** (lodged on 28 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02508 140 Years of Quarriers** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02506 First Anniversary of Centre 81** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02505 Congratulations to Aberdeen Universities Officers' Training Corps** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02504 Scottish Renewables Publishes Landmark Jobs Study** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02503 Gluten-free Challenge Week 2012** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02501 John Thomas "Jocky" Wilson** (lodged on 27 March 2012) Stuart McMillan, Claire Baker

**S4M-02491 Kate Kennedy Club** (lodged on 26 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02490 Renewable Energy's 11,000 Jobs** (lodged on 26 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02478 Aberdeen and Ultrafast Broadband** (lodged on 23 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02470 Pathhead Man Walks Great Wall** (lodged on 23 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02469 LEAP's 250th Graduate** (lodged on 23 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02468 Burnside in Bloom** (lodged on 22 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02465 Musselburgh Achieves Fairtrade Status** (lodged on 22 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02455 Windfall for Moss o' Balloch** (lodged on 22 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02435 Trinity High 2012 Reporters** (lodged on 21 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02396 Natalie Moore-Williams** (lodged on 19 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02384 Youth Sport Trust Young Ambassadors** (lodged on 16 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02379 Closure of Lennox Herald Dumbarton Office** (lodged on 15 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02373 Congratulations to Scots Professor on Election to President-Elect** (lodged on 15 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02357 Comrie Development Trust New Carbon Challenge** (lodged on 14 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02344 Big Lottery Fund, Getting Better Together** (lodged on 14 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02328 Twenty Years of PAMIS** (lodged on 13 March 2012) Michael McMahon, Margaret McCulloch

**S4M-02308 Loretto Golf Team Triumphs** (lodged on 12 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02273 Dumbarton Academy Go4SET** (lodged on 08 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02267 Congratulating Haemophilia Scotland on its Parliamentary Reception** (lodged on 08 March 2012) Ruth Davidson, Annabel Goldie, Jim Hume\*

**S4M-02266 50,000 Call for a Cornish Assembly** (lodged on 08 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02262 Meeting Renewable Energy Targets in Harmony with Nature** (lodged on 07 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02252 Smoking Ban Reduces Premature Birth Rate** (lodged on 07 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02251 Congratulations to Shetland Rugby Club's First Development Officer** (lodged on 07 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02247 Royal Scottish National Orchestra Shetland Tour Success** (lodged on 07 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02232 IKEA Employees Graduate from Ready for Retail Scheme** (lodged on 06 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02217 Dalziel Centre, Motherwell** (lodged on 05 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02205 Energy Powerhouse of Europe** (lodged on 02 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02203 Labour's Free University Education Confusion** (lodged on 02 March 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02158 Conservative MEP Helps the Common Fisheries Policy Net Scottish Sea Angling** (lodged on 29 February 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02146 Chemotherapy and Cancer Management Conference in Palestine** (lodged on 28 February 2012) Stuart McMillan

**S4M-02115 Edinburgh's Investment in Active Travel** (lodged on 23 February 2012) Margaret Burgess\*, Jim Hume\*

**S4M-01922 Allotments Regeneration Initiative in North Ayrshire** (lodged on 02 February 2012) Christine Grahame, Alison Johnstone

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### **Section G – Bills**

#### **New amendments to Bills lodged on 27 April 2012**

##### **Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2**

##### **Section 22**

###### **Patrick Harvie**

**48** In section 22, page 9, line 35, at end insert—

<( ) the application includes information enabling all those persons who gain economic benefit from proprietorship of the plot to be identified,>

##### **Section 42**

###### **Patrick Harvie**

**49** In section 42, page 19, line 13, leave out <(4)> and insert <(4A)>

###### **Patrick Harvie**

**50** In section 42, page 19, line 33, at end insert—

<( ) every local authority any part of whose area is within the plot to which the application relates,

( ) every community council any part of whose area is within the plot to which the application relates,

( ) each member of—

(A) a local authority,

(B) the Scottish Parliament,

(C) the House of Commons, and

(D) the European Parliament,

who represents a ward, constituency or region any part of which lies within the plot to which the application relates, and

( ) such other persons as may be prescribed by land register rules, being representative of the interests of those who live, work or carry on business in the area in the vicinity of the plot to which the application relates.>

###### **Patrick Harvie**

**51** In section 42, page 19, line 33, at end insert—

<(4A) The applicant satisfies the Keeper that notifications required under subsection (4) have been issued at least 60 days before the application.>

## **Section 44**

**Patrick Harvie**

**52** In section 44, page 20, line 28, at end insert—

- <( ) every local authority any part of whose area is within the plot to which the application relates,
- ( ) every community council any part of whose area is within the plot to which the application relates,
- ( ) each member of—
  - (A) a local authority,
  - (B) the Scottish Parliament,
  - (C) the House of Commons, and
  - (D) the European Parliament,who represents a ward, constituency or region any part of which lies within the plot to which the application relates, and
- ( ) such other persons as may be prescribed by land register rules, being representative of the interests of those who live, work or carry on business in the area in the vicinity of the plot to which the application relates.>

## **After section 47**

**Patrick Harvie**

**53** After section 47, insert—

*<Completion of the register: target dates*

### **Completion of the register: target dates**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by order, set—
  - (a) a date by which 80% of the land in Scotland is to be included on the register, and
  - (b) a date by which all of the land in Scotland is to be included on the register.
- (2) The first order under subsection (1) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament within 6 months after the date the Bill for this Act receives Royal Assent.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers and the Keeper must exercise their respective functions under this Act in the way best calculated to achieve the completion or as the case may be interim completion of the register by the dates set under subsection (1).
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, modify either or both of the dates set under subsection (1).>

**Patrick Harvie**

**54** After section 47, insert—

**<Report on progress towards completion of the register**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as practicable after the end of each period of 3 years beginning on the date the Bill for this Act receives Royal Assent, lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on progress towards completion of the register.
- (2) Each report must include—
  - (a) an assessment of whether there are particular types of land in relation to which progress towards completion of the register is slower than it is in relation to other types of land,
  - (b) an assessment of the extent to which the proprietorship of land held in any form of common ownership has been identified and included in the register,
  - (c) an assessment of any barriers that have been identified in relation to completion of the register, and
  - (d) a statement of the actions that the Scottish Ministers and the Keeper intend to take to ensure progress towards completion of the register.>

**Section 112**

**Patrick Harvie**

**55** In section 112, page 58, line, 33, at end insert—

<( ) section (*Completion of the register: target dates*)(1) or (4),>







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### **Section H – New Documents**

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

##### **Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 27 April 2012 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Education (Provision of Information as to Schools) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/129)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/130)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

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### **Section I – Petitions**

**The following Petition was lodged with the Parliament on 27 April 2012**

**PE1430** Petition by Ewan Cameron calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to consider new legislation to ensure that child minding businesses of more than six children operate on equal terms when competing with more regulated pre-school nurseries.

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

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

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#### **Bills in Progress**

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As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. an Executive, 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.

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

#### **Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

Stage 2 (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee) 9 May  
*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday  
3 May with the clerks in the Legislation Team  
([Legislation\\_Team@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk))*

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| <b>Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 2 (Health and Sport Committee)  | 1 May       |
| <b>Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 1 completed<br><i>Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the<br/>Legislation Team<br/>(Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i> | 19 April    |
| <b>Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 2 (Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee)  | 2 May       |
| <b>Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland)<br/>Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 1 (evidence, Finance Committee)<br><i>Lead committee – Local Government and Regeneration</i>                                      | 2 May       |
| <b>Long Leases (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 1 completed<br><i>Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the<br/>Legislation Team<br/>(Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>                            | 25 April    |
| <b>National Library of Scotland Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 2 completed<br><i>Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the<br/>Legislation Team<br/>(Legislation_Team@scottish.parliament.uk)</i>                      | 24 April    |
| <b>Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 1 (lead committee (Justice))   | 1 May       |
| <b>Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Introduced<br><i>Lead committee – Health and Sport</i>  | 29 February |
| <b>Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)</b><br>Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Welfare Reform))  | 1 May       |

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

**Affirmative instruments**

Lead committee to report by 9 May 2012

Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] (15 March 2012) **(Rural Affairs,  
Climate Change and Environment)**

Lead committee to report by 15 May 2012

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] (21 March 2012) **(Equal Opportunities)**

Lead committee to report by 3 June 2012

Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] (25 April 2012) **(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 Subordinate Legislation Committee.*

Subject to annulment by 9 May 2012

Lead committee to report by 30 April 2012

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/87) (15 March 2012) **(Health and Sport)**

Subject to annulment by 10 May 2012

Lead committee to report by 30 April 2012

Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/88) (16 March 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/89) (16 March 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Form of Notice) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/92) (16 March 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Confirmation of Compliance with Pre-Action Requirements) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/93) (16 March 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Subject to annulment by 16 May 2012

Lead committee to report by 7 May 2012

Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/99) (22 March 2012) **(Education and Culture)**

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2012 (SSI 2012/101) (22 March 2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 24 May 2012  
Lead committee to report by 14 May 2012

Firemen's Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/106) (30 March 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/107) (30 March 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/108) (30 March 2012) **(Infrastructure and Capital Investment)**

Subject to annulment by 29 May 2012  
Lead committee to report by 21 May 2012

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (National Parks) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/117) (20 April 2012) **(Local Government and Regeneration)**

Bankruptcy Fees etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/118) (20 April 2012) **(Justice)**

Subject to annulment by 1 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 28 May 2012

Food Additives (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/119) (23 April 2012) **(Health and Sport)**

Subject to annulment by 3 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 28 May 2012

Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/124) (25 April 2012) **(Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)**

Subject to annulment by 5 June 2012  
Lead committee to report by 28 May 2012

Education (Provision of Information as to Schools) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/129) (27 April 2012) **(Education and Culture)**

Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/130) (27 April 2012) **(Education and Culture)**



## **Other documents**

Lead committee to report by 11 June 2012

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/52) [draft] (28 March 2012) (**Local Government and Regeneration**)

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/53) [draft] (28 March 2012) (**Local Government and Regeneration**)

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