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Business Bulletin: Monday 10 March 2014 Section B – Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 5 March

Tuesday 11 March 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection - Reverend lain McFadzean, Chief

Executive, Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tribunals (Scotland) Bill (for text of motion

S4M-09272 see Section F)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Year of Natural Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – S4M-08449 Kenneth Gibson: Clyde 2020

(for text of motion see Section F)

Wednesday 12 March 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Wellbeing (for text of questions see Section D of the

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followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Air Quality in Scotland

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Women in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – S4M-09204 Margaret Mitchell: Celebrating

Commonwealth Week (for text of motion see Section F)

Thursday 13 March 2014

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions (for text of questions see Section D of the

Business Bulletin for Thursday 6 March 2014)

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business – S4M-08928 Claire Baker: Recognising the

Work of Greener Kirkcaldy (for text of motion see Section F)

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance

(Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 [draft] (for text of motion

S4M-09274 see *Section F*)

followed by Welfare Reform Committee Debate: The Impact of Welfare

Reform (for text of motion S4M-09190 see Section F)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: High Speed Rail (London – West

Midlands) Bill 2013-14- UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 March 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 March 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture and External Affairs;

Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 March 2014

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland)

Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time



Business Bulletin: Monday 10 March 2014 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

Education and Culture Committee 11 March 2014 7th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Broadcasting:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor John Robertson;

and then from-

Ken MacQuarrie, Director, John Boothman, Head of News and Current Affairs, Bruce Malcolm, Head of Commonwealth Games 2014, and John Mullin, Editor, Referendum Unit, BBC Scotland.

2. **Cyber Bullying:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Laura Tomson, Senior Development Officer, Zero Tolerance;

Brian Donnelly, Director, Respect Me;

Caroline Harris, Project Co-ordinator, Anti-Bullying East Lothian;

Tony Rafferty, Member, National Parent Forum of Scotland.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 March, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Historic Environment Scotland Bill.

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

Justice Committee 11 March 2014 8th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. **Fire and Rescue Service Reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—

John Duffy, Scottish Secretary, Fire Brigades Union;

John Hackett, Regional Organiser, Unison Scotland;

Nick Croft, Corporate Policy and Strategy Manager, Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership;

and then from-

Pat Watters, Chair, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board;

Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

Steven Torrie, HM Chief Inspector of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

- 3. **Petition PE1504:** The Committee will consider a petition by Kathie Mclean-Toremar on party litigants civil appeals to the Supreme Court.
- 4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will further consider the following negative instrument—

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2014 (SSI 2014/26).

5. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee inquiry into the procedures for considering legislation in the Parliament: The Committee will consider a draft response.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 March, the Committee expects to begin taking evidence on the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Health and Sport Committee 11 March 2014 8th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 11.00 am in Committee Room 4

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the draft Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 from—

Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health, John Paterson, Divisional Solicitor, Heather Palmer, Policy Manager, Self-directed Support (direct

payments), and Sarah Grant, Policy Officer, Self-directed Support (direct payments), Scottish Government.

- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson (Minister for Public Health) to move—S4M-09254—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.
- 4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/38)

HIV Testing Kits and Services Revocation (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/42)

5. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Dr Mary Neal, Bill Adviser.

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

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 March, the Committee expects to consider the oral evidence on E-Health and subordinate legislation the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) and The Patient Rights (Treatment Time Guarantee).

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 11 March 2014 9th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 11.30 am in Committee Room 5

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
- 2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2014 [draft].

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

National Health Service (Superannuation Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/43);

<u>Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014</u> (SSI 2014/44);

<u>Coatbridge College (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2014</u> (SSI 2014/52):

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/53);

High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/55);

Road Works (Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/56);

<u>Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/57);</u>

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/58);

<u>Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2014</u> (SSI 2014/59);

<u>Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014</u> (SSI 2014/60);

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/61);

Police Pensions (Contributions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/62);

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/64);

Carers (Waiving of Charges for Support) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/65);

Community Care (Joint Working etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/66);

<u>Police Service of Scotland (Performance) Regulations 2014</u> (SSI 2014/67).

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

<u>High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement) Order 2014</u> (SSI 2014/54 (C.5)).

- 5. **Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
- 6. **Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
- 7. **Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill:** The Committee will consider further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 18 March, the Committee expects to consider subordinate legislation. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Finance Committee 12 March 2014 8th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 5

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2013 Amendment Order 2014 [draft] from—

John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth.

- 3. **Subordinate legislation**: John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth) to move S4M-09255 That the Finance Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2013 Amendment Order 2014 [draft] be approved.
- 4. **Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Philip Simpson, Advocate, and James Wolffe, QC, Dean of Faculty, Faculty of Advocates;

Alan Barr, Partner, Brodies LLP, The Law Society of Scotland.

- 5. **Disabled Persons' Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a submission to the lead committee on the Financial Memorandum.
- 6. **Historic Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Financial Memorandum.
- 7. **Inquiry into the procedures for considering legislation:** The Committee will consider a submission to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
- 8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a paper by the clerk.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 March 2014, the Committee expects to continue to take evidence on its Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill.

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

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee 12 March 2014 8th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 2

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 and future consideration of draft reports on the Housing (Scotland) Bill, in private.
- 2. **Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
- 3. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, William Fleming, Head of Housing Services Policy Unit, Barry Stalker, Principal Policy Officer, Private Rented Housing, Daniel Couldridge, Senior Policy Officer, Private Housing Services Team, and Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer. Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

The Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/40).

- 5. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard during Stage 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Bill in advance of a draft report.
- 6. **Draft Third National Planning Framework (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 March, the Committee expects to take evidence on the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill (If required) and evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities on Prestwick. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee 12 March 2014 3rd Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 3

- Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private, and whether to review in private evidence heard at future meetings.
- 2. City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill: The Committee will consider objections to the Bill, taking evidence from Group 5 and the promoter—

Oula Jones, Past Captain and current committee member, and Maureen Wood, Past Captain and current treasurer, Portobello Ladies' Golf Club;

Billy MacIntyre, Head of Resources, Children and Families, and Iain Strachan, Principal Solicitor, Legal, Risk and Compliance, City of Edinburgh Council:

Charles Livingstone, Associate, Brodies LLP;

Ian Alexander, Design Director, JM Architects.

3. City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill - Review of evidence heard: The Committee will review the evidence heard under item 2.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 26 March, the Committee will take further oral evidence on the Bill at Consideration Stage.

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

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee 12 March 2014 7th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Scotland's Economic Future Post-2014:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Sir John Gieve, former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England;

Professor Ronald MacDonald, Adam Smith Professor of Political Economy, University of Glasgow;

Dr Monique Ebell, Research Fellow, National Institute of Economic and Social Research;

Professor Anton Muscatelli, Attending in a personal capacity;

Professor Jeremy Peat, Director, David Hume Institute.

- 2. Scotland's Economic Future Post-2014: Review of Evidence Heard (in private): The Committee will review evidence heard at today's meeting.
- 3. **Draft Third National Planning Framework (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 19 March 2014, the Committee expects to take evidence on its inquiry on Scotland's Economic Future Post-2014 and consider two statutory instruments. For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Local Government and Regeneration Committee 12 March 2014 8th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/31); and

Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/37).

3. **Draft Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Draft Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill from—

Stuart Hashagen, Senior Community Development Advisor, Scottish Community Development Centre and Community Health Exchange; Ian Cooke, Director, Development Trusts Association Scotland; Martin Sime, Chief Executive, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

Andy Milne, Chief Executive, Scotland's Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF);

and then from-

Eric Samuel, Senior Policy and Learning Manager, BIG Lottery Fund;

Mike McCormick, Assistant Chief Constable, Local Policing East, Police Scotland:

Rachael McCormack, Director of Strengthening Communities, Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

- 4. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
- 5. **Defective and Dangerous Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report on the Defective and Dangerous Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill.
- 6. Local Government Budget Scrutiny: The Committee will consider its approach to its scrutiny of the local government budget.
- 7. **Work Programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme for the period up to summer recess.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 26 March, the Committee expects to consider the Disabled Persons' Parking badges (Scotland) Bill; oral evidence from local authorities, Mobility Access Committee Scotland, Inclusion Scotland, Disabled Motoring UK, EHRC, Police Scotland, Law Society of Scotland British parking Association.

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

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee 12 March 2014 7th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

- Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its review of climate change mainstreaming in the budget process should be taken in private at its next meeting.
- 2. **Rural affairs and environment issues:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK Government.

3. **Draft Third National Planning Framework (NPF3) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 13 March 2014 4th Meeting, 2014

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 6

- 1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether its consideration of the next steps on its inquiry into procedures for considering legislation, its work programme and provision of services to Cross-Party Groups and a draft report on Scotland Act 2012 finance changes should be taken in private at future meetings.
- 2. **Inquiry into lobbying:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Stuart Allan, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;

Douglas Winchester, Investigating Officer, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

3. **Inquiry into lobbying (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and issues for a draft report.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 27 March, the Committee expects to take oral evidence on its inquiry the procedures for considering legislation and consider a draft report on Scotland Act finance changes and its work programme.

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



Business Bulletin: Monday 10 March 2014 Section E – Written questions lodged on 07 March 2014

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

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

S4W-20066 Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to deliver the Health and Work Service on behalf of the UK Government.

S4W-20067 Jean Urquhart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-19901 by Keith Brown on 6 March 2014, whether section 7 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 requires that the power to make a special road scheme is exercised by means of a statutory instrument.



Business Bulletin: Monday 10 March 2014 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-09277 Bill Kidd: Calm Heads Should Prevail over Ukraine—That the Parliament looks for calm heads to prevail in the present turmoil threatening to engulf Ukraine in international schism; understands that there are Russian nuclear submarines and associated missiles and warheads sited in Crimea and over 1,000 Russian tactical nuclear weapons in the area and that the US has 400 tactical nuclear weapons stationed in five countries across Europe allied with the French nuclear arsenal and that of the UK situated entirely at Faslane on the River Clyde; believes that brinkmanship and partisan political posturing have no place in the search for a peaceful and viable resolution of the present social disorder afflicting Ukrainian civil society, and understands that the possible alternative, however unlikely, of a limited nuclear exchange would, according to research quoted by the International Red Cross at the conference of concerned nations in Mexico in February 2014, result in a body count of hundreds of millions and over a decade of the coldest conditions since the last ice age.

*S4M-09276 Cara Hilton: Congratulations to the West Fife Saints—That the Parliament congratulates the American football team, the West Fife Saints, on recently taking part in its first tournament; understands that this was the first time in over a generation that the sport has been played in Dunfermline; commends what it sees as the outstanding work of Touchdown UK, which is a Fife-based charity that uses the game to promote physical activity among young people; welcomes the charity's 5 v 5 Programme, which runs throughout Edinburgh and Fife; recognises what it considers the enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of the volunteers and coaches in providing an opportunity for young people in Fife and Edinburgh to play the sport, and wishes the West Fife Saints every future success.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Jim Hume*, Liz Smith*, David Stewart*, Richard Lyle*, Annabelle Ewing*, Hanzala Malik*, Clare Adamson*

*S4M-09275 Claire Baker: Concerns over Seabird Wrecks—That the Parliament notes with concern the seabird wrecks that have hit the coasts of France and southwest England; notes that many of the estimated 28,000 birds that have been washed up would otherwise breed in Scotland in the summer months; recognises that scientists are confident that climate change will lead to more extreme weather events and a lack of availability of food for seabirds; considers that to help seabirds build resilience against the effects of climate change and to meet international obligations, an ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas should be established for nationally important seabird feeding areas, designated under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, which was passed unanimously, and encourages the Scottish Government to ensure rapid progress on the establishment of such a network.

Supported by: David Stewart*

*S4M-09274 John Swinney: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament recommends that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Fergus Ewing*, Derek Mackay*

*S4M-09272 Roseanna Cunningham: Tribunals (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Tribunals (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Kenny MacAskill*

*S4M-09271 Margaret Mitchell: Congratulating Hamilton Soroptimists—That the Parliament congratulates Hamilton Soroptimists on what it considers its success in promoting the Purple Teardrop campaign; understands that the campaign aims to raise awareness about and suppress demand for the trafficking of women and children; notes that Hamilton members of Soroptimist International, in partnership with Women's Aid South Lanarkshire, have distributed Loves Me/Loves Me Not bookmarks to young people in schools and colleges in South Lanarkshire as part of a relationship programme; welcomes the fact that feedback has been so positive and that Women's Aid South Lanarkshire is using them for adults as well, and believes that Hamilton Soroptimists is doing invaluable work in raising awareness of human trafficking, which it considers necessary in order to counter modern day slavery.

Supported by: Nanette Milne*, Liz Smith*, Annabelle Ewing*, Christina McKelvie*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*, Dennis Robertson*, Jackie Baillie*, Bill Kidd*, Clare Adamson*

*S4M-09270 Cara Hilton: Promoting a Family Nurture Approach—That the Parliament welcomes Fife Council's Family Nurture Approach initiative and its aim of enabling the most vulnerable families to access the services and information that they need in the local area; commends Fife's multiagency approach to information sharing between public and private partners; considers that this is a transformation programme designed to ensure that children, and particularly vulnerable children (0 to 3 years), have the best start in life; understands that on 22 March 2014 a Family Fun Day will take place in Abbeyview Community Centre in Dunfermline and is being promoted across the Dunfermline area, encouraging families to come along, with support from Homestart, the Beanstalk Family Centre and several local agencies; welcomes the aim of promoting increased bonding and attachment through play activities involving the whole family and enhancing parenting skills; wishes the initiative every future success, and commends the Family Nurture Approach in Fife.

Supported by: David Stewart*, Claire Baker*, Jayne Baxter*, Annabelle Ewing*, Neil Findlay*, Anne McTaggart*, Richard Lyle*, Jim Hume*, Dennis Robertson*, Jackie Baillie*, Malcolm Chisholm*, Hanzala Malik*, Clare Adamson*

*S4M-09269 Bill Kidd: Drumchapel Table Tennis Club's Silver Anniversary— That the Parliament congratulates Drumchapel Table Tennis Club on its silver anniversary; believes that the club has made great progress since it was established in 1989 and that, by allowing them to learn about table tennis and teaching them about life skills, it has had a positive impact on the thousands of young people in the Drumchapel area and beyond who have passed through its doors; acknowledges the club's success in competitions at regional, national and international levels across various age groups, and commends Terry McLernon on making the club's continuing success possible with what it sees as his hard work and dedication.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine*, James Dornan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Rob Gibson*, Richard Lyle*, Kevin Stewart*, Dennis Robertson*, Jim Hume*, Jackie Baillie*, Chic Brodie*, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09268 Mark McDonald: Aberdeen Play Forum Wins National Playwork Award—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Play Forum on winning the National Playwork Award for Play in Other Contexts for its work with the travelling community living in Clinterty; is aware that the National Playwork Awards are UK-wide awards that celebrate all that is good about the play work sector by identifying people who have made a notable contribution and difference to the lives of those with whom they work; understands that these awards give the organisations, people and projects shortlisted and involved a tremendous sense of pride and recognition; notes that Aberdeen Play Forum was the only Scottish winner; considers that play is essential for the cognitive, physical, social and emotional wellbeing of children and that all children should have opportunities for play, and commends the hard work of play workers at Aberdeen Play Forum to provide opportunities for children across Aberdeen.

Supported by: Joan McAlpine, Bill Kidd, Nanette Milne, Annabelle Ewing, Rob Gibson, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, Kevin Stewart, James Dornan*, Colin Beattie*, Gil Paterson*, Roderick Campbell*, Graeme Dey*, Adam Ingram*, Dennis Robertson*, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09267 Christina McKelvie: Presidency of the Council of the European Union—That the Parliament congratulates the Hellenic Republic of Greece on assuming the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1 January 2014; notes that Greece will hold the position for six months, until the end of June; understands that the Greek Presidency has highlighted three policy areas as priorities, growth-jobs-cohesion, integration of the EU and the eurozone, and migration-borders-mobility; commends the Greek Presidency for its focus on what it considers these pressing issues; appreciates the presentation of the Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic of Greece to the European and External Relations Committee, and wishes the Greek Presidency a successful presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Supported by: James Dornan, Angus MacDonald, Hugh Henry, Joan McAlpine, Roderick Campbell, Bill Kidd, Mark McDonald, Alex Rowley, Stuart McMillan, John Finnie, Willie Coffey, Adam Ingram, David Stewart, Annabelle Ewing, John Mason, Rob Gibson, Richard Lyle, Kevin Stewart, Richard Simpson*, Gil Paterson*, Hanzala Malik*, Liam McArthur*, Chic Brodie*, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09266 Sarah Boyack: Professor Ailsa McKay—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing of Professor Ailsa McKay, a leading Scottish feminist economist and founding member of the Scottish Women's Budget Group and of the European Gender Budget Network; considers that Professor McKay was

instrumental in raising the issue of discrimination against women in Scottish society and was a significant voice in raising awareness of and challenging that discrimination; further considers that she was an internationally acclaimed academic and had a profound effect on women in Scotland and beyond; acknowledges what it sees as her instrumental work on childcare provision and the development of public policy and employment for women; believes that her sad death is poignant as International Women's Day approaches, a day that has been observed since the early 1900's and that continues to raise awareness of the importance of gender equality and marking the achievements of women across the globe; further notes Professor McKay's commitment to gender equality, and expresses its sincere condolences to all of her family, friends, colleagues and mentors.

Supported by: Cara Hilton*, Patrick Harvie*, David Stewart*, Claire Baker*, Liam McArthur*, Christine Grahame*, Kevin Stewart*, Linda Fabiani*, Elaine Smith*, Jim Hume*, Siobhan McMahon*, Iain Gray*, Jackie Baillie*, Sandra White*, Jenny Marra*, Bill Kidd*, Margaret Mitchell*, Malcolm Chisholm*, Michael McMahon*, Anne McTaggart*, Christina McKelvie*, Richard Lyle*, John Pentland*, Kenneth Gibson*, Clare Adamson*, John Mason*

S4M-09265 James Dornan: Happy 1st Birthday to Food Train Glasgow—That the Parliament congratulates Food Train Glasgow on its first anniversary; notes that its shopping and delivery service for older people in Glasgow began in the south east and south west of the city in February 2013 and that it will be expanding to the north east in April; understands that the average age of people whom the food train supports is 86 and that, in its first year, it has made 1,305 deliveries to customers; notes that it raised over £4,000 in the last year including with volunteers taking part in the Great Glasgow Run in October; considers its work to be vital for the local community, and wishes it every success in its expansion and over the coming years.

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S4M-09264 Christina McKelvie: Tribute to Ailsa McKay—That the Parliament pays tribute to the life and work of Ailsa McKay, who passed away after a long battle with cancer; commends her work as a board member of the think tank, the Jimmy Reid Foundation, and as a professor of economics at Glasgow Caledonian University; understands that she was a passionate campaigner for Radical Independence, being the co-author of what is considered a major Common Weal report on welfare and was instrumental in providing the economic case underpinning the Scottish Government's proposals for free, universal childcare; sends condolences to the young family that she leaves behind, and hopes that the positive, compassionate and caring contributions she has made to Scottish public life have a lasting impact.

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S4M-09263# Stuart McMillan: Fixed Odds Betting Terminals in Scotland—That the Parliament expresses concern at recent reports that £4.4 billion was wagered in Scotland on fixed odds betting terminals (FOBTs) in 2013, and also at reports in the *Greenock Telegraph* that £77 million was gambled in the year to September 2012 on FOBTs in Inverclyde; understands that the machines, usually found in bookmakers, allow gamblers to spend hundreds of pounds every 20 seconds on games such as roulette or simulated racing; further understands that many former gamblers have described FOBTs as the "crack cocaine of gambling" due to the speed at which large sums of money can be lost and because of their highly-addictive qualities, and acknowledges the work of Gamblers Anonymous and other organisations across West Scotland and the rest of the country in raising the awareness of the dangers of FOBTs and giving support to those who seek help.

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S4M-09262 Aileen McLeod: World Championship Ice Hockey Returns to the **Dumfries Ice Bowl**—That the Parliament notes that, from 24 to 30 March 2014, the Dumfries Ice Bowl will play host to the International Ice Hockey Federation's Men's Under-18's World Championship (Division II, Group A); understands that the competition will feature teams from Great Britain, Croatia, Korea, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Romania and that the British team will have two players with strong Dumfries connections in Jordan Crowe, who played a season with the Solway Sharks before moving to the Ontario Hockey Academy, and Josh Grieveson, who has a scholarship at Northwood High School in New York State, but learned to play ice hockey at the ice bowl and who has been winning national honours since the age of nine; welcomes the news that, during the championship, the venue will host a Learn to Play day in which 100 local schoolchildren will be given the opportunity to go on the ice and be shown how to play the sport by players from the Great Britain team; believes that Dumfries and Galloway Council has arranged a variety of family-friendly offers to promote the championship to children and families; considers that this event further cements the reputation of Dumfries as a venue for world-class ice hockey. and wishes everyone participating in, and organising, the championship well.

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S4M-09261 Rhoda Grant: Talking Buses Campaign—That the Parliament congratulates the efforts of Guide Dogs Scotland on its Talking Buses campaign; welcomes the publication of its report, *Road to Nowhere*, in 2013; expresses concern with the report's findings that 70% of survey respondents who are blind or partially sighted had difficulty visiting places using current bus services; encourages bus drivers to read the leaflet, *Tips for Bus Drivers*, to increase their awareness of common problems for visually impaired passengers; acknowledges what it sees are the benefits that on board "next stop" and "final destination" audio-visual announcements could bring to visually impaired and fully-sighted passengers as well as bus drivers, and hopes that the Scottish Government will consider ensuring that all public bus contracts in future should comply with the recommendations in Guide Dogs Scotland's Talking Buses campaign.

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S4M-09260 Annabelle Ewing: Congratulations to Scottish Autism's Production of The Tree and the Abbey—That the Parliament congratulates a group of talented individuals with autism from Scottish Autism's service in Fife on being awarded the title of Most Creative Community Project at the 2014 Autism Professionals Awards; considers that, at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the group put on two fantastic performances of their play, *The Tree and the Abbey*, which is thought to have been the first play at the festival in which the majority of the cast have autism; notes that the play, written and directed by the autism practitioner, Scott Daly, tells the social history of Fife narrated by a tree that stands in the grounds of Dunfermline Abbey, features a range of characters from the community and revitalises a number of tragic and enriching events from Fife's history, and agrees with the judges' view that this innovative use of drama therapy is a project involving creativity that also raises awareness about autism and the possibilities for people on the spectrum.

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S4M-09259 Dave Thompson: Congratulations to Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative—That the Parliament warmly congratulates the Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative on Skye on being awarded £1,196,913 from the Big Lottery Fund's Investing in Communities programme; understands that the funding will be used to develop a sustainable community hub in the village of Camuscross on the Sleat peninsula; notes that the community hub will consist of a village shop, café and multi-functional meeting and activity space; hopes that this funding will allow the Camuscross & Duisdale Initiative to continue with its vision to develop and support social, cultural, economic and environmental initiatives; commends what it considers the hard work of Susan Walker and her team in creating a resilient, sustainable community where

everyone feels welcome and valued, and wishes everyone involved with the project continuing success.

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S4M-09258 John Lamont: Congratulations to Berwickshire Housing Association—That the Parliament congratulates Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) on being listed as 15th in *The Sunday Times* Top 100 Not-For-Profit Organisations to Work For 2014; notes that the BHA also achieved a three-star rating, which sets it out as an "Extraordinary Organisation"; commends the BHA on also being listed as fourth among all small businesses for its "Fair Deal" for staff and on finishing runner-up in the "Giving Something Back" category; understands that this is the result of the continued hard work of everyone in the BHA team, and believes that the organisation will continue going from strength to strength in years to come.

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S4M-09257 David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's First Ever Community Radio Station—That the Parliament congratulates K107FM, Kirkcaldy's first ever community radio station, which will start broadcasting at the end of March 2014 after successful trials online and on FM radio; notes that the not-for-profit station will broadcast from the Fife Free Press building in Kirk Wynd; welcomes the experienced DJs from Fife, Ally Gourlay and Paul Johnston, who have volunteered to contribute to a varied schedule including sports, dance and live gigs; understands that Craig Duncan will act as programme manager and host the station's breakfast show; understands that the station is encouraging local DJs to send in their own work, as it wants to focus on highlighting local talent; notes that Lights Out By Nine will play a show at the Duchess of Kirkcaldy to raise funds and officially launch the station in June; understands that the station considers itself to be all about the locality; commends the chairman, John Murray, and the rest of the team on what it considers to be an important contribution to community life, highlighting local talent, local topics and local information, and wishes the team the best of luck for the future.

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S4M-09256 Alex Rowley: Celebrating Kelty Community Council's 400th Newsletter—That the Parliament congratulates Kelty Community Council on the 400th edition of its newsletter; notes that it was first published in 1978 and has existed in its current form since 1980; understands that the editorial sub-committee

aims to produce an edition every month and that, thanks to high demand, it is now professionally printed and distributed; believes that it has become an important part of life in Kelty and enjoys great support and sponsorship from the community and local businesses; considers it important that communities are engaged and made aware of local issues, events and opportunities, and believes that such engagement is an integral part of building democracy and encouraging political engagement across the country.

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S4M-09255 John Swinney: Budget (Scotland) Act 2013 Amendment Order 2014 [draft]—That the Finance Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2013 Amendment Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

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S4M-09254 Michael Matheson: Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 [draft]—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Alex Neil, Shona Robison

S4M-09253 Sandra White: World Record Beater—That the Parliament congratulates Donald MacLeod from Stornoway, who beat the world record for joke telling at the Park Bar in Glasgow Kelvin by telling 580 jokes in one hour, raising almost £3,800 for charity, which will be split between the following four charities in the Western Isles, Bethesda Care Home and Hospice in Stornoway, Harris House in Tarbert, Tagsa Uibhist in Benbecula and Cobhair Bharraigh in Castlebay, proving that laughter really is the best medicine.

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S4M-09252 Kenneth Gibson: Double Success for the Irvine Housing Association at the Sunday Times Awards—That the Parliament congratulates the Irvine Housing Association (IHA) on achieving second place in *The Sunday Times* Top 100 Not-For-Profit Organisations to Work For 2014, in which it attained the highest possible accreditation, three stars, as one of the best companies; notes that the IHA was named on the 2010 list as One to Watch and was given a one-star accreditation in 2011; understands that, by achieving another one-star accreditation in 2012, it made it into the top 100 ranking 59th overall; acknowledges that, in 2013,

it was ranked 23rd and given two stars prior to leaping to number two in 2014; understands that second is the highest position obtained on the list by an organisation from Scotland and that the IHA is Scotland's highest rated not-for-profit organisation for the second year running; commends the IHA's managing director, Paul Hillard, who won the special award for Best Leader of a Not-For-Profit Organisation, in which 87% of its employees scored his leadership as inspirational, and wishes Paul, and everyone who works for the IHA, continued success in the future.

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S4M-09251# George Adam: MS Week 2014, Treat Me Right—That the Parliament welcomes MS Week 2014, which takes place from 28 April to 2 May; understands that Scotland has one of the highest incidences of MS in the world and that over the last decade the availability of treatments for MS has been instrumental in supporting many people to manage their condition and its symptoms; supports the notion that everyone with MS should be able to access the right treatment at the right time; notes recent research by the MS Society that highlights current barriers to accessing MS treatments in Scotland and considers that, with new treatments on the near horizon, this situation will hopefully be urgently addressed; welcomes the MS Society's Treat Me Right campaign, which aims to ensure that licensed treatments for MS are freely available to everyone who needs them and that people with MS are active, informed and equal partners in their care, and notes debate on what steps must be taken in Scotland to achieve this goal with the partnership of the Scotlish Government, the NHS, the voluntary sector, industry and people affected by MS.

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S4M-09250# Elaine Murray: Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service and Annan Athletic's Loan Goal—That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (DAGCAS) and Annan Athletic FC on teaming up to help football fans' finances by aiming to raise awareness of the help and advice available to those with money problems; commends DAGCAS on providing postmatch advice sessions and recognises what it considers its unique ability to provide assistance to people with problem debts through its holistic approach to working with clients and efforts to finding the right solution for people based on their individual circumstances; believes that this partnership is an innovative response to DAGCAS's recent increase in clients, including those who have found themselves with troubles

because of dealings with doorstep, high street and payday lending; notes that DAGCAS has said that its client debt from doorstep lending has increased by what it sees as a massive 42% in the 12 months until October 2013; applauds what it considers Annan Athletic's lead on this issue, which it believes is in contrast to those of clubs in Scottish football that are sponsored by payday and high street lenders, and commends DAGCAS and Annan Athletic on their efforts to use their position at the heart of their community to help people in their area.

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S4M-09249 Jamie Hepburn: Kelvin Valley Honey Parliament Beehives—That the Parliament congratulates Kelvin Valley Honey, based in Kilsyth, on supplying the Parliament with two beehives, making it the first legislature in the UK with beehives, which will help support the Scottish honey bee population; understands that bees are a vital part of Scotland's ecosystems, being responsible for the pollination of over 60% of all of Scotland's agricultural crops, produce, fruit, flowers, trees, shrubs and plants; acknowledges Kelvin Valley Honey's efforts in helping support the population of the Scottish honey bee; recognises that having two beehives in the Parliament's garden makes a contribution to the preservation of the Scottish honey bee population, which in recent years has seen a decline, and wishes Kelvin Valley Honey all the best in its efforts to increase the Scottish honey bee population through its campaigns and other efforts.

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S4M-09248 Graeme Dey: Currency Union Would Benefit Both Sides of the **Border**—That the Parliament welcomes the comments of the renowned economist. Professor David Simpson, who it understands believes that a currency union would benefit the remainder of the UK if Scotland voted for independence; notes that he stated "it would deliver the main benefits of a currency union - low transactions costs, no set up costs, no exchange rate risk, without some of the costs"; understands that the Harvard-educated economist, who has worked for the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Commission and Standard Life, also rejects the argument that a currency union requires a political union in order to work; agrees with Professor Simpson that the absence of a central bank with lender of last resort facilities is "an advantage not a disadvantage" as it considers that it discourages the risky behaviour that sparked the recent banking crisis, and understands that Professor Simpson's written evidence to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee is backed by the University of Edinburgh politics professor, Charlie Jeffrey, who wrote that a currency union between an independent Scotland and the rest of the UK is "perfectly feasible".

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S4M-09247 Fiona McLeod: The Holy Family Primary School and Nursery Parent Council Wins Award—That the Parliament congratulates the Holy Family Primary School and Nursery Parent Council on being awarded £3,000 by the Bank of Scotland Community Fund; understands that the fund's mission is to help citizens make a difference in their communities; notes what it sees as the positive impact that the parent council has had on the school by creating an environment for constructive communication to take place, and believes that students have the best chance of success when parents and teachers work together.

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S4M-09245 Fiona McLeod: East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action Wins Award—That the Parliament congratulates East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action on being awarded £3,000 by the Bank of Scotland Community Fund; understands that the Bank of Scotland Community Fund's mission is to help citizens make a difference in their communities; notes the befrienders programme, in which volunteers are matched up with a member in the community who may otherwise be socially isolated due to age, disability or other circumstances; considers that the programme is successful, and recognises the impact that one connection can make.

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S4M-09244 Roderick Campbell: Congratulating Ardross Farm Shop—That the Parliament congratulates Ardross Farm Shop, near Elie, on being named Champion for Best Local Food at the 2013 Scottish Countryside Alliance Awards; understands that the farm shop won the award due to glowing reports both from customer nominations and the judges who visited and experienced the service at first hand; understands that the Ardross Farm Shop will represent Scotland in the Local Food Category at the British finals, which will be held at Westminster in April 2014, and recognises the hard work of the owners of the farm, and wishes them the best of luck for the British finals.

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S4M-09243 Roderick Campbell: StAnza Poetry Festival 2014—That the Parliament notes the 2014 StAnza Poetry Festival, which runs from 5 to 9 March across a number of locations in St Andrews; understands that the two themes of this year's festival are a Common Wealth of Poetry and Words Under Fire; believes that the festival will allow people to engage with poetry from Commonwealth countries, commemorate the poetic legacy of the First World War and other conflicts and serve as a point of focus for the Year of Homecoming; welcomes the range of headline poets, which includes Louis de Bernières, John Burnside, Sujata Bhatt and David Constantine; praises the organisers on securing the use of the Byre Theatre, which otherwise remains closed for public use; hopes a future can be found for the theatre soon, and welcomes the funding provided to the festival by Creative Scotland, EventScotland, Fife Council and Homecoming Scotland 2014.

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S4M-09242 Richard Simpson: Defibrillator Partnership between Asda and the British Heart Foundation—That the Parliament welcomes the new defibrillator partnership between Asda and the British Heart Foundation; understands that Asda is the UK's first large retailer to commit to having CPR trained staff and public access defibrillators in all of their stores; recognises that, by the end of 2014, the £500,000 investment will ensure that every one of its 579 stores, 34 depots and three head offices across the country is scheduled to be fitted with a defibrillator, which any member of the public will be able to use to deliver an electric shock to the heart when somebody is experiencing a cardiac arrest; further welcomes the efforts of Asda, working in partnership with the British Heart Foundation and local ambulance trusts, to run familiarisation training for 12,000 Asda staff; understands that more than 60,000 people experience a cardiac arrest outside of hospital every year in the UK, but only one in 10 people survive and that early CPR and defibrillation, with proper post-resuscitation care, can increase the survival rates; wishes success to the launch of this partnership and the scheme in the future, and hopes that others will follow Asda's lead.

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S4M-09241 Sandra White: Oasis in the City—That the Parliament congratulates the success of Woodlands Community Garden, which, since being set up in 2010 at 91-101 West Princes St in Glasgow, has transformed a derelict gap site into what it considers a thriving outdoor community centre; notes that the garden enables people to grow their own vegetables, herbs and fruit and encourages people to get outdoors

and connect with the environment through a variety of art, education and environmental activities supported by Scottish Natural Heritage; considers that the garden is tackling food poverty and social isolation through Local Food Social Support Hubs, which will run throughout March 2014 and provide free, healthy food and cooking classes for people on a limited income and enable those at risk from social isolation to build more links in their community, and wishes the project the best of luck for its continued success.

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S4M-09240 Tavish Scott: Congratulating Joan Leask on 40 Years of Service to Girlguiding—That the Parliament congratulates Joan Leask on what it sees as her 40 years of outstanding service to girlguiding in Shetland; acknowledges that Joan is the islands' longest serving member; appreciates what it considers the enormous amount of commitment that she has shown to girlguiding in Shetland; understands that she is still very active in leading the 1st Lerwick Brownies, and recognises the high regard and appreciation of her efforts by the local community.

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S4M-09238 Iain Gray: Congratulations to the East Lothian Hospitality and Tourism Academy—That the Parliament congratulates the East Lothian Hospitality and Tourism Academy, which is a partnership between Edinburgh College, Queen Margaret University and East Lothian Council, on winning what it sees as the prestigious UK-wide Times Educational Supplement Further Education Award; recognises that Edinburgh College, which was one of only two Scottish winners on the night, also won the University HE Access Widening Participation category for the role that it plays in the academy; understands that the academy, which aims to give opportunities to people who might not have considered themselves suited for further or higher education, was recognised by the judges as providing a smooth transition from school to college or university; notes that 30 of the first group of students completed HNC and employability modules, with 18 then studying the full HNC course in 2013-14 while still at school, four going on to Edinburgh College and eight moving into employment; understands that the success of the project has led to the Scottish Funding Council providing a further £4.6 million to help develop similar academies in other subjects, three of which were launched in August 2013: understands that this approach gives pupils in East Lothian and beyond the opportunity to learn about careers in creative industries, food, nutrition and health, and looks forward to what it hopes will be the future success of the academy and its students.

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S4M-09237 Jim Eadie: Nomination of John Miller for Britain's Best Volunteer—That the Parliament congratulates John Miller on being nominated for the Markel and Small Charities Coalition's Britain's Best Volunteer Award; recognises that his voluntary service as Scottish advocate for Action Duchenne has been highly commended by the organisation; applauds what it considers his tireless commitment to raising awareness of the rare form of muscular dystrophy known as Duchenne; considers that his dedication to supporting people who live with the condition and their families is exemplary and continues to make the most profound difference to the lives of many families across Scotland; understands that his hard work was instrumental in the creation of the Clinical Academic Fellowship aimed at increasing research capacity and clinical expertise for Duchenne muscular dystrophy in Scotland, and wishes John well as he continues to advocate on behalf of this worthwhile organisation and support people living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

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S4M-09236 John Pentland: Muir Street Primary School—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Muir Street Primary School on its recent Green Flag award, which is an internationally recognised symbol of environmental excellence; applauds head teacher Anna McKinney and the pupils on what it sees as their excellent knowledge and understanding of green issues and on the environmental review that they undertook to improve their school; recognises what it considers the importance of the initiative as an environmental management tool and learning resource, which empowers young people to take action toward an economically, socially and environmentally just world; hopes that the efforts of Muir Street and other schools will inspire wider action toward a sustainable future during and beyond Climate Week, which runs nationally from 3 to 9 March 2014, and wishes Muir Street Primary School all the best in its future endeavours.

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S4M-09235 Christina McKelvie: Enterprise Measures to Tackle Gender Inequality in Business—That the Parliament welcomes new measures by the Scottish Government to help tackle the gender pay gap; understands that £50,000 of investment will provide financial support to the Investing Women initiative, which will

help unlock the potential market expertise, talent and knowledge of ambitious business women across Scotland, while £35,000 will help establish the new women's enterprise ambassadors, who will also act as role models and mentors for start-up and growth businesses, inspiring, motivating and connecting with female entrepreneurs; recognises that this announcement comes after a recent Women's Enterprise Scotland survey, which it understands revealed that 87% of female-led businesses are actively seeking to grow, and considers that these ongoing steps can help all of society to prosper through encouraging those rich in innovation and enterprise to develop their talent to grow businesses that will ensure increased levels of employment.

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S4M-09234 James Kelly: David Livingstone Bicentenary Review—That the Parliament congratulates the Livingstone 200 project on what it considers a hugely successful year marking the bicentenary of the birth of Dr David Livingstone; understands that the project generated 135 events, which were attended by 149,000 people over the course of the year; considers that the David Livingstone Centre in Livingstone's birthplace of Blantyre played a vital role in the year, with visitor footfall increasing by 35% at the centre, indicating the potential to create an attractive and relevant visitor destination in Blantyre; understands that the heritage held at the centre is widely recognised as the most significant Livingstone holdings internationally and among the most important collections anywhere relating to 19th century exploration; congratulates the National Trust for Scotland and South Lanarkshire Council on their commitment to funding the operation of the centre for a further 12 months, and wishes the centre well in further developing its role as an important cultural attraction in South Lanarkshire as well as inspiring new generations of young people about the life and legacy of one of Scotland's greatest ever figures.

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S4M-09233 Stewart Maxwell: Parliament Welcomes Reopening of Giffnock Library—That the Parliament welcomes the reopening, on 6 March 2014, of Giffnock Library after its £450,000 refurbishment; is pleased to note that the upgraded library facilities will include a new layout and reading area as well as a dedicated space for teenagers, a community room, meeting rooms and what it considers many other excellent facilities; congratulates East Renfrewshire Council on its upgrade of what it sees as this important community facility, and urges the residents of Giffnock to make full use of their new, improved library.

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S4M-09232 Stewart Maxwell: World TB Day 2014—That the Parliament notes that 24 March 2014 is World TB Day; understands that on 24 March 1882 Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the tuberculosis (TB) bacillus, the cause of the condition; notes that it wasn't until the discovery of antibiotics that TB could be contained; is saddened that TB is still a leading cause of death worldwide; understands that, in 2012, an estimated 8.6 million people developed the condition and 1.3 million died from it; notes that the incidence of TB in Scotland in 2012 was 7.7 cases per 100,000 population, and, although it is pleased to consider this to be well under the World Health Organization's target of 10 cases per 100,000, is nevertheless grateful that the Scotlish Government has implemented its TB Action Plan, which aims to ensure that Scotland further reduces its TB rates.

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S4M-09231 Alison Johnstone: Charity Cycle through Death Valley to Support Vulnerable Children—That the Parliament wishes George Stewart senior and junior good luck on their charity cycle from Las Vegas to Los Angeles via Death Valley, which starts on 7 March 2014; notes that the father and son duo will take part in what it sees as this gruelling trip to raise vital funds for Barnardo's Scotland; understands that they hope to raise £6,000 for the charity; notes that they plan to cycle 500 miles through the desert and climb over 5,500 feet; applauds the huge amount of training and hard work that they have put into this over the last year; commends what it sees as their dedication to supporting the work that Barnardo's does with some of the country's most vulnerable children, and wishes both the best of luck in completing this challenge.

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S4M-09230 Rhoda Grant: Caithness Hosts Flow Country Research Conference—That the Parliament recognises that the Flow Country Research Conference 2014, organised by North Highland College UHI's Environmental Research Institute (ERI) will take place in Caithness in the week beginning 3 March to discuss the latest findings on peatland research; notes that the four-day event will highlight the latest research on the role of peatlands and their part in regulating carbon and freshwater and their value to biodiversity; considers that the ERI, which is based in Thurso, is the prime location for such a conference as the 4,000 sq km Flow Country in Caithness and Sutherland is believed to be the largest area of blanket bog in the world, providing a rich environment for this important research to be carried out; understands that this diverse habitat supports a wide range of globally significant wetland and moorland species and that the conference will provide an opportunity for visiting scientists to take part in a field visit to Forsinard so that delegates can see peatland restoration in action, and wishes ERI and the second Flow Country Conference continued success in providing world class research in this important area.

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Rob Gibson: S4M-09230.1 Caithness Hosts Flow Country Conference—As an amendment to motion S4M-09230 in the name of Rhoda Grant (Caithness Hosts Flow Country Research Conference), insert at end "; commends what it considers the excellent work carried out by Prof Stuart Gibb and Dr Roxane Andersen of the ERI and the other Flow Country managers and lead scientists in promoting and highlighting the importance of the Flow Country to the biodiversity of the northern hemisphere as well as organising the conference, which will be opened by Rob Gibson MSP; recognises with appreciation the financial support given by the Scottish Government to restoring peatlands across Scotland, and affirms support for the bid for the Flow Country to be accorded world heritage status, which it considers would enhance this part of Scotland as well as aid with the critical fight against climate change".

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S4M-09229 Stuart McMillan: Race 2 the Games—That the Parliament welcomes the event, Race 2 the Games, which is scheduled to take place on 2 July 2014 ahead of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games; understands that the race will provide an opportunity for sailors with additional support needs to navigate a challenging 33 km course along the River Clyde; considers that this will the participants part of the Games; believes that the training and preparation for the race will inspire the sailors to succeed and help to develop their skills; hopes that it might even inspire some to go on to become Paralympic sailors; commends Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and its partners, Ayrshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire Sailing, the Royal Yachting Association Scotland and the Sailability programme, on their efforts in bringing about the Race 2 the Games, and wishes them success in their future endeavours.

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S4M-09228 Roderick Campbell: Congratulating Muddy Boots and Ardross Farm Shop—That the Parliament congratulates Muddy Boots, near Cupar, and Ardross Farm Shop, near Elie, on being nominated for Best Local Food in the 2013 Scottish Countryside Alliance Awards; notes that the family-run businesses are two of four finalists in their category and considers that they represent a true gold standard of rural business; understands that the winner of the Scottish Countryside Alliance Award will go on to represent Scotland at the British finals at Westminster in April 2014; recognises the hard work of the owners of both farms, and wishes them the best of luck.

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S4M-09225# James Dornan: Scotland's Outlook—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Scotland's Outlook, a joint third sector campaign that aims to raise awareness of the scale and impact of poverty in Scotland; recognises that the campaign uses a weather analogy with the aim of sharing meaningful examples of Scotland's poverty outlook to inform and educate people about what living in poverty means and to help them appreciate that anyone can find themselves living in poverty; understands that there are 870,000 people living in poverty in Scotland, that a fifth of Scotland's children are living below the breadline and that poverty is currently the biggest issue for the third sector in Scotland; notes that the Scotland's Outlook website provides a range of materials to allow people to see the future forecast for poverty and test their knowledge of poverty in Scotland; believes that this campaign, which has been developed by third sector partners including SCVO, Macmillan Cancer Care, Shelter Scotland, Oxfam Scotland, Alzheimer Scotland, CHAS, CPAG and the Poverty Alliance, is an excellent way to highlight the challenge of poverty, and hopes that, as a result of the campaign, more people throughout Scotland, including in Glasgow Cathcart, will understand the realities of poverty and be inspired to get involved in helping to tackle poverty in their communities.

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S4M-09224 David Torrance: Congratulations to Buckhaven Primary School and Nursery Class—That the Parliament congratulates Buckhaven Primary School and Nursery Class for what it considers its exemplary performance in its recent inspection by Education Scotland; considers that educating the country's youth is of the highest importance and stands as the foundation on which the continued success of Scotland is built; recognises the outstanding achievement of Buckhaven Primary School and Nursery Class, as deemed by Education Scotland, in engaging children and providing them with the education necessary for a prosperous future and values the inspiring learning environment afforded to the young people of Buckhaven; welcomes what it sees as an educational institution constantly striving for improvement; believes that the continued success of the school has led to a strengthening of community cohesion; considers the headteacher, Lynn Dyas's, strong leadership and commitment to a school philosophy of ambition and determination to be a model followed across the country, and wishes Buckhaven Primary School and Nursery Class continued success in providing a prosperous and compassionate educational experience for the children of Buckhaven.

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S4M-09223 Claudia Beamish: Heritage Lottery Funding for New Lanark—That the Parliament congratulates the New Lanark Trust on being provisionally awarded £1.6 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Townscape Heritage programme; understands that the New Lanark Trust has now been given a development grant year to allow preparation to apply for stage two funding in 2015; understands that the funding will be used to complete the restoration of Double Row, the last vacant tenement row that was used by mill workers in the 18th century village; understands that the funding will return seven of the tenements to residential use, with the remaining tenement developed into a 3D virtual tour taking visitors back to different dates in history; commends the hard work and determination of New Lanark Trust in relation to this project; recognises what it considers the important role that New Lanark and Robert Owen played in the history of the co-operative movement, and considers that the World Heritage Site plays an important role in tourism and education both locally and nationally.

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S4M-09221 Elaine Smith: St Patrick's Day Festival, Coatbridge—That the Parliament welcomes the 2014 St Patrick's Day Festival in Coatbridge; acknowledges that, according to the 1851 census, the Irish-born population of Scotland was 7.2% while the Irish-born population of Coatbridge was nearly 36%; recognises that a large Irish diaspora remains in the town; understands that a number of events will take place from 26 February to 15 March including Gaelic football matches, music concerts, lectures, debates and a dinner dance; recognises that the festival culminates with the family street festival on 15 March; considers that the festival brings economic, social and cultural benefits to the town, with around 15,000 people visiting every year; congratulates the organising committee, which, it considers, does an excellent job each year in bringing all events together, and wishes it every success with the celebrations.

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S4M-09219 Bob Doris: Regulation of Bus Lanes on Christmas Day—That the Parliament regrets what it considers the unreasonable and unfair enforcement of traffic regulations by Glasgow City Council on Christmas Day; considers that it is unreasonable to forbid travelling in the bus lane on a day when there are no bus services operating; believes that on Christmas Day there is less traffic on the road than on any Sunday, when these part-time lanes do not operate, and calls for a change to the traffic regulations on Christmas Day as well as the reimbursement of drivers wrongfully ticketed.

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S4M-09218 Kevin Stewart: Condemnation of Aberdeen City Council's Anti-democratic Ban—That the Parliament condemns Aberdeen City Council's Labour-led administration on what it sees as its anti-democratic proposal to ban the Scottish Ministers from council property; understands that, historically, the council's assets have been regarded as the people's property and that, because of this, the Aberdeen Town House is commonly known as "the Toon's Hoose", or the house belonging to the people of the town; believes that what it sees as the council's nonsensical proposal could lead to attempts to ban others such as local parliamentarians, the media or pressure groups from buildings, parks and other facilities and that this would further dilute democratic interaction, and calls on the administration to reflect, apply a bit of gumption and abandon what it considers this daft proposal.

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S4M-09217 Gil Paterson: Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat-led Council has Flutter on the Bookies—That the Parliament condemns the actions of East Dunbartonshire Council, which is run by a Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat administration, in which it has helped the sitting tenant of land in Lennoxtown, the bookmaker, Betfred, relocate; understands that the council will provide £155,000 to help Betfred refurbish alternative premises, provide the company with free rental for five years and guarantee its turnover over the same period, and considers this to be a winning "treble" for the firm that will cost the taxpayer upwards of £200,000 at a time when the first foodbank in Milngavie in East Dunbartonshire has just opened.

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S4M-09216 Angus MacDonald: New Malcolm Allan Factory Officially Opens after a £4 Million Investment—That the Parliament welcomes the official opening of the new factory in Larbert of the family butcher, Malcolm Allan, following a £4 million investment; notes that the ribbon was cut by the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment and that the opening coincided with the 95th birthday of Malcolm Allan, who founded the business and who received a lifetime achievement award at the 2013 Falkirk Herald Business Awards; acknowledges that 2014 marks the 60th anniversary year of the company; notes that the company funded the new factory with the help of a £1 million grant from the Scottish Government's Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation scheme; understands that the 25,000 sq ft facility will enable the business to keep up with unprecedented demand from supermarkets for traditional Scottish produce; recognises that the firm employs 150 people and has an annual turnover of over £15 million; understands that it is launching a new 1% fat sausage in response to the healthy eating trend and the work by the Scottish Government to tackle obesity, and looks forward to what it hopes will

be the business's continued presence in the Falkirk district and the success of the firm for decades to come.

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S4M-09215 John Finnie: Inter-City Express Campaign—That the Parliament welcomes the campaign, Inter-City Express, which has been established jointly by Transform Scotland, the Rail Freight Group, the Capital Rail Action Group, the Friends of the Far North Line and the Scottish Association for Public Transport; understands that it calls for greater connectivity of sustainable travel between Scotland's cities and that the key goals of the scheme include doubling and electrifying the largely single-track Inverness-Perth service, reducing journey times between Inverness, Aberdeen and Dundee and the central belt through electrification and extensive doubling of the network, upgrading the single line between Aberdeen and Inverness, building a direct and electrified service between Perth and Edinburgh and establishing an inter-city hub at Perth station; believes that such goals are vital to building Scotland's sustainable travel network, and calls on the Scottish Government to give the campaign proper consideration.

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S4M-09214 Alex Rowley: Congratulations to St Kenneth's RC Primary School and Nursery Class—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at St Kenneth's RC Primary School and Nursery Class in Ballingry on the findings of its recent joint inspection report from the Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland; notes that the school received a good or very good evaluation in all areas; is delighted that the report has recognised the leadership and commitment of the staff and the head teacher, and is proud of the achievement of the children and considers them a credit to the school and the Benarty area.

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S4M-09213 Kezia Dugdale: Hollis Smallman—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing on 28 February 2014 of Hollis Smallman, the president of the Scottish Midland Co-operative Society (Scotmid); considers that Hollis was an outstanding president of Scotmid, responsible for the development of what it sees as this great Scottish co-operative institution in recent years; further notes Hollis's commitment to the wider co-operative movement in Scotland, the UK and further afield, and expresses sincere condolences to his family and friends. **R**

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S4M-09212 Cara Hilton: Congratulations to Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council—That the Parliament congratulates Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council on hosting what it considers a very successful Annual Sports Awards at Carnegie Conference Centre in Dunfermline on 26 February 2014; considers that Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council is one of the most progressive and active sports councils in Scotland, with a membership of around 100 clubs representing over 30 different sports; commends what it sees as its excellent work in promoting sport at all levels; congratulates all individuals and clubs nominated for a 2013 Sports Award, and wishes Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council every future success in its partnership with Fife Council, Fife Sports and Leisure Trust and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust in developing and promoting sport in West Fife and ensuring the future of strong, healthy sports clubs in the years to come.

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S4M-09211 Elaine Smith: Ricky Burns, Still Coatbridge's Champion—That the Parliament salutes the achievements of the boxer from Coatbridge, Ricky Burns, during his reign as a WBO World Boxing Champion; recognises his achievements in winning world titles at two separate weights; commends him for the example he sets to all aspiring boxers of all abilities, and wishes Ricky future success in and out of the ring.

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S4M-09208 Claire Baker: Congratulating Ardross Farm Shop in Elie—That the Parliament congratulates Ardross Farm Shop in Elie, Fife, on being named Best Retailer in Scotland at the Farm Shop and Deli Awards; notes that the family-run business was one of nine regional winners chosen for displaying the highest level of service, product knowledge, initiative, innovation and community involvement; notes that the shop won the Farm Shop of the Year accolade in the regionals; understands that the awards celebrate retail speciality and high street businesses, in categories ranging from farm shops, delis, butchers, food halls, gardens centres and online business and that the awards received over 300 entries across the UK supported by votes from customers; notes that the nine regional champions will compete in the final for the Farm Shop and Deli Awards Retailer of the Year title; recognises the hard work of the Ardross Farm Shop owners and staff team, and extends best wishes to the business for the final.

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S4M-09207 Liam McArthur: Links of Noltland, Rescue Dig of the Year—That the Parliament notes that the Links of Noltland, on the island of Westray in Orkney, has been named the Rescue Dig of the Year at what it considers the prestigious *Current Archaeology* awards in London; believes that this award is entirely justified; understands that the site is rich in Neolithic and Bronze Age archaeological remains that are comparable with those at Skara Brae; notes that there has been a wide variety of recent discoveries, including figurines such as the Orkney Venus, which is also known as the Westray Wife, grooved ware pottery, decorative and everyday objects and the remains of over 20 buildings; believes that, as coastal erosion has accelerated at an unprecedented rate, the work to uncover the secrets of the Links of Noltland has become more urgent in recent years; commends the work carried out on the site by EASE Archaeology with the support of Historic Scotland; congratulates everybody involved with what it sees as this internationally important dig, and looks forward to further exciting discoveries in due course.

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S4M-09206 Tavish Scott: Congratulating Bernard Gallacher on his Lifetime Achievement Award—That the Parliament congratulates Bernard Gallacher on the lifetime achievement award with which he was presented at the 2014 Scottish Golf Awards; notes that, during a golfing career spanning over a quarter of a century, he combined his 25-year role as club professional at Wentworth with his tour playing career; acknowledges that he achieved 13 European Tour titles and received the Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year award in 1968; further notes that he was a playing member of eight European Ryder Cup teams and non-playing captain of the European Team of 1991, 1993 and 1995, and commends his recently launched campaign to encourage the placement of public-access defibrillators at golf clubs across the UK, ensuring that everyone has access to potentially life-saving equipment in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest.

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S4M-09205 Angus MacDonald: Forth Valley College Lecturer Wins Top UK Award—That the Parliament congratulates the Forth Valley College (FVC) engineering lecturer, Richard Reid, on winning the Most Innovative Teacher of the Year award at the TES (UK) Further Education Awards that were held at the Park Plaza Hotel in London on 28 February 2014; notes that the college was also nominated in the Further Education Provider of the Year award category, but just missed out to Walsall College; understands that Richard was nominated for creating an innovative app to allow modern apprentices at SVQ level 2 and their employers, INEOS, which is based at Grangemouth refinery and petrochemical plant, to view classroom films that show the various technical and vocational training activities that

they have been working on while at college; acknowledges that the judges described Richard's approach to teaching as "imaginative, transformational and inspirational"; notes that Richard's colleague, the applied science and computing lecturer, Monica MacLeod from Bo'ness, was also nominated in the same category, but just missed out; believes that this award is testament to the extremely high standards achieved by FVC staff on a daily basis, and wishes the college continued success in this field in the years and decades to come.

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S4M-09204# Margaret Mitchell: Celebrating Commonwealth Week—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the valuable role of the Commonwealth in strengthening relationships between nations across the world and the continued contribution of Scotland and its people to this; supports the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and welcomes the news that the Parliament will host the inaugural conference of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians from the British Islands and Mediterranean Region; commends the efforts of the people and organisations in Central Scotland and across the country who are involved in delivering the 2014 Commonwealth Games; believes that Scotland shares many significant links with the Commonwealth, and commends the theme of Commonwealth Week 2014, which is Team Commonwealth.

Supported by: Patricia Ferguson, Sandra White, Nigel Don, Linda Fabiani, Tavish Scott, Jackson Carlaw, Jamie McGrigor, Iain Gray, John Pentland, Nanette Milne, Liz Smith, Aileen McLeod, Bill Kidd, Jackie Baillie, Hanzala Malik, Annabelle Ewing, John Lamont, Mike MacKenzie, Christina McKelvie, Anne McTaggart, Alison McInnes, Mary Scanlon, John Mason, David Torrance, Kevin Stewart, Jean Urquhart, Cameron Buchanan, Richard Lyle, Richard Simpson, Gil Paterson, Annabel Goldie*, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09203 Jackie Baillie: Access to Office for Disabled People—That the Parliament notes a recent debate in the House of Commons, led by Dame Anne Begg MP, which called on both the UK Government and the Scottish Government to increase support for disabled people to access elected office; understands that The Independent Living In Scotland Report, *Politically (in)correct— representation of disabled people in Politics,* called on the Scottish Government to establish an "Access to Office for Disabled People Fund"; notes with regret, however, that such a fund has so far not been established; understands that one in five people in Scotland are disabled; believes that the Scottish Government needs to be more proactive in giving disabled people a voice and ensuring that financial support is in place to assist disabled people in becoming members of representative bodies, and hopes for rapid progress to be made on what it considers this very important issue.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie, Drew Smith, Hanzala Malik, Iain Gray, Jayne Baxter, Patricia Ferguson, Neil Findlay, Cara Hilton, Margaret McCulloch, Anne McTaggart, Sarah Boyack, Margaret McDougall

S4M-09203.1 James Dornan: Access to Office for Disabled People—As an amendment to motion S4M-09203 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Access to Office for Disabled People), leave out from first "understands" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish Government confirmed funding for a parliamentary internship through Inclusion Scotland and SCVO and that this programme was launched on 28 January 2014 by the Minister for Youth Employment; understands that the recruitment for the first intern is ongoing and that, following the pilot programme, other members will be invited to take part in the programme; further understands that one of the roles of the initial intern will be to organise an event in the Parliament to get more members and people involved; commends what it sees as the considerable work undertaken by Inclusion Scotland, SCVO and the Parliament in bringing this internship to fruition, and looks forward to the programme being successful and running for the foreseeable future."

S4M-09190 Michael McMahon: The Impact of Welfare Reform —That the Parliament notes that many provisions of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 came into force almost one year ago, on 1 April 2013, and that the Welfare Reform Committee has, over the past year, examined the impact of these, including the under-occupancy charge (commonly referred to as the bedroom tax), passported benefits and the Scottish Welfare Fund, and is committed to examining the role of foodbanks and increased sanctions, as well as the introduction of personal independence payments and universal credit.

S4M-08449# Kenneth Gibson: Clyde 2020—That the Parliament acknowledges the commitment of Scottish ministers to meet the requirement under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive to bring the Clyde up to Good Environmental Status by 2020; recognises the substantial economic, social and environmental importance of the Clyde, both locally and nationally; believes that meeting the Clyde 2020 target will increase employment in a diversified fishing industry, enhance tourism by boosting recreational sea fishing and improve biodiversity on and around the Clyde; understands that there is a wide range of parties with an interest in the future of the Clyde, including the people of Cunninghame North, and welcomes efforts by those parties to work together to deliver on these objectives.

S4M-08928# Claire Baker: Recognising the Work of Greener Kirkcaldy —That the Parliament congratulates Greener Kirkcaldy on what it considers its continued good work on taking action on environmental issues in the Kirkcaldy area; understands that the community-led charity gives advice and support to help people reduce fuel bills, grow and cook with seasonal local food and reduce waste as well as holding events for community groups and schools to encourage and involve them in improving their local environment; congratulates Greener Kirkcaldy on its involvement in such projects as Shine on Fife, Cosy Kirkcaldy and Orchard, a community orchard in Ravenscraig Walled Garden in Kirkcaldy; notes that the organisation recently held its annual gathering to discuss its achievements over the last year and look forward to its plans for 2014 and beyond, including its consultation on a community food hub; congratulates all the volunteers whose time and efforts contribute to making the charity such a success in the local community; notes the contribution made by its funding partners, including the Central Scotland Green Network, People's Postcode Trust and the Climate Challenge Fund; wishes the

organisation every success in the future, and looks forward to its continuing contribution to Kirkcaldy and the wider Fife community.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S4M-09196 Introducing the New Hands on Project in Hamilton, Blantyre, Uddingston and Bothwell (lodged on 27 February 2014) Dennis Robertson, Rob Gibson, Adam Ingram, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, Fiona McLeod, James Kelly, Nigel Don, Kevin Stewart, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, James Dornan, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09195 Congratulations to the University of Stirling's Men's Football Team (lodged on 27 February 2014) Nigel Don, Sandra White, Alex Johnstone, Kenneth Gibson, David Stewart, Liz Smith, Patricia Ferguson, Hanzala Malik, Mike MacKenzie, Stuart McMillan, Annabelle Ewing, Mary Scanlon, Roderick Campbell, Liam McArthur, Colin Beattie, Jackie Baillie, David Torrance, Anne McTaggart, Richard Lyle, Murdo Fraser, Kevin Stewart, Gil Paterson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09194 University of Edinburgh Wins the British Karate Championship (lodged on 27 February 2014) Joan McAlpine, Dennis Robertson, Roderick Campbell, Jackie Baillie, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, Stuart McMillan, Nigel Don, Anne McTaggart, Chic Brodie, Kevin Stewart, David Torrance, Colin Beattie, Annabelle Ewing, Neil Findlay, Adam Ingram, Sandra White, Stewart Maxwell, Bill Kidd, James Dornan, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09193 Cumbernauld & District MS Society 40th Anniversary (lodged on 27 February 2014) Neil Findlay, Nigel Don, Kevin Stewart, Gil Paterson, Margaret Mitchell, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, John Finnie, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Dennis Robertson, James Dornan, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09192 Local Primary Schools Hold Day Dedicated to Chinese Culture and Language (lodged on 27 February 2014) Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Kevin Stewart, Bill Kidd, Dennis Robertson, Christian Allard, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09191 Local Knowledge Under Fire (lodged on 27 February 2014) Neil Findlay, Rhoda Grant, Hanzala Malik, Margaret McDougall, Nanette Milne, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09189 Wick Business Win (lodged on 27 February 2014) Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, John Finnie, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Dennis Robertson, Colin Keir

S4M-09188 Interfaith Glasgow Talking Books Project (lodged on 27 February 2014) Neil Findlay, Margaret McCulloch, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, Drew Smith, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Jean Urquhart, Sandra White, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09187 Celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight in West Dunbartonshire (lodged on 27 February 2014) Neil Findlay, Margaret McCulloch, Fiona McLeod, James Kelly, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Dennis Robertson, Annabel Goldie*

S4M-09186 Scots are "genetically programmed" to Make Political Decisions (lodged on 27 February 2014) Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Kevin Stewart, Bill Kidd, Colin Keir

S4M-09185 Glasgow Kelvin's Victorian Baths Awarded A-listed Status (lodged on 27 February 2014) Adam Ingram, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Jackie Baillie, Annabelle Ewing, Dennis Robertson, Bill Kidd, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09184 The Buchanan Institute (lodged on 27 February 2014) Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Jean Urquhart, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09183 Glasgow Kelvin's Garage Nightclub Turns 20 (lodged on 27 February 2014) Adam Ingram, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Bill Kidd, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09182 Wolff Hungry for F1 Success (lodged on 27 February 2014) Fiona McLeod, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, John Finnie, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Linda Fabiani, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09181 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Knox (lodged on 27 February 2014) Angus MacDonald, Dave Thompson, David Torrance, Annabel Goldie*

S4M-09180 Macmillan Cancer Support and Glasgow Libraries, Supporting People Affected by Cancer (lodged on 27 February 2014) Margaret McCulloch, Sandra White, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09179 Westminster Removes Bedroom Tax Exemption (lodged on 27 February 2014) Angus MacDonald, Dave Thompson, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Jean Urquhart, John Finnie, Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Dennis Robertson, Bill Kidd, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09175 Beatson Cancer Charity Launch (lodged on 27 February 2014) Margaret McDougall, Nigel Don, Jackson Carlaw, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Kevin Stewart, Linda Fabiani, Annabel Goldie*, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09174 Congratulating Islington Council on Adopting UNISON's Ethical Care Charter (lodged on 27 February 2014) John Finnie

S4M-09173 Comments from the President of the Royal College of Physicians of **Edinburgh** (lodged on 27 February 2014) Margaret McDougall

S4M-09171 Excellent Maternity Care at Raigmore (lodged on 26 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Sandra White, Kevin Stewart, Bill Kidd

S4M-09169 St Modan's High School Wins Football Award (lodged on 26 February 2014) Nigel Don, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Sandra White, Kevin Stewart, Bill Kidd, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09168 Congratulating the Pilton Equalities Project on 25 Years of Dedicated Service (lodged on 26 February 2014) Dennis Robertson, Alison Johnstone, Nigel Don, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White

S4M-09167 Uganda's Anti-homosexuality Law (lodged on 26 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Gil Paterson, Aileen McLeod, Dennis Robertson, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Kevin Stewart, Kenneth Gibson, Mark McDonald, Rob Gibson, George Adam, Linda Fabiani, Graeme Dey, Colin Beattie, Stewart Maxwell, Fiona McLeod*

S4M-09166 Making Dreams Come True (lodged on 26 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Stewart Maxwell, Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09165 Scottish Socialist Voice Forum, 8 March 2014 (lodged on 26 February 2014) Dave Thompson

S4M-09164 Scotland Protest against Uganda Anti-gay Law (lodged on 26 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Margaret McDougall, Gil Paterson, John Finnie, Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Alison McInnes

S4M-09163 Funding for Blanefield Residents (lodged on 26 February 2014) Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09162 The Train Leaving the Platform is (lodged on 26 February 2014) Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Sandra White, Bill Kidd

S4M-09161 University of Strathclyde Celebrates a New Technology and Innovation Centre (lodged on 26 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Stewart Maxwell, Kevin Stewart, Bill Kidd, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09159 Congratulations to Fair Isle Primary School (lodged on 25 February 2014) Roderick Campbell, Kenneth Gibson, David Stewart, Liz Smith, Hanzala Malik, Anne McTaggart, Chic Brodie, Richard Lyle, Mike MacKenzie, David Torrance, Jackie Baillie, Colin Beattie, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Dennis Robertson

S4M-09157 Ending Newborn Deaths (lodged on 25 February 2014) Margaret McDougall, John Mason, Sandra White, Alison McInnes, David Torrance

S4M-09156 Sheriff Upholds Tenancy Administration Fee as Unlawful (lodged on 27 February 2014) Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Jean Urquhart, John Finnie, Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09155.1 Oil & Gas UK's 2014 Activity Survey (lodged on 27 February 2014) Gil Paterson, John Mason, David Torrance, Annabelle Ewing, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09153 Tackling Typhoon Haiyan from Shetland (lodged on 25 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09152 John O'Groats Resort Recognised by RICS (lodged on 25 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09151 East Dunbartonshire Local History Week (lodged on 25 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Stewart Maxwell, Sandra White, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09150 Adam Smith to Boost the Fife Economy (lodged on 25 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09144 Highlanders Win Radio 2 Young Folk Award (lodged on 25 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Bill Kidd, Linda Fabiani, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09143 National Juniper Day (lodged on 25 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Dennis Robertson, David Torrance, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09139 Record Breaker for Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum (lodged on 24 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09138 Congratulations to RHASS Medal Recipients (lodged on 24 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White, Alex Johnstone, David Torrance, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09137 UNICEF Day for Change (lodged on 24 February 2014) Sandra White, David Torrance, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09136 Aberdeen's 1,000th Saltire Awards Volunteer (lodged on 24 February 2014) Sandra White, David Torrance, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09135 Welcome to the OGIC (lodged on 24 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Sandra White, David Torrance, Maureen Watt

S4M-09134 World Book Day 2014 (lodged on 24 February 2014) Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09132 Stonewall Scotland, Your Services Your Say: LGB&T People's Experiences of Public Services in Scotland (lodged on 24 February 2014) Margaret McDougall, David Torrance

S4M-09131 Milngavie Foodbank (lodged on 24 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Sandra White, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09130 Launch of the On the Doorstep Project in Kirkcaldy (lodged on 24 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Sandra White

S4M-09129 Scottish Youth Dance (lodged on 24 February 2014) Clare Adamson*

S4M-09128 The Dream Machine (lodged on 24 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09127 Fair Access to the Professions (lodged on 24 February 2014) Gil Paterson, Dennis Robertson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09126 UK Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, September 2014 (lodged on 24 February 2014) Margaret McDougall, David Torrance, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09125 Silver Medal for the Men's Curling Team (lodged on 24 February 2014) Sandra White

S4M-09124 Parliament Welcomes Aldi's Commitment to Drumchapel (lodged on 21 February 2014) Sandra White, Maureen Watt

S4M-09123 Aidan O'Rourke, BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Musician of the Year (lodged on 21 February 2014) Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09122 Diageo Learning for Life, Scotland (lodged on 21 February 2014) Sandra White

S4M-09121 Barroso Comments Unwise and Inaccurate (lodged on 21 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Sandra White, Dennis Robertson, Maureen Watt

S4M-09120 Dumfries Welcomes the World at Commonwealth Youth Summit (lodged on 21 February 2014) Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09119 Strathcarron Hospice Schools Partnerships (lodged on 21 February 2014) Sandra White, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09118 Recent Flooding in England, Wales and Parts of Scotland (lodged on 21 February 2014) Dave Thompson

S4M-09117 Japanese Dolphin Hunting (lodged on 21 February 2014) Sandra White, Linda Fabiani, Margaret Mitchell

S4M-09116 Drug and Alcohol Partnership Limited's Summer Counselling Programme (lodged on 21 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Sandra White, Maureen Watt

S4M-09114 Tesco Commits to Scotch Beef (lodged on 21 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Linda Fabiani, Maureen Watt

S4M-09113 Islam Awareness Week to Celebrate the Common Wealth of Islam (lodged on 21 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09112 Baby Mohammed Comes to Scotland for Life Saving Treatment (lodged on 21 February 2014) Linda Fabiani, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09111 Access to Legal Profession (lodged on 21 February 2014) Margaret McDougall

S4M-09109 Alcohol-related Deaths in Scotland (lodged on 21 February 2014) Clare Adamson*

S4M-09108 Words With Wings LGBT History Month Celebration (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09107 Orkney Awarded Fairtrade Zone Status (lodged on 20 February 2014) Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09106 Speak Up Speak Out Campaign (lodged on 20 February 2014) Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09102 10 Years of Fair Trade City Status for Edinburgh (lodged on 20 February 2014) Sandra White, Maureen Watt

S4M-09101 Lanarkshire Midwives Win National Award (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt

S4M-09100 Glasgow Jewish Representative Council Centenary (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09099 Free Wifi from ScotRail (lodged on 20 February 2014) Clare Adamson*

S4M-09098 Congratulations to the GB Women's Olympic Curling Team (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09097 Drake Music Scotland Wins the Best Special Educational Needs Resource Award (lodged on 20 February 2014) Patrick Harvie, Kenneth Gibson, Joan McAlpine, Patricia Ferguson, Chic Brodie, Mike MacKenzie, Annabelle Ewing, John Mason, Colin Beattie, John Finnie, Jackie Baillie, David Torrance, Anne McTaggart, Jean Urquhart, Kevin Stewart, Gil Paterson, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09096 Success in Paisley's Olympic Sport (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Maureen Watt

S4M-09095 Congratulations to the UK Women's Curling Team (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt

S4M-09094 Kirkcaldy High School Presented with a Silver Excellence Award (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt

S4M-09093 Women's Curling Bronze Medal Win (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Maureen Watt

S4M-09092 Lanarkshire One Stop Shop's First Anniversary (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09091 £25 Million Investment by Viridor (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09089 Lewis and Harris, the Best Islands in Europe (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09088 70th Anniversary of the Khaibakh Massacre (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt

S4M-09087 Prospect Pledge Campaign (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Rhoda Grant, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09086 Sudden Cardiac Death in Young People (lodged on 20 February 2014) Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09084 International Women's Day 2014 (lodged on 19 February 2014) Maureen Watt

S4M-09083 Fall in Drink-related Deaths in Scotland (lodged on 20 February 2014) Dave Thompson, Stewart Maxwell, Maureen Watt, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09082 Drumchapel Citizens Advice Bureau Tackles Local Issues (lodged on 19 February 2014) Dennis Robertson

S4M-09081 British Dietetic Association Attends Trade Union Week (lodged on 19 February 2014) John Scott*, Clare Adamson*

S4M-09079 Community Ownership of Sports Clubs (lodged on 19 February 2014) Maureen Watt

S4M-09077 New Malt Whisky Distillery on Skye (lodged on 19 February 2014) Clare Adamson*

S4M-09076 Dads Rock Arriving in Buckhaven (lodged on 19 February 2014) Clare Adamson*

S4M-09042 Child Support Changes Threaten the Most Vulnerable (lodged on 14 February 2014) Kezia Dugdale, Sarah Boyack*, Jackie Baillie*

S4M-09000 Scotland's First Year as a Fair Trade Nation (lodged on 10 February 2014) Fiona McLeod

S4M-08987 Fairness for Local Television in Scotland (lodged on 06 February 2014) Stewart Maxwell, Patricia Ferguson

S4M-08966 Bounce for Autism (lodged on 05 February 2014) Kezia Dugdale

S4M-08923 Congratulating Home-Start Kirkcaldy on its 20th Anniversary (lodged on 31 January 2014) Dennis Robertson

S4M-08899 Asda Kirkcaldy's Community Life Programme (lodged on 30 January 2014) Jim Hume

S4M-08894 Marie Curie's 2014 Great Daffodil Appeal (lodged on 30 January 2014) Patricia Ferguson, Jim Hume

S4M-08863 The Sunshine Appeal in Poland (lodged on 28 January 2014) Dave Thompson

S4M-08835 Thirsting for Justice (lodged on 23 January 2014) Angus MacDonald

S4M-08449 Clyde 2020 (lodged on 28 November 2013) Jim Hume



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New amendments to Bills lodged on 6 March 2014

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2

Section 8

Patrick Harvie

In section 8, page 3, line 34, leave out $\langle (2) \rangle$ and insert $\langle (1) \rangle$

Patrick Harvie

In section 8, page 3, line 35, leave out \leq (1) \geq and insert \leq (2) \geq

Section 9

Patrick Harvie

In section 9, page 4, line 8, leave out first <the> and insert <global>

Patrick Harvie

In section 9, page 4, line 8, leave out <of the authority's area>

Mary Fee

In section 9, page 4, line 9, after <area> insert <and individuals in that area>

Patrick Harvie

- In section 9, page 4, line 11, after process, > insert—
 - <() act in the manner likely to best contribute to compliance with its duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (asp 12),>

Patrick Harvie

- 67 In section 9, page 4, line 11, after process,> insert—
 - <() pay due regard to the United Nations Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights as endorsed by the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in resolution 17/4 of 16 June 2011,>

Jackie Baillie

- In section 9, page 4, line 11, after process, insert—
 - <() promote compliance by economic operators with the matters that comprise the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (c.15),>

Ken Macintosh

- 69 In section 9, page 4, line 11, after process, > insert—
 - <() promote sustainable employment policies,>

Ken Macintosh

- 70 In section 9, page 4, line 11, after process, insert—
 - <() promote the recognition by economic operators of trade unions for the purposes of representing employees,>

Patrick Harvie

In section 9, page 4, line 13, leave out from <with> to end of line 14 and insert <in the way best calculated to secure the outcomes mentioned in paragraph (a).>

Jackie Baillie

- 72 In section 9, page 4, line 23, at end insert—
 - <() In this section, references to the wellbeing of the authority's area include, in particular, reducing inequality in the area.>

Section 11

Patrick Harvie

73 In section 11, page 5, line 22, leave out < section 8> and insert < sections 8 and 9>

Jackie Baillie

- 74 In section 11, page 5, line 25, at end insert—
 - <() set out how, in carrying out its regulated procurements, the authority intends to promote compliance by economic operators with the matters that comprise the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (c.15),>

After section 16

Jackie Baillie

75 After section 16, insert—

<Annual report by Scottish Ministers

(1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish an annual procurement report.

- (2) A report prepared under this section must include—
 - (a) an overview of procurement activity undertaken by contracting authorities during the year covered by the report,
 - (b) a summary of the extent to which the Scottish Ministers consider procurement activity is being carried out in compliance with the duties of contracting authorities under this Act,
 - (c) a summary of the community benefits that are considered to have been achieved as a result of requirements imposed by contracting authorities under section 20,
 - (d) a summary of the extent to which procurement activity relating to health or social care services and other services has differed from other procurement activity,
 - (e) such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must lay a copy of each report prepared under this section before the Scottish Parliament.>

Section 19

Patrick Harvie

76 In section 19, page 8, line 8, leave out <the> and insert <global>

Patrick Harvie

In section 19, page 8, line 9, leave out <of the authority's area>

Section 20

Jackie Baillie

- 78 In section 20, page 8, line 25, at end insert <, and
 - (b) a requirement that the economic operator must collect data required to demonstrate the benefits that are being achieved as a result of the contract including community benefit requirements.
 - (4A) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about—
 - (a) the data that must be collected under subsection (3)(b),
 - (b) the manner in which data collected is to be published.>

After section 21

Jackie Baillie

79 After section 21, insert—

< Equal pay audits

Power to require equal pay audit

A contracting authority may, in the contract notice relating to a regulated procurement, include a statement that it intends to award the contract to an economic operator that can demonstrate that it has conducted an equal pay audit in relation to its employees.>

Neil Bibby

80 After section 21, insert—

< Childcare requirement

Childcare requirement

- (1) This section applies where a contracting authority proposes to carry out a regulated procurement in relation to which the estimated value of the contract is equal to or greater than £2,000,000.
- (2) The contracting authority may specify in the contract notice relating to the procurement that it intends to impose a condition relating to the performance of the contract that the successful tenderer must—
 - (a) make adequate childcare provision available to its employees who undertake any activities related to the performance of the contract, or
 - (b) otherwise demonstrate that flexible options are available to accommodate the childcare needs of such employees.>

Ken Macintosh

81 After section 21, insert—

< Wage ratio conditions

Wage ratio conditions

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision requiring a contracting authority to specify in the contract notice relating to a regulated procurement that it intends to impose a wage ratio condition relating to the performance of the contract.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a wage ratio condition is a condition about the ratio between the remuneration of the highest and lowest paid of those employees of the successful tenderer who undertake any activities related to the performance of the contract.
- (3) Regulations under this section may—
 - (a) specify an appropriate wage ratio for the purposes of this section,
 - (b) specify contracts, or classes or types of contract, in relation to which a wage ratio condition can be specified,
 - (c) make such other provision relating to specifying wage ratio conditions as the Scottish Ministers think fit.>

Section 36

Patrick Harvie

82 In section 36, page 17, line 1, leave out subsection (2)

Proposals for Members' Bills

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

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

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

Current Final Proposals

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

Jenny Marra: Proposed Human Trafficking (Scotland) Bill—Proposal for a Bill to (a) require the creation of a Scottish anti-human trafficking strategy; (b) provide for the special treatment of human trafficking-related crime within the criminal justice system; and (c) provide for the support of survivors of human trafficking. (lodged 18 February 2014).

Supported by Claudia Beamish, Kezia Dugdale, James Kelly, Hugh Henry, Neil Findlay, Patricia Ferguson, Sarah Boyack, Alison McInnes, Jim Hume, Margaret Mitchell, Patrick Harvie, Anne McTaggart, Margaret McCulloch, Ken Macintosh, Iain Gray, Jackie Baillie, Drew Smith, Cara Hilton, Graeme Pearson, David Stewart, Siobhan McMahon, Rhoda Grant, Malcolm Chisholm, Jayne Baxter, Elaine Murray, Lewis Macdonald, Alison Johnstone, John Finnie, Michael McMahon, Richard Baker

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



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Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 March 2014 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/70)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 March 2014 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Tuberculosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/71)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 10 March 2014 —

Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2014 (Session 4): Framework for auditing the Scottish rate of income tax (SP Paper 482)

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Bills in Progress

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health and Sport))

11 March

Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Bill (G) After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee) 11 March Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament) 20 March Stage 3 amendments should be lodged by 4.30pm on Friday 14 March with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation Team@scottish.parliament.uk) Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill (G) Passed 5 February Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill (P) Royal Assent 25 February Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill (G) Passed 19 February City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill (P) Passed 18 February City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill (P) Consideration Stage (lead committee (City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill)) 12 March Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee) 11 March Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 completed 27 February Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (Legislation Team@scottish.parliament.uk **Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill (M)** Introduced 27 November Lead committee - Justice **Defective and Dangerous Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill (M)** Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Regeneration)) 12 March Disabled Persons' Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill (M) Stage 1 (lead committee, Local Government and Regeneration) 22 January Stage 1 (Finance Committee) 12 March **Historic Environment Scotland Bill (G)** Stage 1 (Finance Committee) 12 March Housing (Scotland) Bill (G) Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)) 12 March

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed 4 February

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee) 12 March

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed 25 February

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)

11 March
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Finance))

12 March

Tribunals (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament) 11 March

Subordinate legislation in progress (date of laving) (Lead Committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Lead committee to report by 27 March 2014

Budget (Scotland) Act 2013 Amendment Order 2014 [draft] (6 February 2014) (Finance)

Lead committee to report by 28 March 2014

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft] (13 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Lead committee to report by 29 March 2014

Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 [draft] (18 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Lead committee to report by 30 March 2014

Patient Rights (Treatment Time Guarantee) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft] (19 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 [draft] (19 February 2014) (Economy, Energy and Tourism)

Lead committee to report by 21 April 2014

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2014 [draft] (24 February 2014) (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Lead committee to report by 22 April 2014

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 [draft] (26 February 2014) (Parliament)

Lead committee to report by 29 April 2014

Young People's Involvement in Education and Training (Provision of Information) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] (5 March 2014) (Education and Culture)

Negative Instruments

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

Subject to annulment by 13 March 2014 Lead committee to report by 10 March 2014

Designation of Regional Colleges (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/22) (24 January 2014) (Education and Culture)

Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/23) (24 January 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Subject to annulment by 18 March 2014 Lead committee to report by 17 March 2014

Self-directed Support (Direct Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/25) (29 January 2014) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 19 March 2014 Lead committee to report by 17 March 2014

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2014 (SSI 2014/26) (30 January 2014) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 27 March 2014 Lead committee to report by 24 March 2014

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/28) (6 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/30) (6 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/31) (6 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/33) (6 February 2014) (Education and Culture)

Subject to annulment by 28 March 2014 Lead committee to report by 24 March 2014

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/35) (10 February 2014) (Welfare Reform)

Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2013/37) (13 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/38) (13 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/39) (13 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 31 March 2014 Lead committee to report by 31 March 2014

Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/40) (20 February 2014) (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)

Subject to annulment by 1 April 2014 Lead committee to report by 31 March 2014

Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/41 (C.4)) (21 February 2014) (Economy, Energy and Tourism)

HIV Testing Kits and Services Revocation (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/42) (21 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Subject to annulment by 4 April 2014 Lead committee to report by 31 March 2014

National Health Service (Superannuation Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/43) (24 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/44) (24 February 2014) (Education and Culture)

Subject to annulment by 23 April 2014

Lead committee to report by 21 April 2014

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/50) (27 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/51) (27 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Subject to annulment by 24 April 2014 Lead committee to report by 21 April 2014

Coatbridge College (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/52) (28 February 2014) (Education and Culture)

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/53) (28 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/55) (28 February 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Road Works (Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/56) (28 February 2014) (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/57) (28 February 2014) (Health and Sport)

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/58) (28 February 2014) (Infrastructure and Capital Investment)

Subject to annulment by 27 April 2014 Lead committee to report by 21 April 2014

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/59) (3 March 2014) (Justice)

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/60) (3 March 2014) (Justice)

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/61) (3 March 2014) (Health and Sport)

Police Pensions (Contributions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/62) (3 March 2014) (Justice)

Brucellosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/63) *(3 March 2014)* (Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment)

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/64) (3 March 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

Carers (Waiving of Charges for Support) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/65) (3 March 2014) (Health and Sport)

Community Care (Joint Working etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/66) (3 March 2014) (Health and Sport)

Police Service of Scotland (Performance) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/67) (3 March 2014) (Justice)

Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/68) (3 March 2014) (Justice)

Subject to annulment by 29 April 2014 Lead committee to report by 28 April 2014

Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/69) (5 March 2014) (Education and Culture)

Subject to annulment by 1 May 2014 Lead committee to report by 28 April 2014

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/70) (7 March 2014) (Health and Sport)

Other documents

Lead committee to report by 23 March 2014

Scotland's Third National Planning Framework – Proposed Framework (SG/2014/2) (14 January 2014) (Local Government and Regeneration)

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