

Annex B

Reference/Link	Question
S6F-00078	To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that, to meet the Scottish Qualifications Authority quality assurance processes, local authorities are validating teachers' estimated grades using a school's prior attainment data.
S6O-00058	To ask the Scottish Government whether demonstrated attainment from the 2020-21 school year will be used in determining learner grades.
S5O-04879	To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that school pupils in areas of social deprivation will not be unfairly affected by the cancellation of exams.
S5O-04786	To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can provide to students in Inverclyde that their exam results will be reflective of the work that they do in this academic year.
S5T-02399	To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans for the 2021 exam diet.
S6W-00521	To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the (a) remit and (b) expected publication dates of the equality impact assessments that have been conducted by (i) it and (ii) the SQA regarding the 2021 Alternative Certification Model.
S6W-00504	To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Education Scotland's finding that most local authorities are using the historic exams performance of schools in their moderation process for the 2021 Alternative Certification Model.
S6W-00498	To ask the Scottish Government whether the SQA will hold a live event for 2021 learners before 25 June, to assist these students in seeking further clarity on the Alternative Certification Model and appeals process.
S6W-00459	To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on 2 June 2021 on National Qualifications 2021, whether it expects teachers to be in contact with (a) the SQA, (b) schools and (c) individual pupils during the period from 25 June to 16 August 2021.
S6W-00184	To ask the Scottish Government whether the Cabinet Secretary for Education has discussed the SQA alternative certification model for 2021 with (a) the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland's office or (b) the Equality and Human Rights Commission and, if so, on which dates the discussions took place, what specific issues were discussed and whether minutes of the meetings were taken.
S6W-00163	To ask the Scottish Government when it will be able to provide an update on assessment arrangements for national qualifications for the academic year 2021-22.
S6W-00158	To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the approach by the SQA for pupil assessment gives teachers the appropriate freedom required to mark pupils fairly, in light of the situation and difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
S6W-00157	To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the SQA alternative assessment model programme is an exam diet.
S6W-00156	To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on (a) the frequency of testing taking place in schools and (b) whether the volume of assessments set out by the SQA in a short period is a fair approach to assessing pupils grades, in light of the missed class time in the last year.
S6W-00155	To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the SQA regarding the current assessment procedure.
S5W-35820	To ask the Scottish Government, in light of schools not re-opening on a full-time basis until after the Easter holidays, how teachers will be able to gather sufficient evidence to produce estimated grades by the deadline in June 2021.

S5W-35232	To ask the Scottish Government how the SQA plan to assess National 5 candidates, in light of the cancellation of the 2021 exam diet.
S5W-35231	To ask the Scottish Government what advice is available to parents who are home schooling regarding preparing their children for National 5 assessments.
S5W-35070	To ask the Scottish Government whether secondary schools have been advised to not hold preliminary exams in the current academic year.
S5W-35019	To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has about postponing or cancelling this year's prelim exams, given the interruption to schooling since the start of the term in January 2021.
S5W-34940	To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether prelim exams will go ahead in March 2021 and, if so, how these will take account of any disruption resulting from the long-term school closures.
S5W-34517	To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with the SQA regarding the publication date of the 2021 results and, to allow more time for teachers to assess and compile evidence and additional learning time for students, what its position is on pushing back the 6 August date.
S5W-34515	To ask the Scottish Government whether it has held discussions with the SQA regarding providing more time for teachers to provide estimates of students' attainment, in line with what was required in May 2020.
S5W-34514	To ask the Scottish Government when the SQA will advise teachers of the timescale for recording and uploading Higher and Advanced Higher award estimates based on their judgement of evidence of students' attainment.
S5W-34513	To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) the SQA and (b) teaching unions regarding the time available for teaching staff to accumulate sufficient evidence to estimate student grades for the 2021 awards.
S5W-34512	To ask the Scottish Government what plans are being drafted with the SQA to adjust the timeline for awards based on teacher judgement of evidence of pupils' attainment if the COVID-19 lockdown continues to March 2021,
S5W-33903	To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that pupils (a) who have had to self-isolate and (b) whose teachers have had to self-isolate are not disadvantaged by the 2021 assessment process.
S5W-33902	To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of the impact of pupils self-isolating on the fairness of assessments in 2021.
S5W-33900	To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will advise pupils, teachers, parents and school staff regarding whether exams will go ahead in 2021.
S5W-33899	To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the SQA will offer clear insight regarding how it awards grades and the equity of its processes.
S5W-33896	To ask the Scottish Government whether the SQA will publish any moderation methodology that will be used for the 2021 assessment process before pupils take part in it.
S5W-33351	To ask the Scottish Government, in light of concerns that pupils might face significant disruption, for what reason the SQA exam diet for 2021 has been pushed back by two weeks to 10 May.
S5W-33226	To ask the Scottish Government how decisions taken regarding the 2020-21 SQA exam diet take account of advice from relevant organisations, such as Dyslexia Scotland, to comply with relevant equality legislation and public bodies duties.
S5W-33225	To ask the Scottish Government, in coming to a decision on the 2020-21 SQA exam diet, what consideration it gave to young adults with learning difficulties who will be sitting Higher exams.
S5W-33030	To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the exam diet timetable for Higher and Advanced Higher courses in 2021.
S5W-32216	To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S5W-31365 and S5W-31795 by John Swinney on 4 September and 28 September 2020 respectively, what the (a) intended policy or (b) options for intended policies were when it issued the statement that "details will be provided

	separately before schools return on 11 August, regarding the approach for the assessment of national qualifications for the 2021-session" within the <i>Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on preparing for the start of the new school term in August 2020</i> , which was published on 30 July 2020, and whether this (i) was or (ii) included a similar system of moderation as used for the 2019-20 exams.
S5W-31988	To ask the Scottish Government whether the SQA exam diet for National 5s, Highers and Advanced Highers will proceed as normal in spring 2021.
S5W-31365	To ask the Scottish Government whether it planned to use a similar system of moderation for the 2020-21 exams before it announced that "details will be provided separately before schools return on 11 August, regarding the approach for the assessment of national qualifications for the 2020-21 session".
S5W-31359	To ask the Scottish Government when the revised plans for the 2020-21 exam season will be (a) confirmed and (b) announced by the Education Recovery Group.
S5W-31242	To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to move the 2021 school exam diet back by a month in light of students missing out on a month of tuition in their new subjects as a result of the lockdown.