News you might have missed

While the Queen's Speech this week exposed a Tory government failing to get on with the day job, the SNP Scottish Government got on with the job of delivering for Scotland.

Here's just some of the news you might have missed from this week.

<u>Gordon Wilson, former SNP leader, dies</u> <u>aged 79</u>

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Gordon Wilson.

Gordon passed away earlier this morning in hospital after a short illness. He was leader of the Scottish National Party from 1979 to 1990, and was SNP Member of Parliament for Dundee East from 1974 to 1987.

The lessons of the last 12 months

When anniversaries come around, the temptation is always to look back.

One year on from the EU referendum it is right to reflect on everything that's happened. But the most important thing for the people of Scotland, now, is to look forward.

CPC calls to set up 'relatively

complete' regulatory system

The Communist Party of China (CPC) will establish a "relatively complete" regulatory system by its centenary in 2021.

In a recently published document, the CPC Central Committee said rule-based Party governance is a precondition for good state governance.

Improving Party regulation is necessary step to improving Party governance, building a socialist legal system with Chinese characteristics, and modernizing state governance. It is key to the Party's long-term rule and China's lasting stability, it said.

By 2021, a relatively complete regulatory system, an efficient implementation system and forceful safeguards for development of Party rules and regulations should have taken shape. The CPC's capability to govern itself in accordance with its own rules and regulations should have been strengthened.

The document said Party regulations should be based on the CPC constitution and the principle of democratic centralism.

It should consist of four parts: organizational rules that regulate various Party organs; leadership-related rules to improve guidance on all fronts; self-development rules to clean up unwanted work styles and corruption and to foster innovation and cohesion; and supervisory rules.

The document stressed that the the system must be rational in terms of its content and in line with procedural norms, so that all Party rules serve their function.

To smooth implementation, CPC officials will take the lead in learning and abiding by Party regulations, with educational activities and supervisory inspections on the regulations.

Those who breach the rules will be put under investigation and given severe punishment.

A team will be set up within the CPC for regulatory work.

<u>Premier Li stresses innovation-driven</u> <u>development</u>

Premier Li Keqiang has called for efforts to promote innovation-driven development as a new round of technological and industrial revolution is to bring profound changes to the world.

China should grasp the opportunity to promote innovation-driven development in an effort to chase or stand at the world's technological forefront, Li made the remarks Thursday while chairing a symposium on the new round of world technological and industrial revolution.