

Parliamentary Bureau – Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum

Sporting Events Bill (UK legislation)

Introduction

1. Under Rule 9B.3.5, the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer any legislative consent memorandum (LCM) that has been lodged with the Parliament to the committee within whose remit the subject matter of the relevant provision falls. If two or more committee remits are engaged, the Bureau is required to recommend to the Parliament which of them is to be designated as lead committee.

Sporting Events Bill

2. This Bill was introduced in the House of Lords on 14 May 2026. The Bill creates a UK-wide legislative framework for applying certain commercial protections to one-off major sporting events hosted in the UK. The Bill would allow the UK Government and devolved administrations to apply commercial protections, aimed at tackling ticket touting and ambush marketing, to qualifying sporting events that meet conditions set out in the Bill.
3. An LCM (“the first LCM”) was lodged by Stephen Flynn MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport on 5 June 2026 under Rule 9B.3.1(a) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders. A supplementary LCM (“the supplementary LCM”) was lodged by Cabinet Secretary on 22 July 2026 under Rule 9B.3.1(c).
4. A further supplementary LCM (“the second supplementary LCM”) was lodged on 2 September 2026 by Stephen Flynn MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport under Rule 9B.3.1 (a) and (c) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders. It provides further information on the stakeholder engagement the Scottish Government has undertaken in respect of the relevant provisions of the Bill and confirms the Scottish Government’s position on each of those relevant provisions.
5. The second supplementary LCM indicates that the Scottish Government intends lodge a motion on consent to the relevant provisions in this Bill.

Parliamentary consideration

6. The Parliament agreed to designate the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee as the lead committee for consideration of both the first LCM and the supplementary LCM.
7. As with the previous LCMs, the relevant provisions in the Bill fall within the remit of the following committees:
 - **Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee** – whose remit is to consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport (with the exception of transport); the Cabinet Secretary is responsible (amongst other things) for business support and entrepreneurship, retail, and tourism policy.
 - **Health, Care and Sport Committee** – whose remit (amongst other things) is to consider and report on matters relating to sport; the Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs, supports the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care and is responsible (amongst other things) for sport and physical activity. As the Bill's relevant provisions relate to sporting events, it is considered that the remit of the Committee is engaged.
8. The second supplementary LCM also appears to be of most relevance to the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee as it is confirming the Scottish Government's view on the relevant provisions of the Bill, which relate primarily to the regulation of commercial activity associated with major sporting events.
9. The second supplementary LCM will also be considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in relation to those provisions in the Bill conferring powers on the Scottish Ministers to make subordinate legislation.

Recommendation

10. The Bureau is invited to recommend, under Rule 9B.3.5, that the Parliament designate the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee as lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary LCM relating to the Sporting Events Bill. A draft Bureau motion is set out below.

Draft Parliamentary Bureau motion:

Designation of Lead Committee – That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill (UK Legislation).

Parliamentary Business
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