Tuesday 2 September 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18622, today's business will be as follows:

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Lorraine Currie, Chief Executive, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling the Housing Emergency

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Priorities for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17893 Alex Rowley: Provision of NHS Dentistry

Committee Meetings

8:45am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<u>S6M-18622</u> Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 2 September 2025—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling the Housing Emergency

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Priorities for Scotland

(b) Wednesday 3 September 2025—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Situation in Gaza

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Palestine

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 4 September 2025—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2024 and the National Mission to Reduce Deaths and Improve the Lives of People Impacted by Drugs

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: The 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland

followed by Topical Questions

1. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the overall increase in recorded crimes in the past year, including rape, violent crime, antisocial behaviour and shoplifting. (S6T-02626)

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- **2. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce NHS waiting lists, in light of new analysis reportedly showing that waits of over two years are now more than 800 times higher in Scotland than in England. (S6T-02642)
- **3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport's announcement on 19 February 2025, whether it will provide an update on its discussions with Peel Ports regarding bringing Ardrossan harbour into public ownership. (S6T-02625)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling the Housing Emergency

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Priorities for Scotland

<u>S6M-18671</u> John Swinney: Priorities for Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's continued focus on its four key priorities of eradicating child poverty, tackling the climate emergency, growing the economy, and ensuring high-quality and sustainable public services; recognises that the delivery of these priorities is within the significant constraints of a constitutional settlement that hampers achieving those priorities due to the policy decisions of UK Conservative and Labour administrations, and recognises that it is only by choosing independence that Scotland can get the fresh start that its people need and deserve.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-18671.4 Russell Findlay: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that the Scottish Government has failed to take action on the priorities of taxpayers, like cutting NHS waiting lists, fixing crumbling roads and stimulating economic growth; acknowledges that, despite repeatedly raising taxes, public services have not improved in Scotland; laments that, increasingly, the Scottish Government has focused on its obsession with independence, as well as fringe issues like gender reform and subjects wholly outside its remit like foreign affairs; notes with concern that Scotland continues to have a bloated public sector, with a huge number of quangos that often have overlapping functions and remits; argues that public money would be better spent being diverted to frontline services rather than on the bureaucratic state, and calls for the Scottish Ministers to prioritise economic growth and improving public services rather than yet another push for an independence referendum."

S6M-18671.2 Anas Sarwar: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has overseen the development of a housing emergency, allowed NHS waiting lists to soar, leading to a two-tier system with those who can afford to pay going private, been forced to scrap its legal climate change targets due to its own inaction, wasted billions of pounds of public money through incompetence and bureaucracy, and stood by while school standards declined; recognises that SNP incompetence means that people in Scotland are not feeling the benefits of the £5.2 billion in additional funding delivered by the UK Labour administration, which is working to restore public services and kickstart economic growth, and believes that Scotland is a country that is full of potential but that it is being failed by the SNP administration, and that, at the election in 2026, people in Scotland can choose a new administration that shares their ambitions and works to deliver the services that they deserve."

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<u>S6M-18671.3</u> Ross Greer: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), insert at end "; is concerned that Scottish Government action to tackle the climate emergency has been scaled back, that targets for reducing child poverty have been missed and that the wealthiest 2% of households in Scotland hold more wealth than the bottom 50%; recognises that tackling the climate emergency, eradicating child poverty and ensuring high-quality and sustainable public services will require further redistribution of wealth, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to make bold use of its existing tax-raising powers, including the creation of new revenue-raising mechanisms for local government."

<u>S6M-18671.1</u> Alex Cole-Hamilton: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that people feel let down and frustrated, and considers that Scotland deserves better than the current Scotlish National Party administration; calls for first-rate healthcare, help with the cost of living, more support for pupils to help get Scotlish education back to its best, and an end to the ferries fiasco, and believes that Scotland needs change with fairness at its heart."

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-17893 Alex Rowley: Provision of NHS Dentistry—That the Parliament is concerned by the availability of NHS dentistry provision, with specific concerns relating to some dental practices reportedly making the decision to no longer provide dentistry on the NHS for adult patients; understands that the operators of Breeze Dental Care in Fife have indicated their intention to restrict the NHS dental care that they provide to only those under the age of 26, affecting patients of both their Cowdenbeath and Cardenden practices; further understands that this decision has caused considerable stress for existing patients, who have reportedly been told that the only option to remain with the practice is to sign up to a private payment plan, which many cannot afford; regrets the reported anxiety that this has caused for some patients who have used the same dental practice for many decades of their life and are now unable to find any other dentists in their local area accepting new NHS dental patients; is troubled by situations such as this when a dentist decides to no longer offer NHS dental treatment, but existing patients have no recourse to move to another dentist due to a lack of availability in the provision; believes that this situation is unfair and risks disrupting continuity of care, which can be vital for people who have attended a local dentist for much of their life; understands that, in responding to this latest practice removing NHS provision, NHS Fife has said that "There is a national shortage of qualified dentists currently and this remains a significant issue impacting NHS dentistry across Scotland, including here in Fife", and that "Health Boards like NHS Fife have no means of compelling practices to provide

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NHS dental services, and with the shift over recent years from smaller NHS-run practices to larger corporate entities, we have very limited influence over practice decisions", and notes the belief that, as a result of many people across the Mid Scotland and Fife region, as well as across Scotland, finding it difficult to access NHS dentistry, the Scottish Government should review the availability of provision as well as what action can be taken to ensure that people remain able to access NHS dentistry.

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Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- 1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum LCM-S6-53b from—

Tom Arthur, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing, Anne Cairns, Solicitor, Danny Duffy, Fair Work, Social Care, David Holmes, Fair Work, Economy, and Rachael Thomas, Fair Work, Social Care, Scottish Government.

3. Good Food Nation: The Committee will take evidence from—

Mhairi Brown, Head of Food Futures, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission Scotland:

Anna Chworow, Deputy Director, Nourish Scotland;

Claire Hislop, Organisational Lead for Food and Physical Activity, Public Health Scotland;

Professor Lindsay Jaacks, Deputy Director and Personal Chair of Global Health and Nutrition, University of Edinburgh;

and then from-

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, James Hamilton, Lawyer, Tracy McCollin, Head of Good Food Nation Team, Jo Mitchell, Procurement Policy Manager, and James Wilson, Population Health Strategy and Improvement, Scottish Government.

- 4. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum LCM-S6-53b.
- 5. **Good Food Nation:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 25th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scotlish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—
 Dr James Richardson, Chief Analyst, and Dr Eoin Devane, Head of Carbon Budgets, Climate Change Committee.
- 3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

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The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

 Recent Scottish Government and Scottish Fiscal Commission publications: The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Professor Francis Breedon, Commissioner, Professor David Ulph, Commissioner, and Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, Scottish Fiscal Commission;

and then from-

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Jennie Barugh, Director of Exchequer Strategy, Richard McCallum, Director of Public Spending, and Lorraine King, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy, Engagement and Performance, Scottish Government.

2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure: The Committee will consider the following— <u>Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous</u> <u>Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/Draft) <u>Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025</u> (SSI 2025/Draft) <u>Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment</u>
- Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)
- 3. Instruments subject to negative procedure: The Committee will consider the following—
 Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2)
 Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/187)

<u>Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations</u> 2025 (SSI 2025/197)

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/212)

Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI 2025/678)

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

<u>Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/179 (C.19))

- 5. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
- 6. **Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum, the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum, the second supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum, and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
- 7. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the second supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

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8. **Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2024-25:** The Committee will consider a draft report outlining the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2024-25.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. **Proposed National Good Food Nation Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—Hugh Carr, Director of Strategic Procurement & Commissioning, Scotland Excel; Nicola Joiner, National Chair, ASSIST FM;

Andrew Kennedy, Head of Facilities and Property Management, East Ayrshire Council; Phil Mackie, Consultant in Public Health/Prevention Lead, Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership, Aberdeen City Council;

Laura Muir, Strategic Procurement Manager, Scotland Excel;

and then from-

Jane Beasley, Director of Circular Economy Delivery, Zero Waste Scotland; Anna Chworow, Deputy Director, Nourish Scotland;

Professor Emilie Combet, Commissioner, Scottish Food Commission.

- 3. **Proposed National Good Food Nation Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 4. **National Planning Framework 4:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Public Finance.
- 5. Electoral Boundaries: Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries in Scotland: The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Chair of the Review.

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Wednesday 3 September 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Palestine

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-18369 Kenneth Gibson: Recognising the Impact of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Thursday 4 September 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18570 Bob Doris: Peak Rail Fares Abolished

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

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followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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Wednesday 10 September 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 September 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Scottish Government Business

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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 on the committee hub page.

http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm

Economy and Fair Work Committee 3 September 2025 23rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
- 2. **Declaration of interests:** Stephen Kerr will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private at this meeting and whether to consider its draft Stage 1 report on the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill in private at the next meeting.
- 4. Scotland's Tourism Industry: The Committee will take evidence from—

Marc Crothall, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Tourism Alliance;

David Hope-Jones, Chief Executive, South of Scotland Destination Alliance;

Leon Thompson, Executive Director, UKHospitality Scotland;

Gordon Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority;

and then from-

Paul Lawrence, Chief Executive, and Elin Williamson, Head of Business Growth and Inclusion, City of Edinburgh Council;

Malcolm Macleod, Assistant Chief Executive - Place, Highland Council;

Rob Dickson, Director of Industry & Events, and Cat Leaver, Director of Strategy & Competitive Intelligence, VisitScotland.

5. **Scotland's Tourism Industry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 0131 348 5182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee 3 September 2025 24th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Paul McLennan will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
- 3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee 3 September 2025 21st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Gillian Reilly, Head of Service for Alcohol and Drug Partnership Executive, NHS Scotland;

Haydn Pasi, Head of National Voluntary Throughcare Partnership (Upside), SACRO; Marianna Marquardt, Policy and Research Officer, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs;

Hamish Robertson, Strategic Development Lead, The Wise Group;

and then from-

Dr Craig Sayers, Clinical Lead, Prison Healthcare, NHS Forth Valley and, National Prison Care Network;

Dr Lesley Graham, retired public health doctor and founding member of Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems;

Dr Catriona Connell, Research Fellow, University of Stirling.

3. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee 3 September 2025 22nd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Joe Fitzpatrick will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
- 3. **The 2022/23 audit of Lews Castle College:** The Committee will take evidence from—Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;

Ian Howse, Public Sector Industry Lead Partner, Deloitte LLP.

4. **The 2022/23 audit of Lews Castle College:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;

Ian Howse, Public Sector Industry Lead Partner, Deloitte LLP.

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- 5. **The 2022/23 audit of Lews Castle College:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
- 6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at Katrina. Venters@Parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 3 September 2025 23rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. National good food nation plan: The Committee will take evidence from—

Adam Forrest, Scotland Manager, Nature Friendly Farming Network;

Lisa Hislop-Smith, Supply Chain Policy Manager, National Farmers Union Scotland;

David McKay, Co-Director, Soil Association Scotland;

Dennis Overturn, Chair, Scottish Food Commission;

Dr Gillian Purdon, Head of Public Health Nutrition, Food Standards Scotland;

Jason Rose, Chief Executive, OneKind;

Vicki Swales, Head of Land use Policy, RSPB, Scottish Food Coalition;

David Thomson, Chief Executive, Food and Drink Federation Scotland.

3. **National good food nation plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 4 September 2025 21st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Jamie Halcro Johston MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
- 3. **Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—Meghan Gallacher MSP, Member in charge of the Bill;

Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Sean Taheny, Assistant Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Kirsty Lauder, Solicitor, Legal Services, Scottish Parliament.

- 4. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill stage 1 draft report.
- 5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 4 September 2025 21st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. **Declaration of interests:** Alexander Stewart will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—

Tom Wernham, Senior Research Economist, and David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies;

Mairi Spowage, Director, Fraser of Allander Institute;

David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling.

4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 4 September 2025 13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 from—

Chris Highcock, Elections Manger and Secretary, Electoral Management Board for Scotland;

Sarah Mackie, Head of the Electoral Commission in Scotland, Electoral Commission, Scotland.

- 3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 4. **Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
- 5. **Review of Oral Questions:** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for Debate

*S6M-18686 Angus Robertson: Palestine—That the Parliament agrees with the recognition of the State of Palestine and that peace in the region must be pursued by all.

Supported by: Ivan McKee*

*S6M-18671 John Swinney: Priorities for Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's continued focus on its four key priorities of eradicating child poverty, tackling the climate emergency, growing the economy, and ensuring high-quality and sustainable public services; recognises that the delivery of these priorities is within the significant constraints of a constitutional settlement that hampers achieving those priorities due to the policy decisions of UK Conservative and Labour administrations, and recognises that it is only by choosing independence that Scotland can get the fresh start that its people need and deserve.

Supported by: Shona Robison*, Ivan McKee*, Jamie Hepburn*

*S6M-18671.4 Russell Findlay: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that the Scottish Government has failed to take action on the priorities of taxpayers, like cutting NHS waiting lists, fixing crumbling roads and stimulating economic growth; acknowledges that, despite repeatedly raising taxes, public services have not improved in Scotland; laments that, increasingly, the Scottish Government has focused on its obsession with independence, as well as fringe issues like gender reform and subjects wholly outside its remit like foreign affairs; notes with concern that Scotland continues to have a bloated public sector, with a huge number of quangos that often have overlapping functions and remits; argues that public money would be better spent being diverted to frontline services rather than on the bureaucratic state, and calls for the Scottish Ministers to prioritise economic growth and improving public services rather than yet another push for an independence referendum."

*S6M-18671.3 Ross Greer: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), insert at end "; is concerned that Scotlish Government action to tackle the climate emergency has been scaled back, that targets for reducing child poverty have been missed and that the wealthiest 2% of households in Scotland

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hold more wealth than the bottom 50%; recognises that tackling the climate emergency, eradicating child poverty and ensuring high-quality and sustainable public services will require further redistribution of wealth, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to make bold use of its existing tax-raising powers, including the creation of new revenue-raising mechanisms for local government."

*S6M-18671.2 Anas Sarwar: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has overseen the development of a housing emergency, allowed NHS waiting lists to soar, leading to a two-tier system with those who can afford to pay going private, been forced to scrap its legal climate change targets due to its own inaction, wasted billions of pounds of public money through incompetence and bureaucracy, and stood by while school standards declined; recognises that SNP incompetence means that people in Scotland are not feeling the benefits of the £5.2 billion in additional funding delivered by the UK Labour administration, which is working to restore public services and kickstart economic growth, and believes that Scotland is a country that is full of potential but that it is being failed by the SNP administration, and that, at the election in 2026, people in Scotland can choose a new administration that shares their ambitions and works to deliver the services that they deserve."

*S6M-18671.1 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Priorities for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that people feel let down and frustrated, and considers that Scotland deserves better than the current Scottish National Party administration; calls for first-rate healthcare, help with the cost of living, more support for pupils to help get Scottish education back to its best, and an end to the ferries fiasco, and believes that Scotland needs change with fairness at its heart."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S6M-18639 Rona Mackay: International FASD Day and the Need for Awareness—That the Parliament notes that 9 September 2025 is International FASD Day; understands that FASD, or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, is a preventable neurodevelopmental condition with lifelong cognitive, emotional and behavioural challenges, which occurs when prenatal alcohol exposure affects the developing brain and body; acknowledges reports that 4% of the population are affected, and each person with FASD is affected differently, often requiring lifelong support in education and post school settings to optimise their life experience; understands that, while the guideline in Scotland for pregnant women, or women trying to conceive is, "no alcohol, no risk", 46% of pregnancies in the UK are unplanned so without better awareness, people may continue their pre-conception lifestyle until they have a positive pregnancy test; recognises the importance of prevention, early diagnosis and intervention; notes that unrecognised FASD can lead to people ending up in vulnerable situations, particularly given reports that many professionals do not fully understand the symptoms and effects of FASD; understands that populations of concern include people in contact with the criminal justice system, care experienced people, people who are homeless, and people with substance misuse issues; notes the view that training for health and social care professionals in identifying possible FASD is vital; considers that the use of Alcohol Brief Interventions for pregnant women is a useful tool in reducing the risk of FASD; notes the view that alcohol producers should be mandated to provide clear written pregnancy warnings on their products, and understands that there is an estimated economic benefit of £1.4 million for each case of FASD that is avoided.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S6M-18661 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Cumbernauld Through the Asda Foundation—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Cumbernauld in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded funding of £1,000 to the Holding Space, which provides safe and supportive environments for children and young people facing difficulties; further notes that funding of £1,000 was given to Tony's Safe Place, which offers mentoring, guidance and activities to help young people build confidence; understands that the grants will allow these organisations to expand their programmes and reach more children and young people in Cumbernauld, and welcomes the work of Asda Cumbernauld in helping organisations create opportunities for young people to thrive.

*S6M-18660 Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Coatbridge Through the Asda Foundation—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Coatbridge in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded funding of £500 to Friends of Monkland Canal, which works to improve and maintain waterways for community use and environmental education; further notes that funding of £1,000 was given to Parent Action for Safe Play, which provides safe spaces and activities for children and £1,000 to Jackson Youth Group, which offers social activities, mentoring and community engagement for young people; understands that these grants will help these organisations continue their work and improve the lives of children, young people and families in Coatbridge, and welcomes the commitment of Asda Coatbridge to supporting local groups that make a positive difference in the community.

*S6M-18659 Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Monklands Replacement Project—That the Parliament congratulates the Monklands Replacement Project (MRP) on delivering its third and largest summer school; notes that it provided more than 20 secondary school pupils from North and South Lanarkshire with a week of practical learning in engineering; understands that the programme was based on the design and construction plans for the new University Hospital Monklands, which is set to open in 2031 at Wester Moffat, Airdrie; notes that the summer school was hosted by the environmental building services company, Wallace Whittle, at the MRP Immersive Suite; understands that pupils learned about sustainability, ventilation, heating, water services and digital design tools; believes that more than a dozen Wallace Whittle engineers supported the teaching and mentoring; recognises that, this year, the summer school introduced academic accreditation in partnership with New College Lanarkshire; understands that this will allow pupils to refer to their achievement in future academic or employment applications; notes that the initiative is part of the MRP's Community Benefits programme, which offers skills training. apprenticeships and job opportunities; understands that this also reflects NHS Lanarkshire's work as an anchor organisation, helping to support the health, wellbeing and economic prospects of communities; recognises the involvement of education partners, including Developing the Young Workforce in Lanarkshire, principal teachers and school careers advisers; commends the pupils from the 15 participating schools for their hard work and presentations at the end of the week, and applauds everyone involved for aiming to inspire the next generation of engineers in Scotland.

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*S6M-18658 Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Keep Larbert and Stenhousemuir

Beautiful—That the Parliament congratulates Keep Larbert and Stenhousemuir Beautiful (KLSB) on receiving a £1,500 fuel donation from ASDA as part of the supermarket's 60th anniversary celebrations; notes that KLSB was co-founded in 2019 by Sheona and John McMorran and runs a food bank, a community kitchen and regular events to tackle food insecurity and social isolation in the area; understands that the donation will help meet the cost of running the charity's community van, which is used daily to collect donations and deliver food to pop-up pantries; understands that the fuel savings will allow KLSB to direct more resources towards providing fresh fruit, vegetables, milk and cheese for its members; commends ASDA for what it sees as its generosity, and pays tribute to the hard work and dedication of KLSB volunteers in supporting the people of Larbert and Stenhousemuir.

*S6M-18657 Kenneth Gibson: Malawi's TB Drug Shortage, UK Aid Reductions and the **Urgent Need for Renewed International Commitment—**That the Parliament expresses deep concern at *The Guardian* report of 28 August 2025 that Malawi, which is one of the world's poorest countries, is projected to run out of first-line tuberculosis (TB) drugs in weeks, following severe supply chain problems and significant reductions to UK and US aid; notes that according, to the World Health Organization (WHO), TB killed 1.25 million people globally in 2023, largely in lowand middle-income countries, and that disruption to treatment not only costs lives but risks the development and spread of drug-resistant TB strains that are even harder to treat; further notes that TB is now the world's second deadliest infectious disease, after COVID-19 at its peak, and that the situation in Malawi has been described by global health experts as an avoidable tragedy driven by policy choices; commends the University of Dundee's Drug Discovery Unit for its worldleading contribution to combating TB, including the development of new drug candidates and affordable treatment regimens designed for use in low-resource setting; recognises Dundee's long-standing partnerships with international organisations and research bodies that are advancing global health and bringing hope to millions; acknowledges that, while restoring the UK's international development budget to 0.7% of GNI would be preferred, it may not be feasible in the short term; believes that maintaining a credible and effective aid programme is essential if the UK is to be taken seriously as a global partner; further believes strongly that asylum accommodation and processing costs in the UK should not be charged to the international aid budget, as this diverts funds away from their intended purpose of supporting health, education and stability overseas, and risks weakening the very systems that prevent humanitarian crises from spiralling; understands that investment in international aid is not charity but can help build stable, prosperous societies that reduce the drivers of displacement and forced migration, and considers that the most effective way to address the current migration crisis is not by reducing aid but by ensuring that people are not forced to flee their homes in the first place, which requires a renewed international commitment from the UK Government, and other developed nations, on health, stability and development.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, John Mason*, Bill Kidd*, Liam McArthur*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*

*S6M-18655 Neil Bibby: Congratulations to Trinity High in Renfrew on its 50th Anniversary Event—That the Parliament congratulates Trinity High in Renfrew on its 50th anniversary event; notes that the school held a special mass attended by Bishop John Keenan, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, on 28 August 2025 to celebrate the occasion; believes that the school's main aims include developing the faith of its students and promoting the spiritual, moral, physical, social and intellectual development of its young people, in partnership with parents and clergy; believes that the school plays an important role the in the community and abroad through

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its charity work and initiatives in line with the school's ethos; recognises the hard work of staff and pupils, and wishes them every success for the future.

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*S6M-18654 Neil Bibby: Congratulating Roaster's Paisley on Winning Two Love Paisley Star Awards—That the Parliament congratulates Roasters coffee shop in Paisley on winning two Love Paisley Star Awards 2025; recognises that the coffee shop was named Best Lunch Spot and Best Social Media as voted for by the public; notes the significant online presence that the café has, with over 50,000 followers across Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok; understands that Roasters was the winner of the inaugural Best Brekkie Paisley Star Award in 2024; commends the growing success of the coffee shop, which started in 2021; acknowledges the vital role that local businesses, such as Roasters, play in Paisley's growing food scene and local revival; recognises and appreciates the hard work of Dan Smith and his staff, and wishes them well for the future.

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*S6M-18653 Clare Adamson: Connor Mooney Shortlisted for BikeBiz Mechanic of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates Connor Mooney of Cairney Cycles, based at the NCT Centre in Newmains, on being shortlisted for the Mechanic of the Year award, by *BikeBiz* magazine; notes that Connor is the only Scottish mechanic in the top six and that the award is now being decided by public vote; recognises his exceptional dedication, skill, and professionalism in the cycling industry, including providing high-quality service and support to cyclists of all levels; notes the positive impact of his work on the community and the Scottish cycling scene, encouraging safe and accessible cycling; commends Connor for representing Scotland on a national stage and for promoting excellence, innovation and passion in the trade, and wishes him every success in the final stage of the award.

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*S6M-18652 Clare Adamson: North College Lanarkshire Partners with Sureserve for Workforce Development—That the Parliament welcomes the partnership between New College Lanarkshire and Sureserve Energy Services UK to deliver new training and career opportunities in North Lanarkshire; notes that the initiative aims to develop a skilled workforce to make homes warmer, healthier and more energy-efficient, while supporting a growing sustainable industry; further notes that the programme offers modern apprenticeships, upskilling and digital learning opportunities, as well as pathways up to degree level; recognises the potential for participants to gain valuable skills, build confidence and pursue rewarding careers in a sector with real demand, and commends all involved for providing these opportunities, which support local people and contribute to Scotland's green economy.

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*S6M-18651 Clare Adamson: Big Barbecue Raises Funds for Les Hoey DreamMaker MBE Foundation—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers, volunteers and attendees of the Big Barbecue charity event, which was held at Gleddoch House in Langbankband and successfully raised over £3,700 for the Les Hoey DreamMaker MBE Foundation; believes that the foundation provides invaluable support to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families,

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helping to improve their quality of life during extremely challenging times; recognises the dedication of Les Hoey MBE from Coltness, and the foundation team, in delivering memorable experiences and support for these children and their families; acknowledges the generosity and community spirit of everyone involved in making the event a success; commends the local businesses, donors and supporters who contributed to the fundraising, and encourages continued efforts to support charitable organisations that make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable children and their loved ones across Scotland.

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*S6M-18650 Clare Adamson: Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Anne McLaughlin—That the Parliament congratulates Anne McLaughlin of Wishaw on her 100th birthday on 28 August 2025; notes that Anne was born in Cambusnethan in 1925 to Mary and George Balmer and was educated at St Ignatius' Primary in Wishaw and St Joseph's Secondary in Motherwell; recognises that, after leaving school at 14, she trained as a hairdresser; notes that Anne later met her husband, Joseph McLaughlin, through St Patrick's Amateur Operatic Society in Craigneuk; commends Anne for her lifetime of family and community ties, and sends her its best wishes on reaching this remarkable milestone.

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*S6M-18649 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Celebrating Graham Hutton's Service to Scottish Education—That the Parliament congratulates Graham Hutton on his retiral in August 2025 after 43 years in education, including his service as General Secretary of School Leaders Scotland (SLS) from 2023 to 2025; recognises his long and distinguished career in school leadership, notably as the Rector of Grove Academy in Dundee from 2011 to 2023 and previously as the Head Teacher of Dumbarton Academy, with earlier leadership roles at Braeview and Breadalbane academies; recognises what it sees as his work to broaden the curriculum, raise attainment and improve positive destinations; further recognises his commitment to inclusion and pupil voice, including his "five-a-day" meetings with pupils and open-door approach; acknowledges the warmth and respect in which he is held by pupils and colleagues, with him affectionately being known as "GHutz", and his constructive engagement with the Parliament, the Scottish Government and national agencies; commends his advocacy on behalf of headteachers and senior leadership teams on issues including workload, recruitment and support for pupils with additional needs; congratulates David Bennett on his appointment as the incoming General Secretary of SLS, assuming office on 1 September 2025; expresses its gratitude for his decades of dedicated service to Scotland's young people and the teaching profession, and wishes Graham, and his family, a long, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

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*S6M-18648 Clare Adamson: First Scottish Artistic Roller Skating Club in 20 Years to Reach GB Finals—That the Parliament congratulates Central Scotland Artistic Roller Skating Club, which is based in Motherwell, on what it sees as its outstanding success at the Summer Roller Cup in Great Yarmouth; notes that three skaters, Reignet Ekhaguere from Motherwell, Sophia Balluck from Hamilton and Emma Campbell from Chapelhall, won gold in freestyle, thereby qualifying to compete at the 2025 GB Roller Cup in September; further notes that this is the first time in 20 years that a Scottish club has competed at this level; recognises the dedication of the head coach, Heather Balluck, and her partner, Gary Blake, who also operates Skool of Rollin' to introduce

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children and adults to the sport before progressing to the GB Skate Artistic-affiliated club; commends the hard work of all athletes, coaches and volunteers involved, and wishes Central Scotland Artistic Roller Skating Club every success as it represents Scotland on the national stage.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Annabelle Ewing*

*S6M-18647 Stephanie Callaghan: ACS Clothing Ltd Wins Second King's Award for Enterprise—That the Parliament congratulates ACS Clothing Ltd, based in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency, on winning its second King's Award for Enterprise, this time for supporting opportunity through social mobility; understands that this latest recognition celebrates ACS's long-term commitment to creating meaningful career pathways for disadvantaged groups, including refugees, ex-offenders, disabled people and individuals from low-income backgrounds; appreciates that, through structured employment, training and development programmes, ACS empowers individuals to build sustainable futures in the growing green economy; understands that this latest achievement places ACS among a very rare group of UK businesses to have won two separate King's Awards for Enterprise, the first for sustainable development in 2023, and now for promoting opportunity in 2025, reflecting the company's leadership across both environmental and social impact fields, and wishes ACS continued success with its future endeavours.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*

*S6M-18646 Claire Baker: Welcoming the Award from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to the Visions of Hope Project, Celebrating 160 Years of Seescape in Fife—That the Parliament welcomes the award of £41,380, which is 100% of project costs, from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to the Visions of Hope project to celebrate 160 years of the charity, Seescape, in Fife; understands that Seescape will use the funding to create a new film telling the stories of people with sight loss in Fife over the last 16 decades, using voices and images from the charity's history as it celebrates its landmark 160th anniversary in 2025; notes that the project aims to help to ensure that the story of Fife's visually impaired community endures for future generations, combining historical archives with personal stories, contemporary footage and historical items, including early teaching materials, equipment, photographs and documents, which tell the story of people living with, and receiving support for, sight loss over the decades; acknowledges that Seescape plans to partner with Fife Cultural Trust and the National Library of Scotland's moving image archive to create the film, which will be produced by the media co-op, and expresses its very best wishes for the success of the project.

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*S6M-18644 Clare Haughey: High Blantyre Primary Celebrates 150th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates High Blantyre Primary School on its 150th anniversary; understands that High Blantyre School opened in October 1875 in a single-story stone building on Hunthill Road in Blantyre; notes that the school quickly saw a number of extensions and alterations through the late 19th and early 20th centuries, a move to a new building on Broompark Road in the 1970s, and a move to its current building on Broompark Road in 2006; believes that, through all of the changes over the years, the school has remained a much-valued and integral part of the Blantyre community; understands that the school is due to host a number of celebratory events in October 2025, including an open day and a concert, and wishes the staff, pupils and wider school community all the very best for their continued growth and success.

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*S6M-18643 Fulton MacGregor: Commending Jackson Youth Group's Contribution to Young People—That the Parliament recognises the Jackson Youth Group in Coatbridge on being awarded £1,000 from the Asda Foundation through Asda Coatbridge; acknowledges what it sees as the group's vital work in providing activities, guidance and support for local young people; appreciates how this funding will enable the group to continue creating positive experiences during school breaks, and commends Asda and its community champions for supporting youth-focused initiatives that foster resilience and community spirit.

*S6M-18642 Fulton MacGregor: Celebrating Parent Action for Safe Play's Work with Families—That the Parliament congratulates Parent Action for Safe Play on receiving a £1,000 grant from the Asda Foundation via Asda Coatbridge; notes the group's commitment to providing safe, inclusive play and learning spaces for children and families in Coatbridge, especially during school holidays; welcomes the Foundation's focus on supporting cost-of-living challenges faced by families, and praises the ongoing collaboration between retailers and community organisations to improve wellbeing and opportunity for young people.

*S6M-18641 Fulton MacGregor: Recognition of Friends of Monkland Canal and Support from Asda Foundation—That the Parliament congratulates Friends of Monkland Canal on being awarded £500 from the Asda Foundation through Asda Coatbridge; recognises the group's ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance the local natural heritage for the benefit of the wider Coatbridge community; believes that this funding will assist the group in its community engagement and environmental activities along the historic Monkland Canal, and commends the Asda Foundation for continuing to invest in grassroots organisations making a real difference at a local level.

*S6M-18640 Alasdair Allan: 95th Anniversary of the Evacuation of St Kilda—That the Parliament notes the 95th anniversary of the evacuation of St Kilda, which took place on 29 August 1930 and saw the final 36 inhabitants of the Hebridean island evacuated to the Scottish mainland; sends its thanks to the National Trust for Scotland for its continued care of the island; notes that St Kilda remains a popular tourist destination, and believes that the story of the evacuation serves as an important reminder to continue supporting existing rural island communities across Scotland.

Supported by: John Mason*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Rona Mackay*, Liam McArthur*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Tim Eagle*

*S6M-18638 Sarah Boyack: Celebrating Scottish Environment LINK Reaching 50 Member Organisations—That the Parliament congratulates Scottish Environment LINK on reaching the milestone of 50 member organisations in July 2025; recognises what it sees as the important role Scottish Environment LINK has played since its founding in 1987 by 14 environmental bodies, including RSPB Scotland, National Trust for Scotland, WWF and Badenoch and Strathspey Conservation Group; commends Scottish Environment LINK's continued commitment to bringing together organisations across Scotland to coordinate effective advocacy and action on nature, land reform, marine protection, biodiversity, sustainable economics, and more; acknowledges that Scottish Environment LINK's members collectively represent around half a million supporters, making it one of the most significant environmental networks in the country; celebrates Scottish Environment LINK's achievements in influencing key pieces of Scottish legislation, including the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, and the Circular Economy

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(Scotland) Act 2024; welcomes LINK's longstanding support for inclusive, informed policy through campaigns such as "Save Scottish Seas", "Fight for Scotland's Nature", and "Scotland Loves Nature"; notes Scottish Environment LINK's role in fostering alliances, launching new organisations like the Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland, and supporting over 175 MSPs to become nature champions, and wishes Scottish Environment LINK and its member organisations continued success in advocating for a flourishing natural environment for all.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Pam Gosal*, Liam McArthur*, John Mason*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul McLennan*, Colin Beattie*, Foysol Choudhury*, Bill Kidd*, Mercedes Villalba*

*S6M-18637 Paul McLennan: Preston Lodge High School Pipe Band Retains World's Best State School Pipe Band Title—That the Parliament congratulates Preston Lodge High School Pipe Band, based in Prestonpans, East Lothian, on retaining its title as the world's best state school pipe band; notes the band's outstanding performance at the World Pipe Band Championships held at Glasgow Green; commends the dedication of the pupils, Pipe Major Lee Moore, and all staff and volunteers involved in the band's success; acknowledges the band's contribution to the local community through regular performances and its role in promoting Scottish musical heritage, and wishes the band continued success in future competitions.

*S6M-18636 Paul McLennan: East Lothian's Thriving Visitor Economy —That the Parliament commends Visit East Lothian and local tourism businesses for their outstanding contribution to the continued success of East Lothian's tourism sector; acknowledges that in 2024 the sector generated £379 million for the local economy and supported over 4,600 full-time equivalent jobs across the region; believes that these achievements underscore East Lothian's enduring appeal as a premier visitor destination, celebrated for hosting world-class events such as the Genesis Scottish Open and Fringe by the Sea, and expresses sincere thanks to all those whose efforts have driven this remarkable success.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

<u>S6M-18656</u> Michelle Thomson: Motion to Remove a Committee Convener (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*, Murdo Fraser*, Kevin Stewart*, Tess White*, Willie Coffey*

<u>S6M-18645</u> Rona Mackay: Condemning the Starvation of Children in Gaza and Calling for Immediate Humanitarian Access (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Ben Macpherson*, Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Mercedes Villalba*, Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Ross Greer*, Maggie Chapman*, Pauline McNeill*, Lorna Slater*, Patrick Harvie*

<u>S6M-18635</u> Liam Kerr: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the North East of Scotland Music School (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Alasdair Allan*, Edward Mountain*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, Pam Gosal*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Russell Findlay*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-18634 Emma Harper: Recognising Dark Art Distillery (lodged on 29 August 2025)

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New Support: Emma Roddick*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18633</u> Fulton MacGregor: 75th Anniversary of St Monica's RC Parish in Coatbridge (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jackie Dunbar*, Bob Doris*, Kevin Stewart*

<u>S6M-18632</u> Martin Whitfield: Action for Children Celebrating 70 years in Scotland (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Rona Mackay*, Sarah Boyack*, Mercedes Villalba*, Liam McArthur*, Foysol Choudhury*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18631</u> Monica Lennon: Employer of the Year Recognition for Lanarkshire's Lisini Pub Company (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-18630</u> Bob Doris: Home Start's New Early Years Family Hub in Maryhill (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Alexander Burnett* **R**, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18629</u> Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen International Airport's Sixth Annual Midnight Runway Run Raises Over £65,000 (lodged on 28 August 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18628</u> Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Townhead Farm on Receiving a Gold Medal at the Global Spirits Masters 2025 (lodged on 28 August 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Sarah Boyack*, Martin Whitfield*, Pam Gosal*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-18627</u> Stephanie Callaghan: Highgate Care Home Scottish Finalist in HC-One's Gardens in Bloom (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18626</u> Audrey Nicoll: Congratulations to NESA on Judges Award Win at Green Energy Supply Chain Awards 2025 (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18625</u> Mercedes Villalba: Ocean Witness Report and Ending Destructive Fishing in MPAs (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

<u>S6M-18624</u> Paul Sweeney: Dying in Poverty at the End of Life in Scotland 2025 (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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<u>S6M-18623</u> Christine Grahame: A Hopeful New Chapter for Golden Eagles in Southern Scotland (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

<u>S6M-18621</u> Emma Harper: Celebrating Summerhill Community Centre's Bike Reuse and Youth Cycling Support (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18620</u> Annie Wells: Celebrating Glasgow's Own Sir Billy Connolly and the Big Yin Weekend, 6 to 7 September 2025 (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18618</u> Clare Haughey: Ruglen Rolls Named Scotland's Best Roll Bar (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18617</u> Christine Grahame: Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Borders Railway (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18616</u> Emma Harper: Celebrating the Dedication of Dumfries and Galloway Canine Rescue Centre (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18615</u> Rona Mackay: Celebrating the Compassion, Humility and Tenacity of Seamus Harkin (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

S6M-18614 Bill Kidd: Nuclear Incidents (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Jackie Dunbar*, Gordon MacDonald*, Clare Haughey*, Bob Doris*, Ross Greer*

S6M-18611 Liz Smith: Strathearn Music Society 60th Anniversary (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18610</u> Claire Baker: Welcoming a Grant of £40,000 to Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club in Fife from the FCC Scottish Action Fund (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Tess White*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18609</u> Sue Webber: Congratulating Sarah Calvert on Winning the Women's 1,500m at the UK Athletics Championships (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

<u>S6M-18607</u> David Torrance: Celebrating Stephen's Bakery and its Community Contributions (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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<u>S6M-18606</u> Tim Eagle: Oban Resident Takes Part in Four Kiltwalks for Charity (lodged on 28 August 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18602</u> Jackson Carlaw: Successful Fundraiser at East Renfrewshire Golf Club to Support Charity (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18600</u> Murdo Fraser: 150th Anniversary of Birth of John Buchan (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18596</u> Emma Roddick: Congratulating Chelsey Main of NHS Highland on Winning RCN Scotland Nursing Support Worker of the Year 2025 (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*

S6M-18595 Pam Duncan-Glancy: World Arthritis Day 2025 (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Pauline McNeill*, Foysol Choudhury*

S6M-18593 David Torrance: 20 Years of Rock the Rovers (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18592</u> Emma Harper: Prestigious Person-centred Practice Award for Elaine Beswick (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*

<u>S6M-18591</u> Emma Harper: Praise for Georgetown Primary School and Nursery (lodged on 26 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kevin Stewart*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18587</u> Ruth Maguire: St Mary's RC Church, Irvine, 150th Anniversary (lodged on 25 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18586</u> Ruth Maguire: Irvine Youth Legacy Centre Recognised at National Awards (lodged on 25 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18585</u> Ruth Maguire: Impact Arts, Irvine, Launches Impactful Parents Programme (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

S6M-18584 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Marymass Celebrations 2025 (lodged on 25 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18583</u> Ruth Maguire: Irvine Sea Cadet Competes in Superhero Triathlon (lodged on 25 August 2025)

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New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

S6M-18582 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Charity Opens First Premises (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18581</u> Ruth Maguire: Irvine Couple Celebrate Diamond Wedding Anniversary (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18579</u> Ben Macpherson: Leith Academy Achieves LGBT Charter Gold Award (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18577</u> Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Greater Pollok Services (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18574</u> Emma Harper: Honouring Jardine Family Fundraising in Memory of Brooke Jardine (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18570 Bob Doris: Peak Rail Fares Abolished (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18569</u> Fulton MacGregor: 66th Anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining Disaster (lodged on 22 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18561</u> Mercedes Villalba: CWU Supporting Postal Workers and Scotland's Postal Service (lodged on 21 August 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*

<u>S6M-18559</u> Emma Harper: Notwen Care Home Recognised for Outstanding Care (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18557</u> Emma Harper: Iron & Pine Shortlisted for Prestigious Awards (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18555</u> Kevin Stewart: NHS Grampian Charity Donations to Aid Patients (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18554</u> Kevin Stewart: Virgin Money Branch Commitment to Aberdeen (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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<u>S6M-18553</u> Bob Doris: Human Rights Abuses In Afghanistan (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18552</u> Clare Haughey: Routes to Work South Celebrate 20th Anniversary (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18551 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations and the Scottish Government Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18549</u> Mercedes Villalba: Solidarity with PCS Members in Dispute with Ofgem (lodged on 19 August 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

S6M-18547.1 Tim Eagle: Oath of Allegiance (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane*, Jackson Carlaw*, Tess White*, Craig Hoy*

S6M-18547 Kevin Stewart: Oath of Allegiance (lodged on 19 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Gordon MacDonald*

<u>S6M-18546</u> Douglas Ross: Elgin and District Pipe Band Wins European and World Championships (lodged on 19 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18545</u> Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Scottish Bar and Pub Award Finalists (lodged on 19 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18542</u> Emma Harper: Maggie's Centre Announcement for Dumfries (lodged on 19 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18536 Kevin Stewart: Celebrate Aberdeen (lodged on 15 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18530 Emma Roddick: Congratulations to Inverness Scout Leader, Daisy Milne, on Representing Scotland and the UK at the World Scout Moot (lodged on 14 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18527</u> Gordon MacDonald: Vision for New Centre for Sustainable Brewing and **Distilling at Heriot-Watt University** (lodged on 14 August 2025)

New Support: Clare Haughey*, Alasdair Allan*, Rona Mackay*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Liam McArthur*, Ben Macpherson*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul McLennan*

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<u>S6M-18525</u> Bill Kidd: Condemning Radioactive Contamination on Scottish Shores (lodged on 14 August 2025)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18520</u> Ross Greer: Killing of "Palestinian Pele", Suleiman al-Obeid, by Israeli Occupation Forces (lodged on 13 August 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

<u>S6M-18514</u> Emma Roddick: Scapa Flow and Queen of Sweden Named as Scotland's Newest Historic Marine Protected Areas (lodged on 13 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18513</u> Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen and Scotland Beyond Net Zero (lodged on 12 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18510 Kevin Stewart: Scarf's 40th Anniversary (lodged on 12 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18509</u> Ben Macpherson: Congratulating Caroline Crozier on Winning Youth Worker of the Year Award at the National Youth Work Awards (lodged on 12 August 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

<u>S6M-18506</u> Mercedes Villalba: Condemning Israel's Occupation of Gaza City (lodged on 13 August 2025)

New Support: Gordon MacDonald*

<u>S6M-18475</u> Mark Griffin: Support for Shared Parenting Scotland's Work with Separated Families and Veterans (lodged on 06 August 2025)

New Support: John Mason*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Foysol Choudhury*

<u>S6M-18451.1</u> Patrick Harvie: Welcoming the LGB Alliance's Report, Compelled Conformity (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Ariane Burgess*, Lorna Slater*, Fulton MacGregor*

<u>S6M-18400</u> Foysol Choudhury: Bronze Bust of Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel Prize Winner, Unveiled in Edinburgh (lodged on 28 August 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Fulton MacGregor*

*S6M-18371 Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Pupil Wins Young Writers UK Competition (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Martin Whitfield*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Mercedes Villalba*, Paul McLennan*

<u>S6M-18364</u> Clare Haughey: Opposition to Proposed Closure of Cambuslang Jobcentre (lodged on 22 July 2025)

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New Support: Patrick Harvie*

<u>S6M-18156</u> Pam Gosal: Marian Spiers of Helensburgh Receives MBE in The King's Honour List 2025 (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Tess White*

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Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 02 September 2025

- **1. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the overall increase in recorded crimes in the past year, including rape, violent crime, antisocial behaviour and shoplifting. (S6T-02626)
- **2. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce NHS waiting lists, in light of new analysis reportedly showing that waits of over two years are now more than 800 times higher in Scotland than in England. (S6T-02642)
- **3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport's announcement on 19 February 2025, whether it will provide an update on its discussions with Peel Ports regarding bringing Ardrossan harbour into public ownership. (S6T-02625)

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 04 September 2025

- 1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04255)
- 2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04256)
- 3. Ross Greer: Question to be taken in Chamber. (S6F-04257)
- **4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce the number of road traffic incidents on the trunk road network, in light of reports of a number of serious accidents over the summer. (\$6F-04246)
- **5. Tess White:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on the steps that the Scottish Government is taking as a result of the Supreme Court judgment in For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers. **(S6F-04252)**
- **6. Alex Rowley:** To ask the First Minister, in light of SEPA's warnings of water scarcity over the summer and the introduction of restrictions on water abstraction last week in some areas, including North Fife, what action the Scottish Government is taking to secure water supply in Scotland in the face of changing climate conditions. (S6F-04244)

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 10 September 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 03 September 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 04 September 2025.

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Audrey Nicoll
- 2. Liam Kerr
- 3. Ruth Maguire
- 4. Martin Whitfield
- 5. Elena Whitham

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- 6. Murdo Fraser
- 7. Miles Briggs
- 8. Annie Wells

Health and Social Care

- 1. Katy Clark
- 2. Mark Ruskell
- 3. Daniel Johnson
- 4. Craig Hoy
- 5. Paul Sweeney
- 6. Jamie Greene
- 7. Finlay Carson
- 8. Marie McNair

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 11 September 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 03 September 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 04 September 2025.

Social Justice and Housing

- 1. Bob Doris
- 2. Jamie Halcro Johnston
- 3. Rona Mackay
- 4. Michelle Thomson
- 5. Stuart McMillan
- 6. David Torrance
- 7. Emma Harper
- 8. Fergus Ewing

Members selected for General Questions on 11 September 2025

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 03 September 2025. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 04 September 2025.

- 1. Bill Kidd
- 2. Maurice Golden
- 3. Liz Smith
- 4. Tim Eagle
- 5. Gordon MacDonald
- 6. Evelyn Tweed
- 7. Keith Brown
- 8. Willie Rennie

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Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the parliament Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 01 September 2025

<u>S6W-40261</u> Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the commitment in its Programme for Government 2025-26 to set out its "priorities for future reform of school education by June 2025, appointing an experienced headteacher to lead this work".

Written questions lodged on 01 September 2025

S6W-40116 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports in *The Herald* on 16 August 2025 and analysis carried out by STL Solutions Ltd into the determination of short-term let (STL) planning applications by the City of Edinburgh Council, what its position is on whether (a) the reported refusal by the City of Edinburgh Council of over 97% of traditional STL applications amounts to a de facto blanket ban and was the planned outcome of its legislation, or whether it risks driving activity into non-compliance and a black market; (b) the City of Edinburgh's practice of treating almost all STLs as a material change of use, and then reportedly refusing them in nearly every case, is consistent with its national planning framework policies and demonstrates a case-by-case assessment and (c) it is fair that operators that have reportedly spent thousands of pounds securing an STL licence should then be refused planning permission reportedly creating many appeals at taxpayers' expense, and whether this dual approach is proportionate.

<u>S6W-40117</u> Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what information it has on how many orders for witness anonymity under common law and section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, similar to those imposed by Lady Dorrian in the case HMA v Alexander Elliot Anderson Salmond, have been imposed in each year since 2015; in which cases they were imposed; whether it will provide details of the nature of the crimes involved in these cases, and whether there have been any other cases since 2015 where a similar type of order ensuring witness anonymity has been imposed under different provisions.

<u>S6W-40181</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided for public information campaigns to warn of the dangers of hillwalking in Scotland, in each of the past five years.

S6W-40182 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what emergency funding it is providing to any producers negatively impacted by the recent introduction of water abstraction restrictions. R
S6W-40183 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take to manage the reported increasing impact of water scarcity on producers. R

<u>S6W-40184</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the funding provided to each Scottish Mountain Rescue team, in each of the last five years. <u>S6W-40185</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of an increase in callouts for the Assynt Mountain Rescue team, what plans it has to increase funding for Scottish Mountain Rescue teams.

<u>S6W-40186</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of an increase in callouts for the Assynt Mountain Rescue team, what public safety information campaigns it currently runs to warn hillwalkers of the danger they may face on Scotland's hills, and what plans it has to increase the number of any such campaigns.

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<u>S6W-40187</u> **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the Homeless Persons (Suspension of Referrals between Local Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2022, in light of the reported increased pressure on homelessness services in Glasgow that has arisen since the order was commenced.

<u>S6W-40188</u> Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to expedite the legislation and guidance that Glasgow City Council requires to proceed with the establishment of an e-scooter hire scheme.

<u>S6W-40189</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the implementation of the new Scottish Aggregates Tax, to what extent it has explored divergence from the UK Aggregates Levy.

<u>S6W-40190</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what work it has undertaken to ensure that the new Scottish Aggregates Tax and Scottish Landfill Tax are aligned in a way that balances their respective impacts.

<u>S6W-40191</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact in Scotland of the UK Government's forthcoming changes to the Landfill Tax. <u>S6W-40192</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what resources it is providing to SEPA

to support the implementation of the Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations 2018. <u>S6W-40193</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether young people have access to accurate education on British and Scottish history, including on the British Empire and the UK's involvement in slavery.

<u>S6W-40194</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to expand income maximisation programmes as outlined in its 2022-23 Programme for Government, specifically in schools.

<u>S6W-40195</u> Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of schools that have a dedicated family income advisor.

<u>S6W-40196</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to make Significant Adverse Event reviews accessible to the public as is the case in other health systems, such as Norway.

<u>S6W-40197</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to integrate the findings of Significant Adverse Event reviews into professional development and training for hospital staff.

<u>S6W-40198</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to make Significant Adverse Event reviews more accessible to relevant communities of practice.

<u>S6W-40199</u> **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has in place to monitor NHS boards' responses to Significant Adverse Event reviews.

<u>S6W-40200</u> **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the announcement that the chickenpox vaccine will be offered on the NHS in the UK from January 2026, what consideration it has given to adding the chickenpox vaccine to its standard childhood vaccination programme.

<u>S6W-40201</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that it meets the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and disability equality commitments in relation to long COVID services.

<u>S6W-40202</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-37580 by Jenni Minto on 22 May 2025, whether it will provide a breakdown of how the £4.5 million fund it announced in December 2024 to deliver specialist support for long COVID, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) and other similar conditions has been allocated and spent.

<u>S6W-40203</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what oversight it has of the Strategic Network for the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19 and what assessment it has been made of the delivery of services.

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<u>S6W-40204</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the 2024 reports by (a) the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE), Accessing Long Covid services in Scotland and (b) Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, One in Five on long covid.

<u>S6W-40205</u> Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on the guidance given to GPs and patients regarding long COVID, and any plans for public updates or campaigns.

<u>S6W-40206</u> Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with trade unions to discuss the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill; what was discussed during the meeting, and what changes it plans to make to the Bill as a result of the meeting.

<u>S6W-40208</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many fixed penalties were issued for breaches of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 in each of the last five years, broken down by the flag state of the vessel involved.

<u>S6W-40209</u> **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many breaches of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 have been recorded in each year since the Act came into force.

<u>S6W-40213</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what enforcement action has been taken in response to any breaches of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 in each of the last five years, also broken down by whether the vessel involved was (a) UK-flagged, (b) EU-flagged and (c) non-EU-flagged.

<u>S6W-40214</u> Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutions have been brought under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 in each of the last five years, and how many of these resulted in convictions.

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New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 September 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure —

Offshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/240) Laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967.

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Progress of Legislation

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

https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills

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 four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, 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 Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee), 4 November 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 29 October with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 5 June 2025

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 17 June 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 June 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2025)

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

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Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 24 June 2025

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 25 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (50th Report, 2025)

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 June 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 11 June 2025

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee, evidence (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 2025

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee) published, 10 December 2024

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee) published, 2 July 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 24 June 2025

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 4 September 2025

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 23 April 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2025)

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 3 June 2025

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Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 24 June 2025

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Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee) published, 23 June 2025

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 25 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (40th Report, 2025)

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 25 June 2025

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 17 March 2025

Lead committee – Education, Children and Young People Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 27 May 2025 Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

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Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 19 June 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (44th Report, 2025)

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People), 3 September 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2025)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 2025 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (43rd Report, 2025)

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (39th Report, 2025)

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 19 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (54th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums

Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill LCM-S6-59

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments) (2nd Report, 2025)

Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill LCM-S6-58

Lodged on 3 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM-S6-54

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice) (2nd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2025)

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM-S6-60

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b

Lodged on 1 August 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 2 September 2025

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53b

Lodged on 14 August 2025

Meeting (evidence (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)), 2 September 2025

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High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56a

Lodged on 13 August 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill LCM-S6-55

Lodged on 21 March 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security) (5th Report, 2025)

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

Report – Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (9th Report, 2024)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2024)

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill LCM-S6-61

Lodged on 24 July 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 29 May 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (3rd Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 3 September 2025

Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (22 May 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 18 September 2025

<u>Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (6 June 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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<u>Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025</u> (SSI 2025/Draft) (19 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

<u>Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (19 June 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval by 6 October 2025

Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) (24 June 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 10 October 2025

<u>Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (25 August 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

<u>Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)</u> (28 August 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 10 September 2025 Lead committee report due by 8 September 2025

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/166) (29 May 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 30 September 2025 Lead committee report due by 29 September 2025

<u>Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI 2025/678)</u> (18 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment 2 October 2025 Lead committee report due by 29 September 2025

<u>Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/187) (20 June 2025)</u> (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment 7 October 2025 Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025

<u>Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/197) (25 June 2025)</u> (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment 10 October 2025

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<u>Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/212)</u> (24 July 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/239) (29 August 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Offshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/240) (1 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Committee Reports

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 1 September 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Two Child Limit Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SCoSS/2025/09) laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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