

Wednesday 3 September 2025

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Deputy First Minister Responsibilities,  
Economy and Gaelic  
Finance and Local Government

**followed by** First Minister's Statement:  
Situation in Gaza

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Palestine

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:15 pm** Decision Time

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

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:15am** Education, Children and Young  
People Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

**9:30am** Public Audit Committee

**10:00am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

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### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

**1. Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with business leaders regarding work to maximise the economic impact of Edinburgh's festivals. ([S6O-04866](#))

**2. Stephanie Callaghan:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04867](#))

**3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken on digital exclusion to address the "weakened" national leadership referred to by Audit Scotland in its report *Tackling Digital Exclusion*, which was published 12 months ago. ([S6O-04868](#))

**4. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the recently published NatWest Group and Beauhurst's *New Startup Index*, indicating that Scotland has one of the fastest growing startup economies in the UK. ([S6O-04869](#))

**5. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the economic impact of any increased taxation by UK, Scottish and local governments on people and businesses across the Highlands and Islands. ([S6O-04870](#))

**6. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how growth deals are growing the economy of the Highlands and Islands region. ([S6O-04871](#))

**7. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with GFG Alliance, Liberty Steel and Alvalde British Aluminium regarding the companies' operations in Scotland. ([S6O-04872](#))

**8. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with UK Government ministers regarding the potential impact on the Scottish economy of recent developments with the Grangemouth cluster. ([S6O-04873](#))

#### Finance and Local Government

**1. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on the public finances of working age economic inactivity. ([S6O-04874](#))

**2. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support local authorities and other public bodies to apply ethical criteria when deciding whether to divest from sectors such as fossil fuels, arms companies and businesses complicit in occupation or war crimes. ([S6O-04875](#))

**3. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what role the finance secretary has in authorising any continued expenditure of public bodies that incur substantial legal costs, including those covered by the Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme. ([S6O-04876](#))

**4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with local authorities to deliver transformation programmes and accelerate any reforms needed to achieve financial sustainability and ensure that local services are fit for the future. ([S6O-04877](#))

**5. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to local authorities to help ensure that all residents across the north east can access local council services, including help when things go wrong, in person as well as online. ([S6O-04878](#))

**6. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to East Dunbartonshire Council to help meet any additional costs of providing social care services for an ageing population. ([S6O-04879](#))

**7. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage and support local authorities to empower and enable people and communities to have a greater say over the delivery of local public services. ([S6O-04880](#))

**8. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it is reportedly spending over £1 million every week on agency staff, in light of it having announced plans to reduce corporate costs. ([S6O-04881](#))

**followed by First Minister's Statement: Situation in Gaza**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Palestine**

**[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

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**followed by Business Motions**

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Chamber   Seòmar				

**S6M-18695 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 4 September 2025—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation

**S6M-18696 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Actions to Support Improved Relationships and Behaviour in Schools

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 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

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: GFG Business Operations in Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

*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 18 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: Education and Skills

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*followed by* SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 September 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**[S6M-18697](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 January 2026.

**[S6M-18698](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment to UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 November 2025.

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S6M-18699](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-18700](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-18701](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Employment Rights Bill.

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business  
Debate on the subject of—

**[S6M-18369](#) Kenneth Gibson: Recognising the Impact of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)**—That the Parliament recognises the impact of chronic kidney disease (CKD) on individuals and the NHS, with, it understands, thousands of people reliant on dialysis or living with a kidney transplant, and many more at risk of progression; understands that CKD is one of the most common and resource-intensive long-term conditions but considers that it lacks a specific policy focus; welcomes the Scottish Government’s work on a long-term conditions strategy and notes the belief that the Scottish Government should include CKD as a dedicated strand, with actions on prevention, early diagnosis, equitable access to transplantation, and a home-first approach to

dialysis care; notes the view that increasing support for home dialysis and improving organ donation rates would improve outcomes and reduce system pressures, and further notes the belief that the Scottish Government should work with people across Scotland, including in the Cunninghame North constituency, who are living with kidney disease, as well as clinicians, third sector organisations and industry, to deliver meaningful change.



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## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

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

- Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
- Declaration of interests:** Stephen Kerr will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 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.
- 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.
- Scotland's Tourism Industry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

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

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

### Criminal Justice Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 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, Director of Data & Insights, 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.

## Public Audit Committee 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.
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.

## Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 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;  
Dennis Overton, 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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## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 25 June 2025

### 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

**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** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

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**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### 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

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**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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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>

### 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 Johnston 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.

#### Proposed future business

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

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at [diane.barr@parliament.scot](mailto:diane.barr@parliament.scot)

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## 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 Manager 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.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at [catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot](mailto:catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

**Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:**

- \* **before the number indicates publication for the first time**
- \*...\* **around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material**
- R **indicates a member has declared a registered interest**

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-18704](#) Tom Arthur: Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the amendments tabled on 7 July 2025 to clauses 44 to 46 and 49 of the Employment Rights Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 October 2024, in relation to the establishment of the Social Care Negotiating Body for Scotland, so far as these amendments further alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Maree Todd\*, Jenni Minto\*, Neil Gray\*

**\*[S6M-18687](#) Shona Robison: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—**That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

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Supported by: Ivan McKee

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**\*[S6M-18680](#) Richard Leonard: The 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6), *The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland* (SP Paper 783).

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-18705](#) Claire Baker: Joining Children with Cancer UK in Marking Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Over September**—That the Parliament joins the charity, Children with Cancer UK, in marking Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM) over September 2025; understands that the month aims to generate awareness and support for children with cancer; notes that Public Health Scotland figures record that 330 children and young people under 25 are diagnosed with cancer in Scotland annually and that Children with Cancer UK states that, every day, 10 children and young people in the UK receive the devastating news that they have cancer; expresses its deepest regret at reports that, of those 10, two will not survive; believes that, of those that survive, many will have long-term side effects that might significantly impact their lives forever; acknowledges the 35 years of both CCAM and Children with Cancer UK's work supporting families affected by childhood cancer, and recognises the positive impacts of CCAM and the work of Children with Cancer UK on raising vital funding for new, less toxic, treatments and helping to improve the quality of life of the children and families affected.

**\*[S6M-18702](#) Alexander Stewart: Bridge of Allan and Dunblane Given First and Second Places in Garrington House-hunting List 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates Bridge of Allan and Dunblane on coming first and second respectively in a list by Garrington Property Finders of the 161 best places to reside in Scotland; understands that Bridge of Allan came out on top, thanks to high scores in natural beauty, wellbeing and value for money; believes that the towns were ranked in the comprehensive list to show the best places to live, which was designed for house hunters to identify locations that offer both quality of life and strong value; notes that, for quality of life, the factors taken into account were natural beauty, wellbeing, employment and connectivity; applauds Garrington for putting together what it sees as excellent guidance for prospective homeowners; concurs that being included in the table is to be applauded, and considers that, while this is not a league table of the "best" and "worst" places to live, it does include nearly all of the towns of any size in Scotland. **R**

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**\*[S6M-18701](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—**That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Employment Rights Bill.

**\*[S6M-18700](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

**\*[S6M-18699](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

**\*[S6M-18698](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment to UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 November 2025.

**\*[S6M-18697](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 January 2026.

**\*[S6M-18696](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Actions to Support Improved Relationships and Behaviour in Schools

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 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* Ministerial Statement: GFG Business Operations in Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

*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

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Thursday 18 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 September 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**\*[S6M-18695](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 4 September 2025—

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

insert

*followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation

**\*[S6M-18688](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Dumbarton Credit Union on its 35th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Dumbarton Credit Union for serving the area for 35 years; notes that it was founded in 1990 to provide a positive alternative to high interest loan companies; understands that it has grown from the original 27 members in 1990 to now having 3,300 adult members and 1,400 junior accounts; believes that Dumbarton Credit Union has been a popular community organisation providing local people with a safe place for their savings and providing access to affordable loans; thanks the three staff, 25 volunteers and eight board members on whom the credit union relies; wishes them well for the future, and believes that the credit union will continue to grow from strength to strength.

**\*[S6M-18685](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Beacon of Peace Scotland 5k Charity Walk**—That the Parliament congratulates all those involved in organising the Beacon of Peace Charity Walk 2025, scheduled to take place on 7 September 2025; notes that those taking part will register at Baitur Rahman Mosque at 9.00 am before setting off from Kelvingrove Park at 10.30 am; understands that the walk is open to the public to join as a family day out, socialise, make new friends, enjoy free lunch and most importantly, raise funds for charities across Glasgow, including Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Beatson Cancer Charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, CHAS, Humanity First and many more, and wishes participants and the organiser, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association Scotland, all the best ahead of the event.

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**\*S6M-18683 Alexander Stewart: Children's Asthma Inhaler Safety Book Generously Gifted to Clackmannanshire Primary Schools—**That the Parliament understands that Clackmannanshire primary schools were recently gifted an important book, *Mr Wheeze-a-Lot*, which was written by authors from the county, to raise awareness of asthma and the importance of inhalers; notes that one of the book's authors, Elaine Cunningham, was inspired to write the book after losing her daughter, Lauren, in 2019 to an asthma attack while working in a commercial kitchen in Glasgow city centre when, tragically, she had forgotten her inhaler; notes that Elaine was joined by Dr Yvonne Bennett to co-write the book, which, it believes, has a strong message and includes invaluable practical information on how to use inhalers correctly; acknowledges that Linda McLeod BEM, the chair of Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire, bought 20 copies of the book and distributed them to primary schools, including her old primary, Sunnyside, in Alloa; further acknowledges that Linda was joined by two fellow trustees, Aileen Littlejohn and Lynsey Morrison, alongside a representative from the local authority education department, Julie McKenna, who went to Sunnyside to highlight the important message and introduce the children to the book; notes that Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire is a charity support group to Asthma + Lung UK, whose members have respiratory issues and meet once a month in St Mungo's Church hall; understands that all proceeds from the book sales will go to the asthma campaign, Lauren's Law, which is a movement founded by Elaine that aims to ensure that inhalers are included in first aid boxes as a legal requirement; commends Linda, Aileen and Lynsey of Breathe Easy on this extremely magnanimous gesture, and further commends Elaine and everyone involved in the writing, distribution and fundraising of this excellent book. **R**

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**\*S6M-18682 Alexander Stewart: Kirsty Mack, The First Scottish Woman to Conquer K2—**That the Parliament congratulates Kirsty Mack, who is a Bridge of Allan-based mountaineer, on, according to public expedition records, becoming the first Scottish woman known to reach to summit of the Himalayan mountain, K2; understands that Kirsty, who is originally from Menstrie, reached the peak of the world's second highest mountain on 11 August 2025 at 3.32 pm; believes that the 8,611-metre peak is widely considered the most dangerous of the plus 8,000 metre-high mountains; acknowledges that Kirsty said that she undertook this challenge for her father and grandfather "and every veteran who reminds us that courage isn't about never falling, it's about always getting back up"; notes that Kirsty's achievement is part of her project, From Surgery to Summit, which began after a ski accident left her without the use of her dominant arm; further notes that, following multiple surgeries and years of rehab, Kirsty regained movement but still lives with lasting limitations; acknowledges that Kirsty has said that this was "about resilience...standing on K2 is proof that setbacks don't define your limits. It was also a way to honour my Dad and Grampa, both veterans, and raise funds for Erskine, who cared for them"; notes that her father, Thomas Angus Mack MBE, served with the RAF, and grandfather, Reuben Marshall Rogers, was a member of the Royal Corps of Signals; acknowledges that Thomas and Reuben were cared for by Erskine Veterans Charity; notes that Kirsty joins the Scots, Bruce Normand and Alasdair McKenzie, who reached the summit of K2 in 2007 and 2023 respectively; commends Kirsty on her achievements, as K2 is her fourth over 8,000-metre peak; believes that this highlights her passion to show that injury does not end ambition and that the mountains, in her own words, can "teach us resilience like nothing else"; congratulates Kirsty on her extremely magnanimous fundraising endeavours, with her immediate focus being on reaching her fundraising goal for Erskine, and

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notes that, thereafter, she plans to return to the hills of Scotland with her dog, Morar.

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**\*[S6M-18681](#) Clare Haughey: Lanarkshire Climate Action Festival Returns for 2025**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the second Lanarkshire Climate Action Festival, which is a pan-Lanarkshire festival celebrating positive climate action; recognises the success of the inaugural festival in 2024, where over 2,500 people attended around 70 events organised by community organisations in collaboration with the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub, which is funded by the Scottish Government; understands that this year's programme includes a wide variety of events, including a Harvest Hoedown at Clydesmill Community Garden, a sustainable family fashion show in Cambuslang, "lunchtime superheroes" ranger sessions at Fernbrae Meadows, a Green Together family fun day at James Aiton Primary School, autism-friendly environmental Bookbug sessions in local libraries, Winter Warmer Land information sessions in Whitlawburn and a Cycle a Mile for Climate Action event at Clyde Cycle Park; commends the organisers of the festival for their continued efforts to start local climate conversations and raise interest in climate action, and wishes them every success in their ongoing work with communities.

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**\*[S6M-18679](#) Pam Gosal: Success of Milngavie Street Party 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates, Billy Milligan, who is a hospitality entrepreneur, and his team, for organising what it considers was a hugely successful Milngavie Street Party 2025; notes that there was a free family daytime event that had a street parade with Disney characters, including Mickey Mouse and Pocahontas, and various musicians; appreciates the magic show put on by "Uncle Billy", with a kids' disco, face painting and delicious food available around the town; acknowledges the local businesses that showcased their excellent products and services; notes that the evening event had a line-up of world famous DJs, who played to packed audiences, and wishes the team every success for future events.

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**\*[S6M-18678](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Recovery Month 2025**—That the Parliament notes that September is Recovery Month; understands that Recovery Month is held to increase awareness, challenge stigma, and celebrate the achievements of those on a recovery journey to overcoming problematic alcohol and/or drug use; acknowledges that Recovery Month shares the message that "Not only is recovery possible – it's possible for everyone"; notes that localised events and activities across the month of September culminate with the SRC Recovery Walk being held in Stirling, and applauds the efforts of all the volunteers, staff, people in recovery and their loved ones to promote Recovery Month and its important message.

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**\*[S6M-18677](#) Stephen Kerr: Ancre Somme Association Scotland Armed Forces Day Parade in Laurieston**—That the Parliament congratulates the Ancre Somme Association (ASA) Scotland



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on its 10th anniversary and commends what it sees as its outstanding voluntary work in promoting remembrance, education, and support for the Armed Forces community; recognises the success of the 2025 Armed Forces Day Parade in Laurieston, which paid special tribute to the UK's Special Forces and the life of SAS hero, John McAleese, marking the 45th anniversary of Operation Nimrod and the Iranian Embassy siege; notes that the event featured local cadet forces, veterans, community bands and singers, and generous donations to local cadet units and the Veterans' Chaplaincy; further recognises ASA Scotland's wide-ranging contribution to communities across Scotland, including its fundraising, educational outreach in schools, creation of memorials, and campaigns such as the Ribbon of Poppies; applauds the charity's commitment to preserving Scotland's military heritage and supporting serving personnel, veterans, and their families, and encourages continued public support for ASA Scotland for it what it considers is invaluable work in ensuring that the sacrifices of past and present service members are never forgotten.

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**\*[S6M-18676](#) Stephen Kerr: Congratulates Stenhousemuir Football Club on Hosting a Successful Fundraising Day in Support of Guide Dogs UK**—That the Parliament congratulates Stenhousemuir Football Club on hosting a successful fundraising day in support of Guide Dogs UK at Ochilview Park; notes that the club welcomed three guide dog puppies in training, Bob, Oola and Oake, who met fans, staff and volunteers as part of their early socialisation and training programme; recognises Guide Dogs UK, which is the world's largest assistance dog organisation and is almost entirely funded by donations; further recognises what it sees as the crucial national role of Guide Dogs in supporting over two million people in the UK living with sight loss, with, it understands, 250 people every day beginning to lose their sight; commends the charity's work in training and providing guide dogs, campaigning for accessibility and equality, and improving mobility and independence for people with visual impairment; welcomes plans for Stenhousemuir Football Club and Guide Dogs UK to work together to enhance accessibility for fans with visual or auditory impairments; pays tribute to the commitment of staff, volunteers and puppy raisers who make this life-changing work possible, and encourages other football clubs and community organisations across Scotland to follow Stenhousemuir Football Club's example in supporting Guide Dogs and championing inclusion.

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**\*[S6M-18673](#) Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Montrose Community Trust**—That the Parliament recognises the ongoing work of Montrose Community Trust; understands that over the last 13 years the Trust has moved beyond a focus on football to being a key local organisation committed to building a stronger and healthier community; recognises that the charity is providing life-affirming and supporting services by delivering over 30 programmes, including Breakfast in a Box, Soccer Saturday and the International Speaking Club; further recognises that the Trust's three core strands of health, education and sport provide a platform for supporting over 4,500 people annually of all ages and abilities to address the impacts of social isolation, mental health issues and to adjust to changes brought on by dementia; understands that the Trust is now developing its work in response to climate change and employability issues, and will move all its work forward with the ambitious Gable End Project; commends and congratulates Montrose Community Trust for all its work since its foundation in 2012, and wishes all involved all the very best for the future.

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**\*[S6M-18672](#) Maggie Chapman: Montrose LandxSea Film Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of Montrose LandxSea Film Festival on its annual festival held at Montrose Playhouse; notes that the programme for the festival's third year, which will take place between 12 to 14 September 2025, has been launched; further notes that this year's programme includes 22 new climate-focused films, over 30 inspiring speakers and the opportunity for thought provoking discussion; understands that LandxSea has recently been awarded two-year funding by Screen Scotland, part of Creative Scotland, delivering services and support with funding from the Scottish Government and The National Lottery, and wishes Montrose LandxSea Film Festival every success with this festival and its ongoing activities.

**\*[S6M-18669](#) Emma Harper: Celebrating the 2025 Nithraid Festival in Dumfries**—That the Parliament congratulates all those involved in organising and participating in the Nithraid Festival in Dumfries, a festival that has been running for over 10 years to use cultural community activity to reconnect local people to their river; notes that Nithraid took place on 23 August 2025; recognises the festival's celebration of the history, heritage, and culture surrounding the River Nith, a tidal river of significant environmental and historical importance to the town in the South Scotland Region; acknowledges that the festival is organised by EcoArt SCIO, having taken over from The Stove Network in 2024, a grassroots creative environmental charity focused on community, art, and sustainability, and includes in its activities the iconic Nithraid River Race, which sees boats of all kinds sail from Glencaple to the Mill Green in Dumfries, commemorating the river's role in trade and connection; notes the vibrant programme of activities, including a flag-making workshop where community-designed flags carrying environmental messages are flown from the pedestrian bridge, and demonstrations by Wordsmith Crafts and Cluaran Project, which explore traditional skills and storytelling; acknowledges the Progress of the Salty Coo procession, led by artistic company, Oceanallover, featuring contributions from communities along the River Nith and culminating in a performance at the riverbank; celebrates additional events such as boat building demonstrations, a windmill-powered water purifier, talks from Dumfries Museum, a photographic journeys exhibition, and a film programme on rivers and ecology at the Robert Burns Centre; commends EcoArt, volunteers, artists, and community partners for their continued efforts in making Nithraid a dynamic and inclusive celebration of Dumfries' riverside heritage, and looks forward to future Nithraid Festivals.

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**\*[S6M-18668](#) Jackie Baillie: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**—That the Parliament recognises that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month; notes that approximately 320 children and young people under 25 are diagnosed with cancer each year in Scotland, around 135 of whom are children; acknowledges that cancer remains the leading cause of disease-related death in this age group; recognises the unique experiences and distinct challenges faced by children and young people with cancer, including the need for treatment in specialist centres, access to age-appropriate services and unique psychological support; notes with concern that they and their families often face significant additional financial costs because of cancer, including travel costs to access treatment and care; recognises the vital work of the NHS and charities that support children and young people with cancer, and calls on the Scottish Government to work collaboratively with partners to support children and young people with cancer and their families, so that no one faces the challenges of cancer alone.



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**\*[S6M-18667](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Stenhousemuir Through the Asda Foundation**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Stenhousemuir in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded £1,000 to Grangemouth Sea Cadet Unit, which offers youth development and maritime skills; further notes that funding of £500 was given to Larbert FC 2009, which provides football coaching and activities for children and £1,000 to KLSB Community Group, which supports families through social activities and community projects; understands that these grants will help the organisations expand their programmes and provide more opportunities for young people, and welcomes the work of Asda Stenhousemuir in helping organisations strengthen communities.

**\*[S6M-18666](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Newmains Through the Asda Foundation**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Newmains in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded £532 to Parent Council Coltness High School, which supports pupils and families through educational initiatives and activities; further notes that £1,000 was given to Pathway Church, which provides social support, mentoring and community activities for families in need; understands that these grants will help the organisations enhance opportunities for learning and social engagement in Newmains, and welcomes the commitment of Asda Newmains to supporting organisations that make a difference.

**\*[S6M-18665](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Motherwell Through the Asda Foundation**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Motherwell in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded £500 to 20th Motherwell Boys' Brigade, which provides youth programmes and community activities; further notes that £1,000 was given to Lanarkshire Deaf Hub, which supports children and young people with hearing impairments and £990 to You Are My Sunshine, which delivers creative projects and wellbeing support for young people; understands that these grants will enable the organisations to improve inclusion and opportunities in the community, and welcomes the work of Asda Motherwell in helping organisations strengthen support for children and young people.

**\*[S6M-18664](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Hamilton Through the Asda Foundation**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Hamilton in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded £3,000 to The Organic Growers of Bothwell, which promotes community gardening, healthy eating and sustainable food; further notes that £1,000 was given to Larkhall Universal Connections, which provides support and activities for children and young people and £1,000 to Trust Jack Foundation, which supports young people with their wellbeing; understands that these grants will help these organisations continue to deliver vital services that support health and development in the community, and welcomes the efforts of Asda Hamilton in empowering charities to create opportunities for children and families.

**\*[S6M-18663](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Grangemouth Through the Asda Foundation**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Grangemouth in supporting communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded £2,500 to Polmont Together, which runs social projects for families and young people; further notes that £600 was given to Friends of Inchyra Park, which works to maintain and improve local green spaces and £1,000 to The Boys' Brigade Falkirk and District Battalion, which provides youth development and outdoor activities; understands that these grants will help the organisations expand their services and strengthen community connections in Grangemouth, and

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welcomes the work of Asda Grangemouth in helping charities improve the quality of life for children, families and the wider community.

**\*[S6M-18662](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Falkirk Through the Asda Foundation**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Asda Falkirk in supporting local communities through the Asda Foundation; notes that the store awarded £3,000 to Blooming Bairns, which provides early years support and holiday activities for children and families; further notes that funding of £995 was given to Connect2 Teen Challenge, which engages with young people through mentoring, education and activities and £1,000 to Tamfourhill Community Hub, which offers local services and learning opportunities for children, young people and families; understands that these grants will help strengthen community services and improve wellbeing in Falkirk, and welcomes the commitment of Asda Falkirk to supporting organisations that enrich the lives of children and young people.

### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-18671.4](#) Russell Findlay: Priorities for Scotland** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*

**[S6M-18661](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Cumbernauld Through the Asda Foundation** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18660](#) Meghan Gallacher: Recognising the Contribution of Asda Coatbridge Through the Asda Foundation** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18659](#) Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Monklands Replacement Project** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18658](#) Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating Keep Larbert and Stenhousemuir Beautiful** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18657](#) Kenneth Gibson: Malawi's TB Drug Shortage, UK Aid Reductions and the Urgent Need for Renewed International Commitment** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Clare Haughey\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-18655](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulations to Trinity High in Renfrew on its 50th Anniversary Event** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Tess White\*

**[S6M-18654](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Roaster's Paisley on Winning Two Love Paisley Star Awards** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Tess White\*

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**S6M-18653 Clare Adamson: Connor Mooney Shortlisted for BikeBiz Mechanic of the Year** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**S6M-18652 Clare Adamson: North College Lanarkshire Partners with Sureserve for Workforce Development** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Emma Harper\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**S6M-18651 Clare Adamson: Big Barbecue Raises Funds for Les Hoey DreamMaker MBE Foundation** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Emma Harper\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**S6M-18650 Clare Adamson: Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Anne McLaughlin** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Emma Harper\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**S6M-18649 Pam Duncan-Glancy: Celebrating Graham Hutton's Service to Scottish Education** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Brian Whittle\*

**S6M-18648 Clare Adamson: First Scottish Artistic Roller Skating Club in 20 Years to Reach GB Finals** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Paul McLennan\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Brian Whittle\*, Tess White\*, Emma Harper\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**S6M-18647 Stephanie Callaghan: ACS Clothing Ltd Wins Second King's Award for Enterprise** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Monica Lennon\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Brian Whittle\*, Emma Harper\*

**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** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Alex Rowley\*, Tess White\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Alex Rowley\*

**S6M-18644 Clare Haughey: High Blantyre Primary Celebrates 150th Anniversary** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Tess White\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

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**[S6M-18643](#) Fulton MacGregor: Commending Jackson Youth Group's Contribution to Young People** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18642](#) Fulton MacGregor: Celebrating Parent Action for Safe Play's Work with Families** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18641](#) Fulton MacGregor: Recognition of Friends of Monkland Canal and Support from Asda Foundation** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18640](#) Alasdair Allan: 95th Anniversary of the Evacuation of St Kilda** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Emma Harper\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-18639](#) Rona Mackay: International FASD Day and the Need for Awareness** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Brian Whittle\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-18638](#) Sarah Boyack: Celebrating Scottish Environment LINK Reaching 50 Member Organisations** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Monica Lennon\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-18637](#) Paul McLennan: Preston Lodge High School Pipe Band Retains World's Best State School Pipe Band Title** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18636](#) Paul McLennan: East Lothian's Thriving Visitor Economy** (lodged on 01 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-18635](#) Liam Kerr: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the North East of Scotland Music School** (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Brian Whittle\*

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

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-18633](#) Fulton MacGregor: 75th Anniversary of St Monica's RC Parish in Coatbridge** (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

**[S6M-18632](#) Martin Whitfield: Action for Children Celebrating 70 years in Scotland** (lodged on 29 August 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

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

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*

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

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, David Torrance\*

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

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*

**S6M-18620 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: Brian Whittle\*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, David Torrance\*, Ash Regan\*

**S6M-18597 Alexander Stewart: Dollar Academy Named European School of the Year** (lodged on 25 August 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

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

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane\* R, Brian Whittle\* R

**S6M-18562 Annie Wells: Glasgow School Pupil Named Among Time Magazine's Girls of the Year** (lodged on 20 August 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon\* R, Jeremy Balfour\*

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

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Douglas Lumsden\*, Brian Whittle\*

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

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Emma Harper\*

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

New Support: Jeremy Balfour\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Brian Whittle\*

**S6M-18418 Annie Wells: Emergency Services Day** (lodged on 29 July 2025)



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New Support: Brian Whittle\*

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

New Support: Kenneth Gibson\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Colin Beattie\*, David Torrance\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Brian Whittle\*, Emma Harper\*

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

New Support: Sandesh Gulhane\*

**S6M-18299 Tess White: Johnshaven Community Café Celebrates Successful Third Year** (lodged on 14 July 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

**S6M-18297 Tess White: Angus Small Repairs Service Completes Successful First Year** (lodged on 14 July 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

**S6M-18234 Tess White: Forfar Farmington Football Club U14s and U16s East League Final Winners** (lodged on 08 July 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

**S6M-18232 Tess White: Paying Tribute to Joann Beattie, from Johnshaven, Aberdeenshire** (lodged on 08 July 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle\*

**S6M-17847 Patrick Harvie: Calling for Exclusion of Belarus from UEFA Competitions** (lodged on 12 June 2025)

New Support: Lorna Slater\*, Alasdair Allan\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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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 02 September 2025

**S6W-40307 Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what further publications it has planned in connection with its policy on giving people in Scotland the right to decide their constitutional future.

### Written questions lodged on 02 September 2025

**S6W-40023 Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what equality impact assessments were carried out in advance of the reported comments by the Permanent Secretary regarding an ambition for civil servants to work in the office for at least 60% of their contracted hours.

**S6W-40024 Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it had with civil service unions in advance of the reported comments by the Permanent Secretary regarding an ambition for civil servants to work in the office for at least 60% of their contracted hours.

**S6W-40137 Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish and lay before Parliament a report on the operation of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024, as required to do so under section 6 of the Act.

**S6W-40138 Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people it anticipated, before the passage of the legislation, could be eligible to have their convictions overturned under the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024, and how that compares with to the number that it has so far identified as eligible.

**S6W-40139 Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what continued action it is taking under the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024 to identify people possibly eligible to have their convictions overturned.

**S6W-40155 Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government which measures in the Rural Support Plan will address the barriers highlighted in the study on Less Favoured Areas, including (a) small scales, (b) insecurity of tenancy agreements, (c) high investment cost and (d) inadequate advice.

**S6W-40207 Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times the two-week deadline for urgent cancer referrals in cases involving hormone replacement therapy has been met in each of the last five years.

**S6W-40211 Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many vessels have been found to be in breach of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 in each of the last five years, also broken down by whether the vessel was (a) UK-flagged, (b) EU-flagged and (c) non-EU-flagged.

**S6W-40212 Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many breaches of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 that were recorded in each of the last five years related to (a) a prohibited fishing activity, (b) a marine protected area infringement, (c) a licensing offence and (d) any other category.

**S6W-40215 Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government how many newly qualified paramedics have joined the Scottish Ambulance Service in the North Region since 2023.

**S6W-40217 Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether all persons or businesses conducting peat restoration work are expected by Nature Scot to apply for a licence to control



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mountain hares, and, if so, under what permissible ground under the applicable Nature Scot guidance.

**S6W-40218 Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it has obtained since the passage of the amendment of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 regarding the population size of mountain hares in Scotland.

**S6W-40219 Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion in its Scottish Budget 2026-27 recommendations paper that spending restraint rather than tax rises should form the bulk of any measures to plug the projected gap in devolved government finances.

**S6W-40220 Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion in its Scottish Budget 2026-27 recommendations paper that there should be no new levies or taxes on retailers.

**S6W-40221 Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion in its Scottish Budget 2026-27 recommendations paper that there should be a plan to narrow any divergence between Scottish and UK income tax rates.

**S6W-40222 Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion in its Scottish Budget 2026-27 recommendations paper that retailers of all sizes should benefit from a meaningfully more competitive business rate than in England.

**S6W-40223 Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion in its Scottish Budget 2026-27 recommendations paper that no retailer in Scotland should be liable for a higher business rate than counterparts in England.

**S6W-40225 Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion in its Scottish Budget 2026-27 recommendations paper that funding for the Retail Crime Taskforce should be sustained and ideally enhanced for the coming year.

**S6W-40226 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided in each year since 2017 to third sector organisations that publicly campaign for gender self-identification, also broken down by organisation.

**S6W-40227 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what office location(s) are to be designated for the National Social Work Agency, and how many staff are expected to be based at each location.

**S6W-40228 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what conditions are attached to any grant funding for equalities organisations to help ensure their (a) political neutrality, (b) value for money and (c) measurable outcomes.

**S6W-40230 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the remuneration package for the chief executive of the National Social Work Agency conforms to the public sector pay policy, and what benchmarking was undertaken.

**S6W-40231 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated annual running cost of the National Social Work Agency is for 2025-26, and for each of the next three years.

**S6W-40232 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the most recent forecast is for the prison population to the end of 2025-26, and how this compares to the design capacity of the prison estate.

**S6W-40233 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what contingency plans it has to avoid routine refusal of new admissions to custody due to overcrowding in the prison estate.

**S6W-40234 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has made of the outcomes of take-home naloxone and opioid-substitution programmes in prisons, including relapse and re-offending rates post-release.

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**S6W-40235 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what capital and maintenance investments are required to bring the prison estate to safe operating capacity, and what the timescales are for delivery.

**S6W-40236 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the implementation timetable is for targeted lung cancer screening, and what steps it will take to accelerate delivery.

**S6W-40237 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) workforce, (b) equipment and (c) IT constraints might prevent the national rollout of targeted lung cancer screening.

**S6W-40238 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what pilots are operating for lung cancer screening, and what interim results have been reported.

**S6W-40239 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated annual cost of targeted lung cancer screening would be at full rollout, and how this compares to the costs of late-stage treatment.

**S6W-40240 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it expects to raise each year from the Building Safety Levy, and how this will be ringfenced for cladding remediation.

**S6W-40241 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what exemptions or reliefs will apply under the Building Safety Levy for (a) affordable housing, (b) small builders and (c) build-to-rent projects.

**S6W-40242 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the risk that the Building Safety Levy costs will be passed on to homebuyers through higher prices, and, if so, what mitigations are proposed.

**S6W-40243 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish in full the evaluation reports from the public-sector four-day-week pilots, including productivity, cost and service-quality data.

**S6W-40244 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, to reduce violence and drug harm, what additional investment it will make in secure accommodation and in-prison rehabilitation.

**S6W-40245 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on service delivery timescales for (a) taxpayers and (b) businesses of a reduced working week.

**S6W-40253 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its plan is to address the reported capital backlog of more than £800 million across the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service estate and fleet.

**S6W-40254 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish Fire and Rescue Service stations require major works to (a) provide separate facilities for women firefighters and (b) meet modern health and safety standards.

**S6W-40255 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service appliances are beyond their recommended service life, and what the replacement (a) programme and (b) timescale is.

**S6W-40256 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of offenders likely to be released early in the next 12 months under further emergency measures, and how victims will be notified.

**S6W-40257 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what alternatives to custody it is developing for persistent low-level offending, to alleviate prison pressure while protecting the public.

**S6W-40259 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that (a) Police Scotland and (b) the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service is not forced to delay or decline custodial remand decisions because of prison overcrowding.

**S6W-40260 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what monitoring it will publish on reoffending rates of people released early under the previous emergency release scheme.

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**S6W-40262 Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Single Building Assessments relating to all of the buildings identified as having (a) high pressure laminate (HPL) (96) and (b) aluminium composite material (ACM) (48) as part of their external wall system were commissioned on or before 1 September 2025, as indicated in its Cladding Remediation Programme Next Phase Plan of Action.

**S6W-40263 Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether all priority Single Building Assessments via its assessment process were completed and returned by the end of August 2025.

**S6W-40264 Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it completed its information-gathering exercise to verify the cladding status of buildings between 11 and 18 metres in height by the end of August 2025.

**S6W-40265 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported figures suggesting that 47,417 children from the most deprived areas had contact with an NHS dentist in June 2025, compared with 55,539 in the least deprived areas.

**S6W-40267 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific steps it is taking to ensure that all NHS Scotland dental practices can meet patient demand within three months.

**S6W-40268 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many people abandoned calls to NHS 24 in the last year due to long wait times.

**S6W-40269 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of a net loss of over 30,000 private landlords since the COVID-19 pandemic.

**S6W-40270 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the effect of (a) rent controls and (b) other policies on the withdrawal of landlords from the rental market.

**S6W-40271 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of it declaring a housing emergency, how it will respond to the reported loss of 12,000 homes from the landlord register since May 2023.

**S6W-40272 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of there being a reported over 40,000 live applications for homelessness assistance, what urgent measures it is taking to reduce homelessness.

**S6W-40273 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase social housing completions, which reportedly fell by 16% in 2024-25.

**S6W-40275 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding reform of the energy profits levy.

**S6W-40277 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what response it has given to the reported calls from the Scottish Retail Consortium for no new business tax rises in the forthcoming Scottish Budget.

**S6W-40278 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered narrowing the tax divergence between Scotland and the rest of the UK for business rates.

**S6W-40280 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the future of maternity services in Caithness, what engagement it plans to have with local stakeholders, including the Caithness Health Action Team.

**S6W-40281 Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which raised concerns regarding high rates of maternal mortality and disparities in access to sexual and reproductive health services affecting women and girls in remote areas, and how it will address the report's recommendations, particularly in relation to maternity services in Caithness.

**S6W-40286 Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government when the next round of the Investing in Communities Fund (ICF) will be announced.

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**S6W-40287 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported calls from leading clinicians for a public debate on NHS reform, including the possibility of charging for some services.

**S6W-40288 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to ensure that the lessons identified in the Edinburgh trams inquiry are being applied to future infrastructure projects.

**S6W-40289 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many recommendations from the Penrose Inquiry have been fully implemented.

**S6W-40290 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent reports regarding the quality of police officer uniforms, what assessment it has made of the impact of poor-quality uniforms on officer safety, morale and operational effectiveness.

**S6W-40291 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will guarantee that no police officer has to purchase elements of their own kit.

**S6W-40292 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported projected loss of over 900 police officers to retirement by summer 2026.

**S6W-40293 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many police recruits are in training, and how many are expected to join the service in the next 12 months.

**S6W-40294 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce retention incentives to ensure experienced police officers remain in post.

**S6W-40295 Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many and (b) what proportion of police officer posts are vacant.

**S6W-40299 Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there is a transport service, including taxi provision, available to support individuals with addictions in travelling to and from the drug consumption facility in Glasgow, and, if so, how many individuals currently have access to or make use of this service.

**S6W-40300 Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will renew the Investing in Communities Fund after it ends in 2026.

**S6W-40301 Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that Scotland's rent adjudication system has resulted in rents raised above that which was requested by landlords, what its position is on whether the system is working as intended, and whether there are any plans to revisit this policy.

**S6W-40302 Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of Adult Disability claimants transferred from PIP have received a reassessment of their claim, and what the outcomes were of any such reassessment, including the percentage of claims that have (a) increased, (b) decreased and (c) remained the same. **R**

**S6W-40303 Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on whether stabilisation centres are used in any other European country as a flagship response to addiction, and, if so, whether it will provide international evidence of outcomes.

**S6W-40304 Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its *Stabilisation, detoxification and other crisis support in Scotland: Service mapping and capacity survey 2022–2023*, what the annual cost is of operating stabilisation centres, broken down by (a) total programme expenditure to date, (b) annual budgeted running costs per centre and (c) average per bed or per service user costs.

**S6W-40305 Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many individuals have completed a stay in a stabilisation centre since 2021, and of those individuals, how many subsequently accessed detoxification or residential rehabilitation.



## Amendments

### Amendments to Bills lodged on 2 September 2025

#### Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

##### Section 66A

**Pauline McNeill**

- 1 In section 66A, page 63, line 33, after <report> insert <—  
(i)>

**Pauline McNeill**

- 2 In section 66A, page 63, line 33, after <review> insert <, and  
(ii) setting out any changes to the law relating to corroboration in Scotland, whether by enactment or otherwise, which have taken place during the relevant review period>

#### Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

##### After section 18

**Daniel Johnson**

- 16 After section 18, insert—  
**<Conscientious objection: care home or hospice**
  - (1) A regulated care home or hospice is not under any duty (whether arising from any statutory or other legal requirement) to participate in, or require staff of the organisation to participate in, anything authorised by this Act to which that organisation has a conscientious objection.
  - (2) In any legal proceedings the burden of proof of conscientious objection is to rest on the person claiming to rely on it.>

**Daniel Johnson**

- 17 After section 18, insert—  
**<No detriment for care home or hospice not providing assistance**
  - (1) A regulated care home or hospice must not be subject to any detriment by a public authority as a result of—
    - (a) not providing assistance in accordance with this Act, or
    - (b) not permitting such assistance to take place on their premises.
  - (2) No funding given by a public authority to a regulated care home or hospice can be conditional on that care home or hospice—
    - (a) not providing assistance in accordance with this Act, or
    - (b) not permitting such assistance to take place on their premises.>

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## After section 25

**Daniel Johnson**

**18** After section 25, insert—

### <Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying

- (1) There is to be a body to be known as the Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying (“the Commission”).
- (2) The Commission is to consist of—
  - (a) the member of the Scottish Parliament who is for the time being convener of the committee whose remit includes responsibility for scrutiny of the Scottish Minister or Junior Scottish Minister responsible for legislation relating to assisted dying, and
  - (b) 4 other members of the Parliament appointed in accordance with standing orders.
- (3) The functions of the Commission are to—
  - (a) keep the operation of this Act under review, and
  - (b) report to the Parliament as it considers appropriate.
- (4) A report under subsection (3)(b) may include recommendations as to the effective operation of the Act.
- (5) In carrying out its functions, the Commission may require any person or body exercising functions under this Act to provide it with such documents, information and explanations about the exercise of those functions as the Commission reasonably considers necessary in connection with the discharge of its functions.
- (6) Schedule (*Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying*) makes further provision about the Commission.>

## After schedule 5

**Daniel Johnson**

**19** After schedule 5, insert—

### <SCHEDULE

(*introduced by section (Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying)*)

#### SCOTTISH COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING

- 1 The member of the Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying (“the Commission”) holding office under section (*Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying*)(2)(a) on a dissolution of the Parliament continues to hold office until a convener of the committee whose remit includes responsibility for scrutiny of the Scottish Minister or Junior Scottish Minister responsible for legislation relating to assisted dying, is appointed following a general election.
- 2 A member of the Commission appointed under section (*Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying*)(2)(b) holds office until the Parliament is dissolved unless the member previously resigns, ceases to be a member of the Parliament otherwise than by virtue of a dissolution or is removed from office by resolution of the Parliament.
- 3 The validity of any act of the Commission is not affected by any vacancy in its membership or by



any defect in the appointment, or qualification for membership, of any member.

- 4 The Commission may—
  - (a) determine its own procedure,
  - (b) appoint one of its members to preside at its meetings.
- 5 The Parliamentary corporation is to provide the Commission, or ensure that the Commission is provided, with the property, staff and services required for its purposes.
- 6 The Commission may give directions to the corporation for the purpose of or in connection with the exercise of the corporation's functions in relation to the Commission.
- 7 Any expenses incurred by the Commission in the exercise of its functions are to be paid by the corporation.
- 8 For the purposes of the law of defamation, the following are absolutely privileged—
  - (a) any statement made in proceedings of the Commission,
  - (b) the publication under the authority of the Commission of any statement, and
  - (c) any report to the Parliament under section (*Scottish Commission on Assisted Dying*)(3)(b).
- 9 In paragraph 8, “statement” has the same meaning as in the Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Act 2021.>

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## New Subordinate Legislation

### Subject to draft affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2025 and are subject to the draft affirmative procedure —

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 4(1) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025.

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Councillors\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under sections 5(3) and 72(3)(a) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025.

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 3(1) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025.

## Progress of Legislation

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

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

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is 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 Ill 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](mailto: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 (55<sup>th</sup> 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 (50<sup>th</sup> 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*

[\*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\*](mailto: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 (52<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)*

### **Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 3 June 2025

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

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*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team  
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### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 24 June 2025

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([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **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 (40<sup>th</sup> 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 (56<sup>th</sup> 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 (53<sup>rd</sup> 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 (62<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2024)*

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

Stage 1 completed, 27 March 2025

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team  
([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **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 (44<sup>th</sup> 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 (31<sup>st</sup> 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 (43<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2025)*

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

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Stage 2 completed, 2 April 2025

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*

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*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (39<sup>th</sup> 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 (54<sup>th</sup> 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) (2<sup>nd</sup> 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) (2<sup>nd</sup> Report, 2025)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> 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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56<sup>th</sup> Report, 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> 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) (5<sup>th</sup> 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) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill LCM-S6-61**

Lodged on 24 July 2025

*Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport*

### **Terminally Ill 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) (3<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2025)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29<sup>th</sup> 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**

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (6 June 2025) (Standards,

Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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### Subject to approval by 1 October 2025

[Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009 \(Scottish Carbon Budgets\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Climate Change \(Local Development Plan\) \(Repeals\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (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

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 August 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (28 August 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

### Subject to approval by 27 October 2025

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Councillors\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 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

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/678\)](#) (18 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

[Firefighters' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/187\)](#) (20 June 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/197\)](#) (25 June 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment 10 October 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 6 October 2025**

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

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

The following report was published on 2 September 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Employment Rights Bill (SP Paper 851)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

### Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SCoSS/2025/10)** laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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