

Wednesday 10 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

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Improving Scotland's
Finances

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Impact of
Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish
Local Government

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent:
Bus Services (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSI

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followed by Members' Business — S6M-
18138 Stuart McMillan: Improving Bladder
Cancer Diagnosis in Scotland

Committee Meetings

8:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

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Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Seafood Scotland regarding the development of the Scottish Ocean Cluster. ([S6O-04898](#))
- 2. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the justification was at the time for the purchase of Glen Prosen by Forestry and Land Scotland in November 2022, with a reported cost to the public of £17.6 million. ([S6O-04899](#))
- 3. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing to support sustainable farming and food production that is based on improving biodiversity. ([S6O-04900](#))
- 4. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the cross-government co-ordination on islands, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding action to ensure that island communities are protected through an effective flood resilience strategy, in light of Audit Scotland's reported findings on weaknesses in preparedness. ([S6O-04901](#))
- 5. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support small-scale food producers in rural communities, in light of its commitments under the National Good Food Nation Plan. ([S6O-04902](#))
- 6. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential impact on farmers and food producers of the introduction of meat-free days in public institutions, such as schools and hospitals. ([S6O-04903](#))
- 7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government at what stage the current funding application is for the Edinburgh Biomes project at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. ([S6O-04904](#))
- 8. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its policies on land reform and land use, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any action that can be taken to address concerns about derelict land and vacant buildings in urban areas, including Glasgow. ([S6O-04905](#))

Health and Social Care

- 1. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recently published report by National Records of Scotland, *Healthy Life Expectancy 2021-2023*. ([S6O-04906](#))
- 2. Mark Ruskell:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04907](#))
- 3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of children currently waiting for an ADHD assessment and the median length of wait. ([S6O-04908](#)) **R**
- 4. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details regarding the announcement that NHS Dumfries and Galloway has moved to stage 3 of the NHS Scotland Support and Intervention Framework. ([S6O-04909](#))

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5. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that paid-for visits at private health clinics in the first quarter of the year were at the highest level recorded in a single quarter. ([S6O-04910](#))

6. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the availability of residential social care beds in the west of Scotland, in light of reported closures and service reductions in the region. ([S6O-04911](#))

7. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's recently announced funding to test new ways to tackle obesity and the reported limited access to weight management treatments across Scotland, what steps it is taking to ensure that people in rural areas, such as Dumfries and Galloway, can access new weight loss treatments, including through innovative models such as pharmacist-led pilot schemes in GP practices. ([S6O-04912](#))

8. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is supporting adults with ADHD to access medication. ([S6O-04913](#))

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Improving Scotland's Finances

[S6M-18779](#) Murdo Fraser: Improving Scotland's Finances—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the Scottish Fiscal Commission's forecast of a £4.7 billion funding gap in 2029-30; recognises that without the Union dividend of £2,578 per person there would be a substantial deficit, with Scotland's 2024-25 net fiscal balancing standing at -£26.5 billion (-11.7% of GDP); regrets that the Scottish Government continues to dismiss these realities and prioritise constitutional campaigning over sound financial management; calls for urgent measures to restore credibility to Scotland's finances, including a full multi-year spending review to identify priorities, savings, and reform needs, a strategy to cap welfare spending growth, which is currently consuming a significant amount of resource growth, and create jobs by moving more people into work through reskilling and apprenticeships, a focus on productivity and economic growth to broaden Scotland's tax base by allowing businesses to thrive, and a robust public service reform and stronger Audit Scotland oversight to deliver better value; believes that the Parliament must focus on NHS waiting times, education standards, and community safety rather than fiscal denialism, and resolves that Scotland's future depends on fiscal discipline, growth, and accountable government within the United Kingdom.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-18779.3](#) Ivan McKee: Improving Scotland's Finances—As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "that Scotland's public services have been hampered by the UK Conservative administration's austerity budgets; recognises the deep harm that the UK Conservative administration has done to the economies of the UK and Scotland with Brexit, and that this has reduced Scotland's public spending by £2.3 billion annually; further recognises that this loss of public finances impacts on Scotland's vital public services, including Scotland's NHS, support for a just transition, and skills training; notes that a public sector reform programme is underway with the aim of saving public money while protecting the delivery of frontline services; believes that the UK Labour administration should either explore the application of wealth taxation or devolve the necessary powers to Scotland so that the Scottish Parliament can do so; welcomes that the Scottish Government has already announced plans for a three-year spending review to be published alongside the upcoming Budget, and believes that it is only with the powers of

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independence and full control of the fiscal levers that a truly sustainable and fair system can be developed to support efficiency and public service delivery.

[S6M-18779.2](#) Michael Marra: Improving Scotland's Finances—As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises that, as a result of the Barnett formula, spending per head of population is higher in Scotland and that full fiscal autonomy would end this arrangement."

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government

[S6M-18780](#) Craig Hoy: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government—That the Parliament acknowledges that the current number of asylum seekers accommodated in Scotland's local authority areas is becoming financially "unsustainable" for them, as confirmed by the Scottish National Party leader of Glasgow City Council; believes that asylum seekers should never have originally been accommodated in taxpayer-funded hotels; calls for the closure of all asylum hotels across Scotland as soon as possible, and rejects the Scottish Government's position outlined in its response to the UK Government's immigration white paper, which would see a further increase in the number of asylum seekers coming to Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-18780.3](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government—As an amendment to motion S6M-18780 in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert " reaffirms individuals' rights to asylum under international law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol; upholds the European Convention on Human Rights, and highlights Scotland's place in the world as a welcoming nation to those fleeing persecution, conflict or danger."

[S6M-18780.2](#) Mark Griffin: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government—As an amendment to motion S6M-18780 in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "regrets that the previous UK Conservative administration left the asylum system in a state of collapse; recognises the progress made by the UK Labour administration to clear the backlog of asylum claims, and believes that the failure to tackle the challenges facing Scotland's local authorities, public services and housing system, for which the Scottish Government has devolved responsibility and has received record levels of funding from the UK Labour administration, is the root cause of the housing emergency."

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Bus Services (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation

[S6M-18771](#) Fiona Hyslop: Bus Services (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees, in relation to the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 17 December 2024, and subsequently amended, that the five clauses affecting registration of zero-emission vehicles for local services in Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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followed by Business Motions

S6M-18788 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 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

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Motion of Condolence

followed by Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Care on the Isle of Skye

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

followed by Business Motions

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5.20 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (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 24 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 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.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-18789 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee; and

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

S6M-18790 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Foysol Choudhury be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

followed by Approval of SSI

S6M-18785 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]—That the Parliament recommends that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-18138 Stuart McMillan: Improving Bladder Cancer Diagnosis in Scotland—That the Parliament notes the view that it is important to improve bladder cancer diagnosis, care and treatment in Scotland, in light of reports that outcomes for patients lag behind outcomes for bladder cancer patients elsewhere in the UK and in Europe; further notes the view that there is a need to improve the availability of staff and resources to improve the standard of care, and to support all those involved in diagnosing and treating bladder cancer in Scotland, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, such as nurses, GPs, urological surgeons, oncologists and other specialised healthcare professionals; acknowledges what it sees as the current dedication, tirelessness and passion shown by those individuals and organisations, such as Fight Bladder Cancer, that work to ensure that the best care is provided for this potentially life-changing disease, and notes the calls for all organisations to play their part in ensuring that the general public has awareness of this cancer and its symptoms so that bladder cancer can be caught and treated as early as possible.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 25th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill from—
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Saskia Kearns, Team Leader, Learning for Sustainability and Outdoor Learning, Lewis Hedge, Deputy Director, Curriculum and Qualifications, and Kirstie McKerron, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Sheriff David Mackie, Chairperson, Hearings System Working Group;
Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor, and Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive, The Promise Scotland;
and then from—
Claire Burns, Director, CELCIS;
Kate Thompson, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Katy Nisbet, Head of Legal Policy, Clan Childlaw;
Maria Galli, Convener of the Child and Family Law Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland.
3. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 1 and 2.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Davy Russell will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence;
PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system;
PE2089: Stop More National Parks in Scotland;
PE2109: Halt any further pump storage hydro schemes on Scottish lochs holding wild Atlantic salmon;
PE2110: Protect wild wrasse stocks;
PE2112: Conduct an independent review of childcare costs and availability in Scotland;

PE2120: Permanently remove peak fare pricing from ScotRail services; and
PE1864: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2151: Grant protected status to primitive goat species in the Scottish Borders;
PE2153: Reduce council tax by 50% for single persons;
PE2157: Update planning advice for energy storage issues and ensure that it includes clear guidance for the location of battery energy storage systems near residences and communities;
PE2158: Introduce a maximum temperature for serving hot liquids to children in childcare settings;
PE2162: Prevent strangers from filming or photographing children in public play parks; and
PE2161: Extend the time period for complaints through the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman for neurodivergent people to two years.

Criminal Justice Committee 22nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Phil Fairlie, Assistant General Secretary, and John Cairney, Scottish National Committee Chair, Prison Officers Association (Scotland);
and then from—
Dr Victoria Marland, Lead researcher for Scottish Prison Service research project, Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science;
Detective Chief Superintendent Raymond Higgins, Police Scotland;
Jim Smith, Head of Operations and Public Protection, and Gillian Walker, Governor in Charge HMP Shotts, Scottish Prison Service.
2. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme and will further consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill and the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Public Audit Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.

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2. **The Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gregor Irwin, Director-General Economy, Richard Rollison, Director for International Trade and Investment, and Andy Hogg, Deputy Director Investment and Financial Services, Scottish Government.
3. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 3 September 2025

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followed by Members' Business

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2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing
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

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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

11 September 2025

22nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: funding for culture:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Alistair Mackie, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish National Orchestra;

Anne Lyden, Director General, National Galleries of Scotland;

Alison Turnbull, Director of External Relations and Partnerships, Historic Environment Scotland;

Tony Lankester, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at

james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

11 September 2025

22nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
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, not before 9.45am, take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;
Professor Stephen Sinclair, Chair, Poverty and Inequality Commission;
Emma Jackson, Head of Social Justice, Citizens Advice Scotland;
Edel Harris OBE, Chair, Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment.
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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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14th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Committee effectiveness (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at 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-18795](#) Kate Forbes: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty—**

That the Parliament recognises that demand for Scottish exports is strong due to Scotland's high-quality products and services, and its excellence in sectors such as food and drink, professional, scientific, and technical activities; notes that global trade challenges, including geopolitical uncertainty, Brexit, and trade tariffs, are having a detrimental impact on Scottish businesses; welcomes the Scottish Government's Six Point Export Plan, which is supporting Scottish businesses to respond to these challenges; notes that the additional support being provided, builds on effective and continued delivery of A Trading Nation, the Scottish Government's export growth strategy, as indicated through Scottish Enterprise's highest ever level of forecast export sales in 2024-25; acknowledges that meaningful collaboration between partners to promote Scotland internationally, using the Scottish Government-led award-winning Brand Scotland collateral, will boost awareness of Scotland's strengths and increase opportunities for export growth, and calls on the UK Government to fully address the continuing impacts of Brexit on Scottish and UK trade by rejoining the European Union, and reverse its damaging decision to increase employers' national insurance contributions, which is harming business confidence and Scotland's economy.

Supported by: Richard Lochhead*

[S6M-18780](#) Craig Hoy: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government—

That the Parliament acknowledges that the current number of asylum seekers accommodated in Scotland's local authority areas is becoming financially "unsustainable" for them, as confirmed by the Scottish National Party leader of Glasgow City Council; believes that asylum seekers should never have originally been accommodated in taxpayer-funded hotels; calls for the closure of all asylum hotels across Scotland as soon as possible, and rejects the Scottish Government's position outlined in its response to the UK Government's immigration white paper, which would see a further increase in the number of asylum seekers coming to Scotland.

***[S6M-18780.3](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government—**As an amendment to motion [S6M-18780](#) in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert " reaffirms individuals' rights to asylum under international law,

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including the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol; upholds the European Convention on Human Rights, and highlights Scotland's place in the world as a welcoming nation to those fleeing persecution, conflict or danger."

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*

***[S6M-18780.2](#) Mark Griffin: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government**—As an amendment to motion S6M-18780 in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "regrets that the previous UK Conservative administration left the asylum system in a state of collapse; recognises the progress made by the UK Labour administration to clear the backlog of asylum claims, and believes that the failure to tackle the challenges facing Scotland's local authorities, public services and housing system, for which the Scottish Government has devolved responsibility and has received record levels of funding from the UK Labour administration, is the root cause of the housing emergency."

***[S6M-18780.1](#) Jamie Greene: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government**—As an amendment to motion S6M-18780 in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "notes that Scotland has a long history of being, and has always been, a welcoming place for migrants; believes that community cohesion should transcend political boundaries and be a shared ambition for all; acknowledges that the housing of asylum seekers in Scotland is primarily the responsibility of Scottish local authorities, but the policy of using hotels was originally determined by the last UK Conservative administration; further acknowledges that local authorities and the NHS are under significant pressure from changes in the population and both UK and Scottish governments need to provide support and resources in order to deal with these changes, and believes that the UK Government ought to speed up the claims process, and consider measures to allow asylum seekers to contribute meaningfully to the economy whilst awaiting decision."

[S6M-18779](#) Murdo Fraser: Improving Scotland's Finances—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the Scottish Fiscal Commission's forecast of a £4.7 billion funding gap in 2029-30; recognises that without the Union dividend of £2,578 per person there would be a substantial deficit, with Scotland's 2024-25 net fiscal balancing standing at -£26.5 billion (-11.7% of GDP); regrets that the Scottish Government continues to dismiss these realities and prioritise constitutional campaigning over sound financial management; calls for urgent measures to restore credibility to Scotland's finances, including a full multi-year spending review to identify priorities, savings, and reform needs, a strategy to cap welfare spending growth, which is currently consuming a significant amount of resource growth, and create jobs by moving more people into work through reskilling and apprenticeships, a focus on productivity and economic growth to broaden Scotland's tax base by allowing businesses to thrive, and a robust public service reform and stronger Audit Scotland oversight to deliver better value; believes that the Parliament must focus on NHS waiting times, education standards, and community safety rather than fiscal denialism, and resolves that Scotland's future depends on fiscal discipline, growth, and accountable government within the United Kingdom.

***[S6M-18779.3](#) Ivan McKee: Improving Scotland's Finances**—As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "that Scotland's public services have been hampered by the UK Conservative administration's austerity budgets; recognises the deep harm that the UK Conservative administration has done to the economies of the UK and Scotland with Brexit, and that this has

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reduced Scotland's public spending by £2.3 billion annually; further recognises that this loss of public finances impacts on Scotland's vital public services, including Scotland's NHS, support for a just transition, and skills training; notes that a public sector reform programme is underway with the aim of saving public money while protecting the delivery of frontline services; believes that the UK Labour administration should either explore the application of wealth taxation or devolve the necessary powers to Scotland so that the Scottish Parliament can do so; welcomes that the Scottish Government has already announced plans for a three-year spending review to be published alongside the upcoming Budget, and believes that it is only with the powers of independence and full control of the fiscal levers that a truly sustainable and fair system can be developed to support efficiency and public service delivery.

Supported by: Shona Robison*, Kate Forbes*

***[S6M-18779.2](#) Michael Marra: Improving Scotland's Finances**—As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises that, as a result of the Barnett formula, spending per head of population is higher in Scotland and that full fiscal autonomy would end this arrangement."

***[S6M-18779.1](#) Jamie Greene: Improving Scotland's Finances**—As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), insert at end "further believes that fairness must lie at the heart of any welfare reform, which ensures that the most vulnerable in society are always protected and that future economic growth goes hand in hand with tackling climate change and improving the health and welfare of the working population, and calls for greater measures to assist those who are unable to work due to a lack of mental health or additional support needs, to ensure that everyone in Scotland is able to maximise their potential and contribute to the economy in a way that is suitable and safe for them."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-18790](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Foysol Choudhury be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

***[S6M-18789](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee; and

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

***[S6M-18788](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 September 2025

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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 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

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Motion of Condolence

followed by Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Care on the Isle of Skye

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.20 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (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 24 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

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 15 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-18785](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]**—That the Parliament recommends that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

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Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*

***[S6M-18784](#) Rachael Hamilton: BE Uniforms Marking Over 30 Years of Experience—**That the Parliament congratulates BE Uniforms on marking what it sees as over 30 years of success as a leading uniform provider; acknowledges its origins in Duns in 1989 as a family-run embroidery store; recognises the leadership of the managing directors, Ross and William Smillie, in building a company that continues to grow and flourish; commends its contribution to the community through the supply of school, work and teamwear, as well as the more than 150 jobs that it provides in the rural community; highlights what it sees as the positive impact that this has on the area's economy; applauds its recent achievement on being awarded the tender to provide kit and merchandise for Team Scotland at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, and considers that such businesses are important, bringing value to communities across Scotland.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Roz McCall*, Bill Kidd*, Murdo Fraser*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Jeremy Balfour*, Pam Gosal*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Liam Kerr*

***[S6M-18783](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Y-Sort-It on its 25th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Y-Sort-It for serving young people in the West Dunbartonshire area for 25 years; notes that it was founded in January 2000 after research showed that there was overwhelming support for youth service provision in the area; understands that it was launched by the Youth Management Committee, which believed that the service should be run for young people by young people; acknowledges that the organisation has been able to offer more opportunities and youth-friendly spaces for young people across the area with the expansion of their premises in Clydebank, Bonhill and Carbeth; hopes that all involved enjoy their celebration on 6 September 2025, in recognition of a fantastic 25 years; wishes them well for the future, and believes that Y-Sort-It will continue to grow from strength to strength.

***[S6M-18782](#) Martin Whitfield: Welcoming the Scottish Youth Parliament Manifesto 2026–2031—**That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Youth Parliament's (SYP) manifesto, *Dear Scotland's Future: For Young People, By Young People for the period 2026–2031*; understands that the manifesto reflects the voices of nearly 5,000 young people across all of Scotland's 32 local authority areas; believes that it builds on what it considers have been previous successes for the SYP, such as free bus travel for under-22s, incorporation of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots law and votes at 16; notes that the manifesto sets out five key themes, which are accessible, equitable and inclusive education, safe and supportive communities, a sustainable and renewable society, a just and fairer Scotland and empowering young people to claim their rights; considers that these priorities are rooted in young people's lived experiences, including concerns about mental health, education reform, affordable housing, climate change and tackling gender-based violence; acknowledges Article 12 of the UNCRC, which enshrines the right of young people to be listened to and taken seriously, and commits to giving full consideration to the views of Scotland's young people as expressed through the SYP manifesto in shaping future legislation and policy.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Mark Ruskell*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Foyso Choudhury*, Paul McLennan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Humza Yousaf*, Stuart McMillan*, Ross Greer*, Liam McArthur*, Alex Rowley*, Maggie Chapman*

***[S6M-18781](#) Bill Kidd: Symphony of Dreams Award 2025—**That the Parliament notes that the Glasgow charitable organisation, Symphony of Dreams, has been presented with a Non-Profit Organisation Award 2025 by AI Global Media, and understands that this award recognises the

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Symphony of Dreams founder, Linda Ann McConnell MBE, for her work in providing free musical instruments and the opportunity to learn to play them, particularly to local schools and children living in areas of low income and poverty.

Supported by: Rona Mackay*, Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Alasdair Allan*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*

***S6M-18778 Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Annamarie Vincze on Reaching 400 Clubbercise Classes in Aberdeen—**That the Parliament congratulates Annamarie Vincze on delivering over 400 Clubbercise classes in Aberdeen; recognises what it sees as the positive impact her sessions have had on supporting both physical and mental wellbeing in the community; acknowledges that the classes provide an inclusive and uplifting space that brings people together and fosters social connection; commends Clubbercise and Annamarie for their role in promoting fitness, inclusion and community spirit, and wishes Annamarie continued success in all future endeavours.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Paul McLennan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*, Alasdair Allan*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*

***S6M-18777 Humza Yousaf: Sixth Observance of the UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack—**That the Parliament recognises the sixth Observance of the UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack, on 9 September 2025; notes that this year's theme is on challenging narratives and reshaping action, focusing on the global problem of deliberate attacks on education and a call for the protection of education; acknowledges that the day of observance emphasises the importance of education as a fundamental right and a catalyst to ensure social cohesion and more sustainable and peaceful societies; understands that the number of attacks on schools has increased and that 2024 was the worst year since records began for children living in conflict zones who were killed, starved, injured and denied their fundamental human rights, including education; further understands with concern that attacks on education continue to increase in Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, Colombia and Gaza; expresses grave concern at what it sees as the clear scholasticide taking place in Gaza, where Israel has reportedly damaged or destroyed virtually every single school and university; believes that this is further evidence of war crimes being committed by the Israeli regime in Gaza, and recognises the importance of this day of Observance to call for an end of deliberate attacks on education systems, libraries and universities, which in turn obliterate and erase intellectual, cultural and social life in these nations.

Supported by: Evelyn Tweed*, Paul McLennan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Christine Grahame*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Alasdair Allan*, Audrey Nicoll*, Mercedes Villalba*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

***S6M-18776 Jackie Dunbar: Lovebridge Community Church Awarded £2,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund—**

That the Parliament congratulates Lovebridge Community Church, which is in the Middlefield area of Aberdeen Donside, on receiving a £2,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this award will allow the church to deliver two candle and soap making sessions for the wider community; recognises the work that the church does within the local community, and wishes it all the best.

Supported by: Colin Beattie, Bill Kidd, Annabelle Ewing, Paul McLennan, Miles Briggs, Emma Harper, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*

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***[S6M-18775](#) Jackie Dunbar: Oasis Christian Fellowship Awarded £9,538 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Oasis Christian Fellowship, which is based in the Bridge of Don area of Aberdeen Donside, on receiving a £9,538 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this award will allow the group to purchase music equipment so that it can support community groups and individuals; commends the work carried out by Oasis Christian Fellowship, and wishes it all the best for the future.

Supported by: Paul McLennan, Annabelle Ewing, Alasdair Allan, Miles Briggs, Colin Beattie, Emma Harper, Marie McNair*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*

***[S6M-18774](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]**—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart

***[S6M-18773](#) Jackie Dunbar: Grampian SeaShed Awarded £9,750 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Grampian SeaShed on receiving a £9,750 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; understands that this award will allow the group to deliver fortnightly social events for retired seafarers that act as an opportunity to strengthen social connections and to reduce isolation; notes that Grampian SeaShed, which was founded in 2017 by the former port chaplain, Howard Drysdale, aims to reduce loneliness, share stories and build friendships after a life at sea, with the group meeting on a bi-weekly basis at King's Church in the Bridge of Don area of the Aberdeen Donside constituency; commends the incredible work carried out by Grampian SeaShed, and wishes it all the best for the future.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll, Bill Kidd, Annabelle Ewing, Miles Briggs, Emma Harper, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-18772](#) Jackie Dunbar: Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed Awarded £18,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-18770](#) Jackie Dunbar: Kingswells Community Centre Awarded £19,295 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-18769](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Action on Disability Limited Awarded £125,730 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*

[S6M-18768](#) Jackie Dunbar: Grampian Women's Aid Limited Awarded £167,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Stuart McMillan*

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S6M-18767 Annie Wells: Pavlova Bakery Puts Glasgow on the Global Dessert Map (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18766 Annie Wells: Colourful Transformation for Glasgow Street (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Russell Findlay*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*

S6M-18765 Alasdair Allan: 57% of Children Entering Gaelic Medium Education Primary 1 in Western Isles (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18762 Jackie Dunbar: Brain Health Services Pilot Report (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18761 Mercedes Villalba: Celebrating 157th Annual TUC Congress (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-18760 Alexander Stewart: Extreme Concern for Forth Valley College Alloa Campus (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Roz McCall*

S6M-18759 Jeremy Balfour: Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre Report 2024–25 (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18758 Jeremy Balfour: Vintage Vibes 10th Anniversary (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18756 Tess White: Celebrating 30 Years of Montrose Basin Wildlife Reserve and Visitor Centre (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Paul Sweeney*, Roz McCall*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*

S6M-18755 Tess White: 100 Years of Montrose Tennis Courts and Pavilion (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

S6M-18754 Keith Brown: Calling for Forth Valley College's Clackmannanshire Campus in Alloa to be Kept Open (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart*

S6M-18753 Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2025 – Protecting Your Business, People and Community (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

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S6M-18749 Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the Contribution of Dr Liz Cameron (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul McLennan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Brian Whittle*, Sarah Boyack*, Alexander Burnett*, Foyso Choudhury*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annie Wells*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18748 Liam Kerr: Congratulating Maryculter House on the Occasion of its 800th Anniversary (lodged on 05 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

S6M-18738 Annie Wells: Springburn Community Festival, Celebrating Heritage, Fun and Togetherness (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-18737 Mercedes Villalba: Benefits of a 4 Day Week (lodged on 08 September 2025)

New Support: Maggie Chapman* R

S6M-18734 Murdo Fraser: Dr Liz Cameron, CEO of Scottish Chambers of Commerce Standing Down (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-18729 Annie Wells: Flamingo Beach Makes Waves for Glasgow Children's Hospital (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-18728 Rachael Hamilton: Duns Food Bank (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-18725 Alexander Burnett: Celebrating 150 Years of the Albert Memorial Hall in Ballater (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-18723 Sandesh Gulhane: National Eye Health Week (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

S6M-18709 Paul Sweeney: Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*

S6M-18675 Maggie Chapman: Celebrating ScrapAntics in Dundee (lodged on 04 September 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Kenneth Gibson*

S6M-18673 Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Montrose Community Trust (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Ariane Burgess*

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[S6M-18672](#) Maggie Chapman: Montrose LandxSea Film Festival (lodged on 02 September 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Alex Rowley*, Ariane Burgess*, Kenneth Gibson*

[S6M-18624](#) Paul Sweeney: Dying in Poverty at the End of Life in Scotland 2025 (lodged on 27 August 2025)

New Support: James Dornan*

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

New Support: Daniel Johnson*

[S6M-17234](#) Pam Gosal: Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman" (lodged on 22 April 2025)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*

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Written Questions

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

Written questions lodged on 09 September 2025

S6W-40247 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce direct dermatology referral pathways from community optometry and pharmacy, where appropriate.

S6W-40248 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what activity it is carrying out to promote (a) the early presentation of skin health concerns and (b) sun-safety, particularly among younger adults.

S6W-40249 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of people in Scotland likely to have been exposed in utero, or otherwise, to the pregnancy medication, stilbestrol (DES), and how this estimate has been derived.

S6W-40250 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commission an independent review of records retention and data gaps that affect the identification of people exposed to the pregnancy medication, stilbestrol (DES).

S6W-40251 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what support services are available for families affected by exposure to the pregnancy medication, stilbestrol (DES), including fertility, cancer screening and psychological support.

S6W-40252 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will establish a public information campaign outlining the potential risks associated with historic exposure to the pregnancy medication, stilbestrol (DES), and providing advice on accessing NHS care in light of these risks.

S6W-40258 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has received regarding the compatibility of large-scale emergency prisoner release with victims' rights legislation, also broken down by who provided this advice.

S6W-40266 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it will respond to the reported claims by the British Dental Association that the current NHS Scotland dentistry model is "flawed" and causing widening oral health inequalities.

S6W-40276 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs in Scotland it estimates will be lost if oil and gas production falls in the reported timescales suggested in a recent report by Offshore Energy UK suggesting that, without replacing the Energy Profits Levy in the next year with a profits-based mechanism to encourage investment and output, North Sea oil and gas production could disappear "within years, not decades".

S6W-40400 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what advice it has issued to (a) landlords and (b) tenants regarding any risks associated with Large Panel System concrete.

S6W-40413 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many knife-related offences have been prosecuted in each year since 2015, and how many subsequent convictions there were.

S6W-40424 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards offer thrombectomy services, and for what hours of the day.

S6W-40428 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much core funding Forth Valley College has received annually since 2016.

S6W-40429 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many teaching and support staff jobs at (a) Forth Valley College and (b) other further education colleges are at risk due to funding pressures.

S6W-40441 Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-40340 by Fiona Hyslop on 5 September 2025, whether it plans for battery-electric trains

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procured for routes in Fife to be used in the operation of services in the North East Fife constituency.

S6W-40442 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to seek stakeholder input into the development of the Agri-Environment and Climate Scheme, and what the timeline is for any stakeholder engagement.

S6W-40443 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it is proceeding with the proposed development of Coul Links, in light of the reported assessment by NatureScot that it might cause irreversible damage to a nationally important dune ecosystem and concerns that the project could undermine its commitments to halt biodiversity loss.

S6W-40444 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the development of Coul Links, and in light of the reported over 700 formal objections submitted, including from conservation bodies, scientists and residents, how it is ensuring that community and expert voices are being heard as well as those of private commercial interests.

S6W-40445 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the permanent removal of ScotRail peak fares on season ticket holders, and whether regular commuters will receive proportionate financial benefits compared to occasional travellers.

S6W-40446 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government, following the removal of ScotRail peak fares, whether it will review the proposed reduction in season ticket discounts to ensure that regular rail users are not financially disadvantaged.

S6W-40447 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason a stroke thrombectomy service is not currently available in Glasgow on a 24/7 basis.

S6W-40448 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on aiming to ensure that all NHS Scotland dental practices can see patients within three months of an appointment request.

S6W-40449 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish Water will publish an update to its 2024 sewage overflow data to include data from event duration monitors that have been installed as part of the Improving Urban Waters Routemap and that were not included in the original publication in March 2025.

S6W-40450 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the potential impact on Scotland's economy, whether it will engage with the UK Government and Serco regarding the reported award of the Defence Maritime Service Next Generation Vessel Replacement Project to the Netherlands-based Damen Shipyards Group and ask for consideration to be given to the subcontracting of the work to shipyards in Scotland under social value requirements, similar to how the new Mersey Ferry contract was awarded to the Damen Group and then subcontracted to APCL Cammell Laird at Birkenhead.

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New Bills Bilean Ùra				

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 9 September 2025

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A Supplementary Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 44A–FM) and a Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 44A–FM) have been printed. (Government Bill)

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Amendments Atharrachaidhean				

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 9 September 2025

Housing (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

After section 27

Maggie Chapman

44 After section 27, insert—

<Protection against eviction

Protection against eviction: winter

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within one year of Royal Assent, by regulations make provision for protection against eviction to apply during the period of time from 1 November in each year to 31 March in the following year.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1)—
 - (a) must exclude evictions relating to—
 - (i) criminal behaviour,
 - (ii) antisocial behaviour,
 - (b) may exclude such other evictions as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) must include safeguards for landlords in relation to—
 - (a) substantial rent arrears,
 - (b) financial hardship.
- (4) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) must consult persons who appear to them to represent the interests of tenants and landlords, and
 - (b) may consult any other person they consider appropriate.>

Before section 31

Maggie Chapman

45 Before section 31, insert—

<Amount of deposits

Amount of deposit

- (1) The Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 90(3) (interpretation of Part VIII), for the seventh “of” substitute “specified by Scottish Ministers in regulations under section 89A, such amount being less than”.>

After section 45

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Maggie Chapman

46 After section 45, insert—

<Rough sleeping

Review of data on rough sleeping

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must carry out a review of data on rough sleeping in Scotland.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must, in particular, consider—
 - (a) the sources of data on rough sleeping,
 - (b) how collection of data on rough sleeping could be improved.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, within 2 years of Royal Assent, publish a report on the review.
- (4) A report under subsection (3) must set out any action the Scottish Ministers plan to take as a result of the review.>

After section 51F

Maggie Chapman

47 After section 40 insert—

<Private Rented Sector Charter

Private Rented Sector Charter

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 12 months of the coming into force of this section, publish a document to be known as the Private Rented Sector Charter (“the Charter”).
- (2) The Charter must set out a summary of—
 - (a) the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants under a relevant tenancy,
 - (b) the processes for dispute resolution between landlords and tenants under a relevant tenancy.
- (3) The Charter must also include standards and outcomes which landlords should aim to achieve when performing housing activities in relation to a relevant tenancy.
- (4) Nothing in the Charter is to—
 - (a) give rise to any new rights,
 - (b) impose any new responsibilities, or
 - (c) alter (in any way) an existing right or responsibility.
- (5) In developing the Charter, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (6) The Charter is to be published in such form and manner as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate and laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must make available without charge copies of the Charter to members of the public.
- (8) In carrying out the duty under subsection (6), the Scottish Ministers must take account of the particular needs of the persons to whom the Charter is to be made available as to the form of the Charter (for example by making it available in different languages or in Braille or by having regard

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to the particular needs of adults with incapacity within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000).

- (9) Any person who is, or is to be, the landlord under a relevant tenancy must provide the person who is, or is to be, the tenant with a copy of the Charter—
 - (a) in the case of a relevant tenancy that commenced prior to the day this section comes into force, within 3 months of the Charter being laid under subsection (6),
 - (b) in the case of a new tenancy, before the day on which the tenancy commences.
- (10) In relation to a tenancy to which the Charter laid under subsection (6) is relevant, a court or tribunal may take into account the Charter, including whether a copy of the Charter has been provided in accordance with subsection (9).
- (11) In this section, “relevant tenancy” means a private residential tenancy or assured tenancy.>

Section 52

Maggie Chapman

- 48 In section 52, page 83, line 1, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Referral for removal from register*)(1),>

Maggie Chapman

- 49 In section 52, page 83, line 1, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Appointment and removal*)(3),>

Maggie Chapman

- 50 In section 52, page 83, line 1, after <18(1)> insert <, or (*Protection against eviction: winter*)(1)>

Maggie Chapman

- 51 In section 52, page 83, line 1, after <or (5)> insert <, or (*Compulsory sale or lease orders*)(2) or (4)>

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Progress of Legislation

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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)

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)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 10 September 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 September 2025

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 17 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55th Report, 2025)

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 10 September 2025

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 11 June 2025

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

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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

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 September 2025

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

Passed, 23 March 2021

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

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Introduced, 23 April 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

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

Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 3 June 2025

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (59th Report, 2025)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 24 June 2025

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 September 2025

Stage 1 Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (49th Report, 2025)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 10 September 2025

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

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

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

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

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

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

Introduced, 17 March 2025

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

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 9 September 2025

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 11 March 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)

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

Stage 2 (evidence (Education, Children and Young People Committee)), 10 September 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 19 June 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (44th Report, 2025)

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

Stage 1 Report (Education, Children and Young People Committee) published, 9 September 2025

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (43rd Report, 2025)

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 16 September 2025

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 September 2025

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

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 11 September 2025

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

Lodged on 12 June 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

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

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

Lodged on 3 June 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

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

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

Bus Services (No. 2) Bill LCM-S6-63

Lodged on 5 September 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 10 September 2025

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

Lodged on 12 June 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

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

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b

Lodged on 1 August 2025

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

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

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Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53b

Lodged on 14 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 September 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (6th Report, 2025)

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

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56a

Lodged on 13 August 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (61st Report, 2025)

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

Lodged on 21 March 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

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

Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting of the Parliament, 19 February 2025

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

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

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill LCM-S6-61

Lodged on 24 July 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Terminally 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) (3rd Report, 2025)

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

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Subject to approval by 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)

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[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)

Subject to approval by 28 October 2025

[Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval by 30 October 2025

[Carer's Assistance \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (5 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment 10 September 2025

Lead committee report due by 8 September 2025

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[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)

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)

Subject to annulment 29 October 2025
Lead committee report due by 27 October 2025

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/244\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/241\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/245\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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Petitions Athchuingean				

Petitions

The following petition was lodged by the Parliament on 09 September 2025:

PE2181: Remove teachers' ability to backdate and alter school records

PP2182: Review the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act and introduce a minimum sentence for severe offences

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 9 September 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within
devolved competence in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (SP Paper 855)

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