

Thursday 25 September 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18709 Paul Sweeney: Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: One Scotland, Many Voices: A Shared Future

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: Financial Resolution

followed by Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18544 Christine Grahame: Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025

Committee Meetings

8:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest *Homelessness in Scotland* statistics. ([S6O-04978](#))

2. Ben Macpherson: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04979](#))

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many free personal care hours were assessed by local authorities to be needed, but were subsequently not delivered, in 2024-25. ([S6O-04980](#))

4. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Orkney regarding reported delays in ophthalmology appointments for patients. ([S6O-04981](#))

5. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions that it has had with Police Scotland about the policing of protests outside hotels and other accommodation for people seeking asylum. ([S6O-04982](#))

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the steps that it is taking to increase service capacity in GP practices within NHS Grampian. ([S6O-04983](#))

7. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports youth employment in the Rutherglen constituency, including through employability services. ([S6O-04984](#)) **R**

8. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Distress Brief Intervention programme. ([S6O-04985](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04318](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04319](#))

3. Ross Greer: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04320](#))

4. Elena Whitham: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of any implications for its work to address poverty amongst older people of recent findings by the Living Wage Foundation that a majority of people on a low-income pension in the UK are unable to cover basic living costs. ([S6F-04335](#))

5. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that proposed changes to the counting method for NHS waiting lists will result in numbers falling despite no more patients being seen. ([S6F-04327](#))

6. Foyso Choudhury: To ask the First Minister what urgent action the Scottish Government is taking in light of Public Health Scotland's estimate that dementia in Scotland is set to rise by more than 50% by 2044. ([S6F-04336](#))

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S6M-18709 Paul Sweeney: Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation

Frigate—That the Parliament welcomes the reported £10 billion deal for the UK to supply at least five Type 26 class frigates to Norway, which will be built by the Govan and Scotstoun shipyards on the River Clyde in Glasgow; notes with optimism the potential for the largest shipbuilding export deal in Scottish history to secure and create a significant number of highly skilled jobs in the shipbuilding industry and associated advanced manufacturing supply chain; understands that Scotland's shipyards now hold an orderbook for an expected 18 frigates and 13 Type 26 vessels for the Royal Navy and Royal Norwegian Navy, and five Type 31 vessels for the Royal Navy; further understands that that is the largest surface naval shipbuilding programme in Europe, and that it is rivalled only by those in the United States and China; recognises what it sees as the vital role of this industry to Scotland's economy; notes calls for the Scottish and UK governments to work collaboratively to aim to ensure that Scotland's firms and workers are at the forefront of this project, and to maximise the economic benefit and long-term security for communities across Scotland, and further notes the calls on them to consider ways of building on this with a comprehensive national shipbuilding strategy for Scotland that will secure further naval and commercial shipbuilding contracts for the country's shipyards.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

- 1. Michael Matheson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting current, and developing future, supply chain opportunities in the renewable energy sector. ([S6O-04986](#))
- 2. Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with stakeholders regarding the development and scaling up of sustainable aviation fuel production, in light of the need to support the infrastructure, skills, and supply chains required to make Scotland a leader in the sector. ([S6O-04987](#))
- 3. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with community groups that have raised concerns regarding the proliferation of energy infrastructure, including pylons, battery energy storage systems and wind farms. ([S6O-04988](#))
- 4. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the UK Government's energy policy, including licensing decisions and investment priorities, on jobs in Scotland's offshore energy sector and on progress towards a just transition. ([S6O-04989](#))
- 5. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the *Scottish Biodiversity Strategy to 2045*, including in relation to riparian woodland planting. ([S6O-04990](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to improve night-time public transport connections between city centres and suburban areas, including support for late-night bus and rail services to improve affordability, safety and service reliability. ([S6O-04991](#))
- 7. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress on the development and expansion of heat networks across Scotland, including any plans it has to accelerate deployment to meet heat network decarbonisation targets. ([S6O-04992](#))

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8. Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that Scotland is ready to recycle and repurpose textile waste when the landfill ban comes into force at the end of this year. ([S6O-04993](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: One Scotland, Many Voices: A Shared Future

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

[S6M-19027](#) Ben Macpherson: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill.

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

[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.

followed by Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

[S6M-19035](#) Shona Robison: Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Dr Eleanor Ryan and Justine Riccomini be appointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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

[S6M-18544](#) Christine Grahame: Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025—That the Parliament recognises Organ Donation Week, which runs from 22 to 28 September 2025, as what it sees as a vital moment to highlight the life-saving power of organ and tissue donation; understands that the opt-out system for organ and tissue donation in Scotland, which was implemented in 2021, still relies on family agreement; considers that many refusals happen because wishes are not discussed in advance; understands that in 2024-25, 274 people in

Scotland benefitted from a transplant compared with 390 in 2023-24, which, it believes, is a worrying trend; welcomes the Scottish Government’s “Don’t Leave Your Loved Ones in Doubt” campaign, which urges registration and open talks; notes the support for engaging young people and the view that colleges and universities should help educate through the use of QR codes; values the reported role of faith leaders in confirming that there are no religious barriers to donation and clearing up myths; understands that nearly 8,000 people in the UK, including people in Scotland, await transplants, and notes the encouragement for all eligible individuals to register, share their wishes and help to save lives.

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: funding for culture:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Iain Munro, Chief Executive, and Alastair Evans, Director of Strategy and Planning, Creative Scotland;
and then from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Lisa Baird, Deputy Director, Culture and Historic Environment, and Alison Byrne, Chief Executive, National Records of Scotland, Scottish Government.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Julie Humphreys, Director Tackling Child Poverty & Social Justice, James Wallace, Deputy Director, Social Justice Finance Lead, and Ian Davidson, Deputy Director, Social Security Policy, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
4. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will receive a briefing on the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of its approach to developing its work programme.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 16th 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 continue its consideration of a draft report.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 September 2025

Tuesday 30 September 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Techscaler Programme

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18736 Fulton MacGregor: Commending Give Blood 4 Good's Efforts to Secure Scotland's Blood Supply

Wednesday 1 October 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

Health and Social Care

followed by Opposition Debate: Scottish Labour 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 — S6M-18639 Rona Mackay: International FASD Day and the Need for Awareness

Thursday 2 October 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-18953 Ariane Burgess: Investing in Rail to Unlock the Wealth and Economic Potential of the Highlands

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Justice and Housing

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followed by Stage 1 Debate: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 October 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 October 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 Opposition Business: 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 9 October 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 Stage 1 Debate: Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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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.

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

Motions for Debate

***[S6M-19067](#) Shona Robison: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund in consequence of the Act.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-19043](#) Emma Harper: Supporting People Living with Secondary Breast Cancer in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises that October 2025 is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; welcomes the raising of awareness of secondary (metastatic) breast cancer, which, it understands, is an incurable disease that affects an estimated 61,000 people across the UK, including around 4,000 in Scotland; acknowledges that this condition occurs when cancer cells spread from the breast to other parts of the body; understands that it is one of the leading causes of death among women under 50 in the UK; believes with concern that many people are unaware of the condition and its symptoms, and that misconceptions persist around its nature and terminology; understands that Public Health Scotland does not currently collect comprehensive data on metastatic cancer, particularly in cases where it is a recurrence of primary breast cancer; notes commitments made in the Scottish Government's 2016 strategy, Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action, and the 2023-2026 Cancer Action Plan, to progress data collection; further notes calls from charities such as Make 2nds Count and Breast Cancer Now for improved national data collection, better access to specialist care and increased investment in research and support services; commends the work of these organisations in supporting patients and families, raising awareness and advocating for change, and notes requests for the Scottish Government to ensure that the commitment to improve data collection on metastatic cancers is fulfilled by March 2026, and that people living with the condition are better supported, counted and empowered. **R**

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S6M-19073](#) Sandesh Gulhane: Celebrating Success at the 2025 SURF Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Routes to Work South on What I Need in Life (WIN) being shortlisted in the Removing Barriers to Employability category of what it considers the prestigious SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration 2025; notes that these awards identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scotland's communities; understands that WIN is a holistic service, delivered in Rutherglen and Blantyre, which is co-designed with clients and offers participants a chance to build confidence and structure in their lives in a safe and supported environment; notes that it adopts a whole-person approach, incorporating physical, emotional, mental, and social aspects, while removing barriers to progression and enabling meaningful participation; congratulates all involved in the project, and wishes all at WIN well in their future endeavours.

***[S6M-19072](#) David Torrance: Celebrating 30 Years of Kirkcaldy Ladies Probus Club** —That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkcaldy Ladies Probus Club on its 30th anniversary; recognises that the club was founded by Mildred Macfie and Enid Allan following contacts made at a bridge conference and that its inaugural meeting took place on 6 September 1995 at the Parkway Hotel; welcomes the club's 30th anniversary celebration at the Strathearn Hotel on 17 September 2025, at which many founding and past officers gathered to mark three decades of friendship and civic contribution; notes that the club now has over 90 members, meets 10 times a year and supports a wide range of interest groups, including craft, gardening, walking, golf, and book and theatre groups; acknowledges what it sees as the important role that the Kirkcaldy Ladies Probus Club has played in combating isolation, encouraging civic participation and enriching community life in Kirkcaldy and the wider Fife area over 30 years, and wishes it all the very best for the future.

***[S6M-19069](#) John Mason: Food Loss and Waste Reduction**—That the Parliament notes that 29 September 2025 marks the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste Reduction, as established by the UN to raise awareness of the environmental, economic and social impacts of food loss and waste; understands that one-third of all food produced globally is lost or wasted, contributing to food insecurity, environmental degradation and economic inefficiency; recognises the importance of reducing food waste through better production, distribution and consumption practices and, and supports efforts in Scotland and worldwide to raise awareness, promote sustainability and reduce food loss and waste at every stage of the food supply chain.

***[S6M-19068](#) George Adam: University of the West of Scotland Named University of the Year for Social Inclusion 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) on being named Scottish University of the Year for Social Inclusion in *The Times and The Sunday Times 2026 Good University Guide*; recognises the hard work of those within the university and the commitment to learning and inclusion of the students; understands that 48.8% of the university's students are the first in their family to go to university and that 32% of students are from areas of multiple deprivation; acknowledges that the university was also ranked first in the Higher Education Policy Institute's Scottish social mobility index, and appreciates the work that the university continues to undertake to recognise social justice.

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***[S6M-19065](#) Clare Haughey: What I Need in Life Service Shortlisted for a Prestigious Regeneration Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Routes to Work South, which has a base in Cambuslang, on its What I Need in Life (WIN) service being shortlisted in the Removing Barriers to Employability category at the 2025 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community

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Regeneration; notes that the category recognises projects that support community regeneration by providing skills and employability support to help people fulfil their potential; understands that WIN is a holistic service co-designed by clients and delivered in Rutherglen and Blantyre, which adopts a whole-person approach to focus on improving wellbeing, resilience and motivation to increase individuals' confidence and give them hope for the future; commends the staff at Routes to Work South for their continued commitment to helping people overcome complex barriers and progressing into employment, and wishes the team all the very best in their future endeavours.

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***S6M-19064 Keith Brown: Congratulation to Sauchie Juniors Academy**—That the Parliament congratulates Sauchie Juniors Academy on the outstanding work that it is doing in the community, which was highlighted during UEFA Grassroots Week; considers that it is more than a football club, by offering opportunities for people of all ages through activities such as walking football, Sauchie Juniors Warriors FC, women's recreational football and Menopause Goals; commends its success in encouraging the growth of the women's and girls' game; notes the pathway that it provides for young players to progress into the men's and women's first teams; applauds the club's wider community commitments, including its strong engagement with the area's schools and charity fundraising; acknowledges its environmental commitments, such as its football boot recycling scheme, which, it believes, helps to break down barriers to participation and promotes sustainability; welcomes that all under-16s are able to attend senior home games free of charge; pays tribute to the staff, volunteers and partners who help make this possible; considers that Sauchie Juniors is a true community hub, and thanks the club for the positive difference it believes that it continues to make to people's lives across the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency.

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***S6M-19062 Sandesh Gulhane: Parkinson's Scottish International Open 2025**—That the Parliament commends the Parkinson's Scottish Table Tennis Association, Table Tennis Scotland and Parkinson's UK Scotland for the success of the Parkinson's Scottish International Open 2025, which took place on 16 and 17 August at Inverclyde Sports Centre; congratulates the 80 players who took part, and those who won medals; celebrates that competitors represented Hungary, Spain, Poland, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Ireland, England, Northern Ireland, and Scotland, with several Scottish players among the medallists; believes that regular physical activity can help people to manage their Parkinson's symptoms, improve mental health and may even slow the progression of Parkinson's; values the partnership between Table Tennis Scotland and Parkinson's UK Scotland, which is delivering opportunities for people with Parkinson's to play table tennis in a supportive community setting, with nine dedicated Parkinson's table tennis sessions and four Parkinson's-friendly sessions taking place across Scotland, including the weekly Drumchapel Parkinson's Table Tennis Group at the Drumchapel Sports Centre, Glasgow, and looks forward to further growth in Parkinson's table tennis in Scotland. **R**

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***S6M-19061 Rona Mackay: Tribute to Community Champion Ivor McClure**—That the Parliament pays tribute to community stalwart, Ivor McClure, of Lennoxton in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, who sadly passed away on 18 September 2025; expresses heartfelt

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gratitude for Ivor's tireless efforts over many years to make life better for people throughout East Dunbartonshire, volunteering in multiple environmental projects, including being the driving force behind Lennoxton Environmental Group, which led to him being named East Dunbartonshire Sustainable Champion in the 2024 Provost Community Champion awards; further expresses gratitude for Ivor's work as a member, volunteer and for serving on the board of trustees with Group Recovery Aftercare Service (GRACE), which is based in Kirkintilloch, and provides a safe space to support anyone who has experienced life trauma; understands that Ivor actively promoted the ways in which the environment can have a positive effect on mental health; recognises that, as a founding member of Friends of Campsie High Kirk, Ivor was instrumental in helping to shape the vision for the Kirk's regeneration; offers its sincere condolences to Ivor's family and many friends, and sends every kind wish of comfort to all those whose lives Ivor touched in the constituency of Strathkelvin and Bearsden and beyond.

***[S6M-19059](#) Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Professors Recognised for Pioneering Engineering Achievements—**That the Parliament congratulates professors Konstantinos Kontis and Douglas Paul of the University of Glasgow on being made Fellows of the Royal Academy of Engineering; recognises what it sees as their outstanding and pioneering contributions to the fields of aerospace engineering, quantum technology, and sensor innovation, which have advanced knowledge, improved industrial processes, and inspired the next generation of engineers; acknowledges the international impact of their research, including breakthroughs in high-speed flows, MEMS gravimetry, and photodetector technologies, and the ways in which their work has influenced both academic and industrial practices globally; further acknowledges their leadership in fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, mentoring students and strengthening partnerships between academia, industry and government, and understands that their election to this prestigious Fellowship reflects not only their individual achievements but also the collaborative and innovative environment cultivated at the University of Glasgow, highlighting Scotland's continuing reputation for excellence in engineering and scientific innovation, to engineer better lives through sustainable, resilient and cutting-edge technologies that address global challenges such as climate change, net zero energy solutions and advanced industrial systems.

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***[S6M-19057](#) Finlay Carson: LIFT D&G Shortlisted in Prestigious Regeneration Competition.—**That the Parliament congratulates LIFT D&G on its project, A Creative Approach to Revitalising Lochside, being shortlisted in the Creative Regeneration category of the 2025 Scotland's Regeneration Forum (SURF) Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration; notes that these awards, which it considers are prestigious, identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve communities; recognises that SURF is a charity boasting a membership of more than 300 organisations that are concerned with the regeneration of socially and economically challenged communities across the country; notes that the awards are independently judged by a panel of 20 regeneration experts; further notes that the panel announced its shortlist on 19 September 2025; acknowledges that these awards provide an opportunity for regeneration projects to demonstrate value to funders, partners and the general public, support team-building and develop a national profile, notes that the winners will be announced at a presentation event at the beginning of December, and wishes LIFT D&G every success in the coming weeks and months ahead.

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***[S6M-19056](#) Emma Harper: Commending the NHS Dumfries and Galloway Resuscitation**

Team—That the Parliament commends what it sees as the outstanding work of the resuscitation training team at NHS Dumfries and Galloway on its members' recent efforts to improve public awareness and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); recognises, that during the national initiative, Restart a Heart, the team successfully trained 670 members of the public across the region, exceeding the target of 500 participants; acknowledges the visit by James Cant, the Chief Executive of the Resuscitation Council UK, who, it understands, praised the team's dedication and impact and commended the team for being an exemplary service in Scotland; considers CPR training to be important in improving survival rates from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, and congratulates all in the NHS Dumfries and Galloway resuscitation training team for their leadership in promoting lifesaving skills and community engagement.

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***[S6M-19055](#) Ariane Burgess: Celebrating the Coastal Community Network's**

Achievements—That the Parliament congratulates the Coastal Communities Network (CCN) on achieving charitable status; believes that the coalition of over 30 community groups is a world-leading initiative; acknowledges that it aims to connect and strengthen community-led efforts to protect and restore the marine environment; understands that members of CCN work together to address a number of vital marine issues, such as marine litter and unsustainable aquaculture, and advocate for increased restoration of the marine environment and support for sustainable, low-impact fisheries that benefit coastal communities and nature; considers that community-led organisations, such as the membership of CCN, bring a valuable contribution to the protection and recovery of Scotland's waters; believes there is a need for greater support for community groups working to protect their marine environments; notes what it sees as the value of including community voices at a national level in marine decision-making, and considers that there is a fundamental link between a healthy marine environment and the long-term wellbeing and prosperity of coastal communities.

***[S6M-19053](#) Tess White: Construction Starts on Montrose Port's Inch Cape Operations and Maintenance Base**

—That the Parliament congratulates Montrose Port Authority, Inch Cape Offshore Ltd, Pert Bruce Construction and all partners involved on the commencement of the construction of Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm's operations and maintenance base at Montrose Port; notes that the Inch Cape project, with 72 turbines located approximately 15 kilometres off the Angus coast, represents one of Scotland's major renewable energy investments; understands that the new operations and maintenance base will include a 600 square metre warehouse, offices, quayside facilities, a 70 metre floating pontoon, dockside cranes and associated communications infrastructure; further understands that the facility is expected to generate around 50 long-term skilled local jobs, including turbine technicians, administrative and operations staff; considers that this investment reinforces Montrose's role as a strategic hub for offshore wind; believes that significant local economic benefits will flow from both direct employment and the supply chain, especially in Angus, and wishes all involved well as they work collaboratively to ensure that the project is delivered safely and on time.

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***[S6M-19051](#) Evelyn Tweed: Centenary of the Stirling Guide Hut**—That the Parliament recognises the 100th anniversary of Stirling Guide Hut; notes that the Stirling Guide Hut was opened by the Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell, on 21 September 1925; understands that the building, which underwent refurbishment in the 1970s and 2000, is fondly remembered by generations of women and girls in Stirling; notes what it sees as the positive contribution of Girlguiding in Stirling and across Scotland; recognises the significant effort by the original committee to raise the funds and build the hut, and the volunteers who have maintained it since; celebrates the skills, experiences and positive moments enjoyed by Girl Guides over the last 100 years; understands that the occasion will be marked by a celebratory open day, which will welcome current and former members, and wishes Girlguiding Forth Valley the best for the day and for its future endeavours.

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***[S6M-19050](#) Evelyn Tweed: SPICE Awards Success for the Maharaja Indian Restaurant in Stirling**—That the Parliament congratulates all at the Maharaja Indian Restaurant in Stirling on its success at Scotland's Premier Independent Curry Event (the SPICE awards) 2025; understands that the Maharaja was highly recommended and is one of the best Indian restaurants in the central belt; notes that the SPICE awards are decided by public vote; further notes that Maharaja's success is a reflection of its place as a much-loved restaurant in the area; commends the team on its hard work; congratulates all of the winners and shortlisted restaurants across Scotland, and recognises the value that, it believes, they bring to their communities.

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***[S6M-19049](#) Evelyn Tweed: Fallin Boxer, Alan Perrie, Competes in the World Championships**—That the Parliament congratulates the boxer, Alan Perrie, on competing for Scotland in the World Championships; understands that Alan, who is from Fallin in Stirling, made it to the quarter finals where he fought Rami Kiwan, the current European Champion and an Olympian; commends Alan for his eighth place finish at his first World Championship; considers this an excellent achievement; notes that Alan has been proudly supported by people involved with boxing in Fallin, Stirling, and across Scotland; understands that Alan trains with the Doghouse Gym, and believes that he is an excellent role model for the young people who attend classes there, and an inspiration for the community and boxers throughout Scotland.

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***[S6M-19048](#) Evelyn Tweed: Recognising the Service of Ros Dingwall**—That the Parliament recognises the late Ros Dingwall for her 40 years of service in Aberfoyle Post Office; offers its condolences to Ros's family and the community on the loss of a much-loved mother and grandmother who was an important figure in the community; understands that Ros was an active member of the SubPostmasters Union and worked tirelessly to keep services in place in Aberfoyle; further understands that she campaigned to keep banking services available in the area; commends her dedication to the community; notes that her daughters are continuing the effort to retain postal services for the village and surrounding rural communities, in what it sees as

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an excellent legacy that their late mother would be proud of, and extends its sympathy to those for whom this is a great loss.

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***S6M-19047 Evelyn Tweed: Blair Drummond Safari Park Receives Fourth Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award**—That the Parliament congratulates all at Blair Drummond Safari Park on its recent success in the Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Awards for 2025; understands that these awards recognise the top 1% of visitor attractions globally on the website that receive a high volume of above-and-beyond reviews and opinions from Tripadvisor users; notes that the safari park has received this award for four consecutive years; congratulates the whole team for what it sees as consistently excellent service and a commitment to a positive visitor experience; notes the efforts made to ensure an inclusive and accessible day out, including the building of a Changing Places toilet, and further notes what it sees the positive contribution that Blair Drummond Safari Park makes to the economy and tourism, both in Stirling and nationwide.

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***S6M-19046 Evelyn Tweed: 125th Anniversary of the Steamship Sir Walter Scott**—That the Parliament notes the 125th anniversary of the maiden voyage of the *Steamship Sir Walter Scott* on Loch Katrine; understands that the occasion was marked by a three-day Steamboat Festival that included a recreation of the steamship's maiden voyage; notes that Loch Katrine is considered by some to be the birthplace of Scottish tourism and acknowledges the important role this much-loved ship plays in its ongoing popularity; understands that the *Steamship Sir Walter Scott* is part of a legacy of 180 years of steamships on Loch Katrine; congratulates all those involved, including members of the *Steamship Sir Walter Scott* Trust and the staff team, who it sees as a vital part of the excellent visitor experience; understands that Loch Katrine has recently been shortlisted in the nature tourism category of the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards; notes that this was in recognition of its recently built Birthplace of Scottish Tourism Scenic Tower and Lookouts, and commends all involved for what it sees as their valuable contributions to sustainable tourism.

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***S6M-19045 Evelyn Tweed: Joint Initiative by Start Up Stirling and Forth Valley College**—That the Parliament congratulates the success of an initiative to feed those in need in Stirling over the summer months; understands that a partnership between Forth Valley College and Start Up Stirling made and distributed meals that benefitted more than 600 people; understands that Forth Valley College's catering department cooked the food, which was then distributed to clients of Start Up Stirling; notes that college students helped plan and deliver the project, as well as cook the meals; understands that this partnership has been built over several years and has provided healthy and nutritious meals to local people throughout school holidays on previous occasions; notes that the project has been funded by Cash For Kids and Stirling Council's Community Planning Partnership; congratulates all involved for what it sees as an excellent contribution to the wellbeing of the local community, and wishes those involved great success with the future of this project.

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***[S6M-19044](#) Evelyn Tweed: Callander Jazz and Blues Festival's 20th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Callander Jazz and Blues Festival on its 20th anniversary and 19th festival; understands that the festival was first held in 2006 and has been growing ever since; further understands that the 2025 festival will see 66 gigs across 10 venues and is the largest rural jazz and blues festival in Scotland; commends what it sees as this excellent achievement; understands that the Callander Jazz and Blues Festival has built an excellent reputation and is able to attract renowned musicians; notes the great benefit that the festival brings to Callander and the surrounding area through increased visitor numbers and the provision of excellent experiences to locals and visitors alike; congratulates the festival's organisers, who are all volunteers, and wishes them the best for future festivals.

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***[S6M-19042](#) Katy Clark: Increasing Funding for the No Knives, Better Lives Campaign—**That the Parliament notes with concern reports of a recorded increase in crimes of possession of knives and other pointed weapons since 2017-18; understands that there were 2,582 knife, or other pointed weapon, crimes where the weapon was not used in another offence recorded in 2023-24; believes that this represents an increase from the 2,140 crimes in this category recorded in 2017-18; acknowledges that there were 2,137 such crimes recorded in 2023-24, which represents an increase from the 1,595 crimes in this category recorded in 2017-18; recognises what it sees as growing public concern regarding knife crime, especially after recent incidents involving young people; understands that the No Knives, Better Lives campaign has reached over 100,000 young people across Scotland and has been credited with a 85% reduction in the number of young people convicted of handling an offensive weapon since 2008-09; expresses its concern that funding for the No Knives, Better Lives campaign has seen a reported 12% real-terms reduction since 2022-23, and urges the Scottish Government to increase funding for the No Knives, Better Lives campaign given what it sees as the campaign's previous success in helping to reduce knife and other pointed weapon crime among young people across Scotland.

***[S6M-19041](#) Mark Ruskell: Recognition of Fife Gingerbread's Family Approach Project—**That the Parliament congratulates Fife Gingerbread on its Family Approach project being shortlisted in the Removing Barriers to Employability category of the prestigious 2025 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration, which identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities.

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***[S6M-19040](#) Paul McLennan: Congratulations to Openreach on Reaching 20 Million Premises—**That the Parliament congratulates Openreach on reports that it has reached the milestone of 20 million premises passed with full fibre broadband across the UK; recognises what it sees as the significant contribution that this makes to Scotland's digital infrastructure, particularly in improving connectivity across rural and island communities; acknowledges the role of Openreach's build programmes, including R100 and Project Gigabit, in supporting economic growth, education and public services; believes that, over the last nine months, this has reached a

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further 250,000 premises in Scotland, and now reaches 1.67 million homes and businesses, increasing its total investment in the country to over £500 million; welcomes the company's continued engagement with the Scottish Government and local authorities to ensure inclusive access to high-speed broadband, and wishes Openreach continued success in its efforts to connect the hardest-to-reach parts of Scotland.

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***S6M-19039 Mark Ruskell: Fire Station Creative 10 Year Anniversary—**That the Parliament notes the significant achievement of Fire Station Creative on reaching the milestone of 10 years showcasing Scottish and international art in Dunfermline; understands that, in this time, there have been 125 exhibitions and more than 1,000 live musical performances reflecting both emerging and globally known artists; further understands that the venue also hosts 21 studios for independent artists and charities to flourish, and wishes the Fire Station Creative continued success for the next 10 years and beyond.

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***S6M-19038 Annie Wells: Three Quarters of a Century of Bowling and Community Spirit at Whitecrook—**That the Parliament congratulates Whitecrook Bowling Club in Clydebank on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; notes the significant milestone reached by the club since its foundation in 1950 by Mrs Longden; acknowledges the dedication and commitment of all past and present members who have contributed to the life and success of the club over the decades, including its longest-serving member, Jean Fagen, who joined in 1970; recognises the important role that Whitecrook Bowling Club and similar organisations play in fostering social engagement, friendship and a sense of community, providing opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and leisure activities and to enjoy shared moments of camaraderie; notes the recent anniversary celebrations, which brought together old and new members, marking the club's enduring presence, and wishes the club every continued success in the years ahead, as it continues to offer a welcoming and vibrant space for recreation, friendship and community spirit.

***S6M-19037 Stuart McMillan: RIG Arts' Galoshans Festival Shortlisted in Creative Regeneration Category of 2025 SURF Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates RIG Arts' Galoshans Festival on being shortlisted in the creative regeneration category of the prestigious 2025 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration, which identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities.

***S6M-19036 Emma Roddick: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of BBC Radio nan Gàidheal—**That the Parliament notes and celebrates the 40th anniversary of BBC Radio nan Gàidheal; understands that BBC Radio nan Gàidheal is currently the only comprehensive Gaelic language radio service in the world, serving the entire Gaelic language community throughout Scotland and internationally; notes that this service offers a range of programmes, including news, current affairs, sport, factual, arts, education, faith, music and entertainment; understands that the service is broadcast across the country, including Stornoway, Inverness, Skye, Glasgow and Edinburgh, with staff also based in Uist and Argyll; recognises that BBC Radio nan Gàidheal is available on BBC Sounds, DAB and FM, allowing access across different devices and ensuring that a range of individuals of all ages, irrespective of geography, can access the service;

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commends BBC Radio nan Gàidheal for its recognition as the Celtic Media Festival's radio station of the year; celebrates BBC Radio nan Gàidheal's hard work supporting the Gaelic language; congratulates its radio hosts and team for their hard work, and wishes them the best in all future projects and endeavours.

***S6M-19034 Claire Baker: Fairtrade Fortnight 2025**—That the Parliament notes that Fairtrade Fortnight 2025, which takes place from 22 September to 5 October; highlights the need for fairer treatment of tea growers and pickers, who too often earn below a living income; recognises what it sees as the crucial role of Fairtrade co-operatives in enabling producers to secure better prices, invest in their communities and build resilience to the climate crisis; further recognises that co-operatives put power in the hands of farmers and workers themselves, embedding democracy and fairness into global trade; celebrates the support given by Scotland's co-operative movement to Fairtrade producers; calls on the Scottish Government to embed Fairtrade principles in procurement policy, international development work and education, and resolves to promote Fairtrade co-operatives as a model for ethical trade and sustainability.

***S6M-19033 Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating The Juicing Company's Success at Offshore Europe**—That the Parliament congratulates Vanessa Bremner, founder of The Juicing Company in Chapelton, on securing her largest business deal to date by producing 2,400 juices for Offshore Europe 2025; notes that the small team worked tirelessly over three days to create the three bespoke flavours in collaboration with Acteon; commends Vanessa for growing her small business since establishing it in 2017, having already supplied major events such as The Voice; recognises the significance of a local Aberdeenshire company being chosen to supply an international industry showcase, and praises The Juicing Company for its contribution to local enterprise, innovation and community pride.

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***S6M-19030 Paul O'Kane: Bus Driver from Johnstone Crowned Best in Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Maciej Herman, a bus driver who works for McGill's Johnstone depot, on finishing third overall in the UK Bus Driver of the Year competition, while also being named best driver in Scotland; understands that Maciej, who is originally from Poland, moved to Scotland 18 years ago and joined the McGill's group in 2015 as a trainee driver; notes that after his training period, he earned his PCV licence and CPC qualification; acknowledges that Maciej, who is a well admired driver by both colleagues and the public, achieved success in McGill's Group's in-house regional heat earlier in 2025, which secured him a spot in the national competition held in Blackpool; commends him on his technical ability, which he displayed against other drivers from across the UK, competing in a challenging programme of events that included on-road course manoeuvres and a rigorous theory exam, and further commends Maciej on his deserved victory, as well as his continued commitment to serving the people of Johnstone.

***S6M-19025 Alexander Burnett: Robbie Cruickshank from Thainstone Mart Wins the David Argo Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Robbie Cruickshank, from Thainstone Mart, on winning the David Argo Award at the Royal Northern Agricultural Society's award ceremony; understands that this category recognises an "unsung hero" in the agricultural sector; notes that Robbie has worked for almost 25 years at the Aberdeen and Northern Marts and is now the yard manager at Thainstone, heading up a team of more than 30; understands that he is responsible for the sales at the marts, including livestock and machinery, and oversees the running of it; notes

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that Robbie has been praised for his calm demeanour and attention to detail, and wishes him all the best for the future in his career at Thainstone.

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***S6M-19017 Beatrice Wishart: Shetland Winners at the Great River Race 2025**—That the Parliament congratulates crews from the Burra Rowing Club and Lerwick Boating Club in Shetland on winning trophies at the Great River Race, held on the River Thames on 20 September 2025; understands that the Great River Race is a boat race covering 21.6 miles from Millwall to Richmond, travelling under London's famous bridges; further understands that the annual competition sees around 300 crews taking part from many different countries and that a large variety of fixed-seat boats take part, and, according to the rules, with each crew having a passenger and cox, along with a 3' x 2' flag, and under a handicapping system that is used to ensure fair play; congratulates the crew from Burra Rowing Club for winning the Alan Spong Trophy for the first mixed crew on handicap in their Shetland yoal six-oared boat, *Haad At*; congratulates the crew from Lerwick Boating Club for winning the John Gavin Trophy for the mixed veterans over 40 category in their Shetland yoal six-oared boat, *Siri*; considers that these trophies reflect the popularity in Shetland of rowing as a sport, and the hard work and preparation that has gone into taking part in the competition by participants from both clubs, and wishes all involved well in their future rowing endeavours.

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***S6M-19016 Miles Briggs: Congratulating the Central and East Thistle Awards 2025**—That the Parliament recognises the success of the Central and East Thistle Awards 2025, which took place on 11 September 2025; understands that VisitScotland's purpose is to grow the value of the visitor economy to Scotland; considers that the Scottish Thistle Awards play a key role in this work, celebrating those who deliver a world-class visitor experience, while highlighting outstanding achievements in innovation, collaboration, and sustainable practices; congratulates the winners in the Lothian region, including Edinburgh Zoo (Best Visitor Attraction, Climate Action Award), The Real Mary King's Close, Edinburgh (Employer of the Year), Camera Obscura and World of Illusions, Edinburgh (Inclusion Award, sponsored by Historic Environment Scotland), Paul Nixon of The Real Mary King's Close (Individual of the Year), Edinburgh International Book Festival (Outstanding Cultural Event or Festival, sponsored by STV), and Hugh Mackay of Highland Experience (Rising Star Award); acknowledges that as Scotland's premier tourism and events awards, delivered by VisitScotland with support from headline sponsor, Abbey: The Destination Experts, each winning entry reflects a commitment to responsible tourism and the ambitions of the national tourism strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030, and wishes the best of luck to all the winners at the national final in November 2025.

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S6M-19070 Fulton MacGregor: Breakthrough in Huntington's Disease Treatment (lodged on 24 September 2025)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Marie McNair*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bob Doris*

S6M-19060 Fulton MacGregor: Recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland 2025 (lodged on 24 September 2025)

New Support: Paul McLennan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bob Doris*, Annabelle Ewing*, John Mason*, Martin Whitfield*

S6M-19032 Paul O'Kane: Johnstone Primary School Raises Over £2,000 for Beatson Cancer Charity (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Miles Briggs*, Edward Mountain*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jeremy Balfour*, Martin Whitfield*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Foyso Choudhury*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Baillie*

S6M-19031 Emma Roddick: Celebrating Órla Ní Eadhra's Success in the 2025 Great British Sewing Bee (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Tim Eagle*, Douglas Lumsden*, Brian Whittle*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-19029 Emma Roddick: Celebrating Sophie Boyne's Win at Highland's Got Talent (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Tim Eagle*, Brian Whittle*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-19028 Paul O'Kane: Neilston Family-run Business Shares 60-year Milestone (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Paul McLennan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kevin Stewart*, Foyso Choudhury*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*

S6M-19026 Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Hotel Wins Best Bar or Pub Award (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Douglas Lumsden*, Sandesh Gulhane*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Brian Whittle*, Pam Gosal*, Colin Beattie*, Annie Wells*, Martin Whitfield*, Kevin Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Audrey Nicoll*, Roz McCall*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-19024 Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating the Firefighters from Green Watch and Youth Volunteers at Falkirk Community Fire Station (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Brian Whittle*, Roz McCall*

S6M-19020 Claire Baker: Congratulating Fife Gingerbread on Shortlist of Family Approach Project in 2025 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Paul McLennan*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Martin Whitfield*, Monica Lennon*, Annabelle Ewing*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*

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S6M-19019 Alasdair Allan: Thanking Leverburgh RNLI Crews (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Edward Mountain*, Paul McLennan*, Miles Briggs*, Evelyn Tweed*, Emma Harper*, Annie Wells*, Clare Haughey*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stuart McMillan*

S6M-19018 Roz McCall: Fife Gingerbread Family Approach Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Brian Whittle*

S6M-19013 Kevin Stewart: Union Terrace Gardens Shortlisted for Andrew Doolan Award (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19012 Jeremy Balfour: Welcoming the Release of the 2024 Scottish Household Survey Results (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S6M-19009 Clare Adamson: Organisations in Motherwell and Wishaw Receive Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-19008 Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire's Success at CDN College Awards 2025 (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-19007 Clare Adamson: Road Safety Week 2025 (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-19006 Paul McLennan: Farewell to Rev John Vischer and the Union of Haddington Churches (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-19005 Liam McArthur: Orkney Food and Drink Festival 2025 (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Tim Eagle*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19004 Rachael Hamilton: Honouring Allison Gardner's 32 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Glasgow Film (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*, Craig Hoy*

S6M-19003 Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to CHAP on 25 Years of Serving the Community (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-19002 Emma Harper: 100 Years of the 1st Dalbeattie Scout Group (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

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S6M-19001 Kevin Stewart: 2025 Celebrate Aberdeen Awards (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-19000 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen's Purple Flag (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18999 Marie McNair: The National Lottery Community Fund Awards Funding to Charities and Community Groups (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul McLennan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18998 Emma Harper: Celebrating First Walking Football Festival in Stranraer (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18997 Marie McNair: Clydebank Nursery Praised by Inspectorate (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bob Doris*, Annie Wells*, Pam Gosal*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18996 Kevin Stewart: Condemning the UK Government's Plans to Impose VAT on Taxi Fares (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18995 Kevin Stewart: Epstein Public Inquiry (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18993 Jeremy Balfour: Scottish Disability Sport: A Call to Action (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-18991 Pauline McNeill: Welcoming the Decision to Formally Recognise the State of Palestine (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Martin Whitfield*, Davy Russell*, Rhoda Grant*

S6M-18990 Emma Harper: Commending the Fed Up Café in Stranraer for Outstanding Community Support (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-18989 Alasdair Allan: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Receives Award for Work During COVID-19 Pandemic (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18988 Clare Adamson: Congratulating Elements Netball Club on Winning Junior Club of the Year 2024-25 (lodged on 22 September 2025)

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New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-18987](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulating Jacqueline Woods, David Norris, and the Constance Care Team on their Prestigious Award Nominations (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-18986](#) Liam Kerr: Congratulating Darren Robertson on His Inspiring Aberdeenshire Community Spirit Award (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-18984](#) Clare Adamson: Persimmon West Scotland Supports Lanarkshire Deaf Hub (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-18983](#) John Mason: Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-18982](#) Evelyn Tweed: 80th Anniversary of Callander and District Young Farmers' Club (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18981](#) Evelyn Tweed: 30th Anniversary of the Hamilton Toy Collection in Callander (lodged on 22 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18980](#) Liz Smith: The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026 (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18979](#) Claire Baker: Welcoming New Fife College Community Learning and Development Scholarship Honouring Cath Cunningham (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18978](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Congratulating Held in Our Hearts on Raising Over £19,000 at Kiltwalk 2025 (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-18977](#) Liam McArthur: Jude Callister to Retire from Scapa Flow Museum After 20 Years (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18976](#) Annabelle Ewing: Community Food Connection Scheme in Kelty (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

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S6M-18975 Annabelle Ewing: Elaine Collins Wins Community Champion Award (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18974 Annabelle Ewing: Eilidh's Trust Grant Awards (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18972 Alexander Stewart: Dollar Horticultural Club and Dollar in Bloom Awarded for their Environmental Work (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

S6M-18971 Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Kirstie Law on her RCN Scotland Adult Nursing Award (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18969 Stephanie Callaghan: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Jeans for Genes Week (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18968 Clare Haughey: Pioneering Digital Inclusion Project in David Walker Gardens Care Home, Rutherglen (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18967 Kevin Stewart: Teenagers with IBD (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Jackie Dunbar*, Evelyn Tweed*

S6M-18966 Annie Wells: Runners Take Off on Glasgow Airport Runway in Unique Training Event (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-18964 Alexander Burnett: Deeside Finalists in Helping It Happen Awards 2025 (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle* R, Roz McCall*

S6M-18963 Alexander Burnett: Run Balmoral's Support for River Dee Conservation (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*, Craig Hoy*

S6M-18962 Alexander Burnett: Celebrating Eilidh's Trust Support in Aberdeenshire West (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*, Roz McCall*

S6M-18961 Mercedes Villalba: 90th Anniversary of Aberdeen Standing Against Fascism (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, Carol Mochan*, Evelyn Tweed*

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[S6M-18959](#) Liam McArthur: Colin McAllister Retires after Two Decades Piloting Orkney's Inter-isles Service (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18958](#) Craig Hoy: Welcoming the New AndyMansClub in Annan (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-18957](#) Craig Hoy: Welcoming Maggie's Centre Planned for Dumfries (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-18956](#) Jackie Dunbar: Jet Set Spin at Aberdeen International Airport (lodged on 18 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-18955](#) Fulton MacGregor: Recognising National Lottery Community Fund Awards in Coatbridge and Chryston (lodged on 17 September 2025)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-18951](#) Fergus Ewing: Restoration of Vaccination Services in NHS Highlands to GPs (lodged on 23 September 2025)

New Support: Edward Mountain*

[S6M-18949](#) Alexander Stewart: Closure of Scottish Autism's New Struan School in Alloa (lodged on 17 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18948](#) Annie Wells: The Colour of Grief Exhibition, Creativity, Loss and Hope (lodged on 17 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18947](#) Murdo Fraser: Former Chieftain of Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games Standing Down (lodged on 17 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Roz McCall*

[S6M-18941](#) Liam McArthur: New Scottish Charity Air Ambulance Helicopter Visits Dounby Community School (lodged on 17 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18940](#) Rachael Hamilton: Racing Cancelled Day (lodged on 17 September 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[S6M-18931](#) Edward Mountain: Bowel Cancer Screening (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Richard Leonard*

[S6M-18915](#) Karen Adam: SeaFest Peterhead 2025 (lodged on 16 September 2025)

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New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18912](#) Finlay Carson: David Finlay Receives Honorary Fellowship from Scotland's Rural College (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle* R

[S6M-18911](#) Pam Gosal: Robert Smith Awarded BEM in The King's Birthday Honours List 2025 (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18902](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Lynn O'Neill, Wishaw and District Pipe Band, and Reeltime on Support from the Eilidh MacLeod Memorial Trust (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18900](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating Izzy MacKintosh's Success in the Junior British Trap Shooting Championship and European Championships (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18899](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating L'Arche Foundation's Glowing Report from the Care Inspectorate (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18898](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Inverness Men's Shed on Winning the Highlands and Islands Region Scottish Men's Shed of the Year (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18895](#) Paul McLennan: National Lottery Community Fund Support for East Lothian Organisations and Groups (lodged on 16 September 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-18871](#) Foysol Choudhury: Congratulating Ken Talbot, from Edinburgh North and Leith, on Attempt to Break World Land Speed Record in Handcycling (lodged on 11 September 2025)

New Support: Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*

[S6M-18851](#) Alex Rowley: Remembering Scotland and Celtic Goalkeeper John Thomson (lodged on 19 September 2025)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Davy Russell*

[S6M-18803](#) Miles Briggs: Robert White Wins the Best Grassroots Referee Award (lodged on 10 September 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S6M-18802](#) Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2025 (lodged on 11 September 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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[S6M-18544](#) Christine Grahame: Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025 (lodged on 03 September 2025)

New Support: Emma Harper*

[S6M-18233](#) Tess White: Paying Tribute to Liam Byrne, “Bird Man”, from Stonehaven (lodged on 08 July 2025)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 01 October 2025

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement its Marine Directorate has undertaken to progress any plans to reopen a boat-based cockle fishery on the Solway Firth. ([S6O-04994](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when information on farming payments will be publicly available, in accordance with section 19 of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024. ([S6O-04995](#))
- 3. Mark Griffin:** [Not Lodged]
- 4. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with the UK Government on domestic food and drink markets. ([S6O-04997](#))
- 5. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the agriculture minister has had with the justice secretary regarding support for farmers in relation to rural crime. ([S6O-04998](#))
- 6. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what long-term action it will take to support farmers growing malting barley. ([S6O-04999](#))
- 7. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the existing conditions and regime, which seek to protect inshore fishing from the impact of any loss of fishing grounds due to the seabed installation of cables for, and construction of, offshore wind installations, require to be reformed in order to provide full compensation for any loss of fishing revenue as a result of having to avoid an area of 0.25 nautical miles from any such cables. ([S6O-05000](#))
- 8. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government what benefits it anticipates the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill will deliver for rural and island communities, including in relation to breaking up concentrated land ownership and ensuring that land is used in the public interest and communities are not locked out of decision-making. ([S6O-05001](#))

Health and Social Care

- 1. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with the Chair of NHS Grampian and what issues were discussed. ([S6O-05002](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what recourse is open to patients who have experienced complications following an NHS operation. ([S6O-05003](#))
- 3. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its approach to considering a hypermobility pathway for healthcare, in line with that being brought forward in Wales. ([S6O-05004](#))
- 4. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress being made in developing the next phase of the Women's Health Plan. ([S6O-05005](#))
- 5. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what provisions are in place to support people in hospitals and care settings who have serious spinal injuries resulting in paralysis from the neck down. ([S6O-05006](#))

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6. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support NHS Dumfries and Galloway in addressing financial pressures. ([S6O-05007](#))

7. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's dentistry sector of the UK Labour administration's recent changes to the Skilled Worker visa. ([S6O-05008](#))

8. Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that alcohol-specific deaths in Scotland remain above 1,000 for the 12th year in a row. ([S6O-05009](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 02 October 2025

Social Justice and Housing

1. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the social justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how to manage any growing funding gap created by higher spending on devolved benefits. ([S6O-05018](#))

2. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the work of its Ministerial Population Taskforce, what action it will undertake to support people to have larger families, should they want more children. ([S6O-05019](#))

3. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding the work that Social Security Scotland is engaging in to support veterans in accessing its services. ([S6O-05020](#))

4. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government how many Greenock and Inverclyde constituents currently receive Social Security Scotland benefits. ([S6O-05021](#))

5. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with residents in Tillicoultry who were evacuated from their homes two years ago when reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete was discovered. ([S6O-05022](#))

6. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what the key barriers are to tackling Scotland's housing emergency. ([S6O-05023](#))

7. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government when the housing secretary will meet with those constituents from Tillicoultry affected by reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, following the commitment to do so that was made in early August. ([S6O-05024](#))

8. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £20 million Housing Infrastructure Fund that was launched in 2016, as part of the 10-year Aberdeen City Region Deal, has been spent. ([S6O-05025](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 02 October 2025

1. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding the closure of any Jobcentres in Scotland. ([S6O-05010](#))

2. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what the current state of readiness is for the upcoming ban on biodegradable municipal waste to landfill. ([S6O-05011](#))

3. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that Scotland remains at the forefront of hydrogen development and deployment. ([S6O-05012](#))

4. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the steps that it is taking to support innovation and entrepreneurship in Scotland. ([S6O-05013](#))

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5. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to reintroducing the "shared cabin" policy as a condition of the next Northern Isles Ferry Services contract. ([S6O-05014](#))

6. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the climate action secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how to encourage homeowners to decarbonise their properties as part of Scotland's ambition to achieve net zero by 2045. ([S6O-05015](#))

7. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has in place to ensure that public body officials do not misuse their position for personal gain. ([S6O-05016](#))

8. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will change the college and university funding frameworks to reflect the hybrid nature of Scotland's Rural College, which has both higher and further education provision. ([S6O-05017](#))

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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 24 September 2025

S6W-40743 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how the £4.5 million fund that it announced for NHS boards as part of the budget for 2025-26 will deliver specialist support for long COVID, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME)/chronic fatigue syndrome and other similar conditions.

Written questions lodged on 24 September 2025

S6W-40066 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it has provided to the Massage In Schools Association Scotland in each of the last three years, and for what purposes.

S6W-40612 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many Energy Skills Passport registrations there have been in each month since the pilot scheme was launched on 22 January 2025, also broken down by (a) local authority area and (b) how many passport users have had at least one login to the system each month.

S6W-40615 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many employer accounts there are on the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme, broken down by (a) oil and gas, (b) offshore wind, (c) onshore renewables, (d) construction, (e) defence and (f) any other sector.

S6W-40617 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many website (a) visits and (a) unique users to the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme there have been in each month since it was launched on 22 January 2025.

S6W-40618 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what the uptake of the Energy Skills Passport has been among offshore workers since the pilot scheme was launched on 22 January 2025.

S6W-40619 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 22 January 2025, *Energy Skills Passport*, how the £3.7 million allocated to the pilot scheme has been apportioned, broken down by (a) software development, (b) project management, (c) consultancy, (d) hosting, (e) marketing, (f) evaluation and (g) other costs.

S6W-40620 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its news release of 22 January 2025, *Energy Skills Passport*, how much of the £3.7 million allocated to the pilot scheme has been spent, and what the forecast outturn is for 2025-26.

S6W-40621 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what the current cost per registered user is for the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme, and how this compares with the initial target cost per user.

S6W-40622 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on (a) communications and (b) marketing for the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme since it was launched on 22 January 2025, and what the planned spend is for 2025-26.

S6W-40623 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what additional public funding, beyond the initial £3.7 million announced in its news release of 22 January 2025, *Energy Skills Passport*, it has committed to the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme, and what representations it has made to the UK Government regarding the scheme getting support from Great British Energy.

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S6W-40624 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many career paths are currently mapped through the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme and when it expects full coverage to be achieved.

S6W-40625 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when Phase Two of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme will be completed, and what additional sectors and functions this will include.

S6W-40626 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme supports cross-recognition of qualifications across sectors and, if so, which awarding bodies and standards are accepted.

S6W-40627 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to achieve employer recognition and use of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme among offshore operators, wind developers and tier-one contractors.

S6W-40628 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what communication and promotional activity was carried out for the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme in the initial months following its launch on 22 January 2025, and what the communications plan is for 2025-26.

S6W-40629 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what targeted actions are being taken to increase uptake of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme among workers in the North East Scotland region.

S6W-40630 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how many Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme users have (a) found work and (b) commenced funded training where use of the platform was recorded as part of the process in renewable or low-carbon roles since the scheme was launched on 22 January 2025.

S6W-40631 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what key performance indicators it is using to measure the success of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme, and what the current performance is against each indicator.

S6W-40632 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for publication of the outcome data on the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme, also broken down by what data will be included.

S6W-40633 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether an independent evaluation of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme will be commissioned and, if so, when the evaluation report will be published.

S6W-40634 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether any approved change requests have altered the scope, cost or timeline for the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme, and what the rationale has been for each change.

S6W-40635 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what risks to delivery of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme have been identified and how these are being mitigated, including risks related to (a) employer participation and (b) user uptake.

S6W-40636 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government how the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme is being integrated with other just transition programmes, including retraining grants, regional employability services and industry deals.

S6W-40637 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the implications of projected oil and gas job losses by the early 2030s on the required scale and pace of delivery of the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme.

S6W-40638 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what targets it has set for job transitions supported through the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme for each of the next three years, and how it will report progress.

S6W-40639 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what contingency plans are in place should the Energy Skills Passport pilot scheme not achieve its expected (a) uptake and (b)

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outcomes, and what anonymised, regular datasets on this it plans to publish to support scrutiny of progress towards meeting these.

S6W-40714 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment in terms of value for money it has undertaken of Techscaler's £42 million programme.

S6W-40718 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what processes are in place to ensure that any negative feedback regarding publicly funded Techscaler trips cannot be concealed.

S6W-40732 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish information on diagnostic waiting times and outcomes for younger people presenting with potential cancer symptoms.

S6W-40733 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported plans to do so in England, whether it plans to adopt a version of the so-called Jess's Rule to ensure that people repeatedly presenting with unresolved medical symptoms are referred for further investigation.

S6W-40734 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance exists for GPs to support early identification of cancer and other serious illnesses in people who present multiple times with unexplained or deteriorating symptoms.

S6W-40735 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing a formal "three strikes and rethink" approach for GPs in dealing with people repeatedly presenting with unresolved medical symptoms, and what consultation it has carried out with medical professionals and patient safety organisations.

S6W-40736 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the risks to people of delayed cancer diagnoses, particularly among (a) younger people and (b) people from minority ethnic backgrounds.

S6W-40737 Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors repeat GP attendances for unresolved symptoms, what data it collects on such cases, and how this data informs policy to prevent missed diagnoses.

S6W-40738 Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will increase funding for the No Knives, Better Lives campaign, in light of the campaign having a reported 12% real-terms reduction in its funding since 2022-23.

S6W-40739 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the 2025 biennial workforce survey by the Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland (SCOTSS), which highlights a shortage of staff and resources.

S6W-40740 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of potential delays to the Scottish Budget announcement, whether it will confirm that the additional £3 million for Police Scotland to deal with retail crime will be renewed in 2026-27.

S6W-40741 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out an assessment of whether there is a link between the prevalence of illicit trade, recent restrictions on products such as single use vapes and the level resources available to Trading Standards in Scotland and, if so, what the outcomes were.

S6W-40742 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-40384 by Ben Macpherson on 23 September 2025, how many graduates took up a placement in NHS Western Isles in (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23.

S6W-40744 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the suggestion in the Scottish Retail Consortium's manifesto, *Scotland's Future High Streets*, that accredited providers other than local authorities should be permitted to issue building warrants, in line with the approach taken in England.

S6W-40745 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of it withdrawing the Scottish Good Practice statement on myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and

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adopting the NICE Guideline on the condition, how compliant specialist services for ME/CFS are to be instituted and monitored for NICE Clinical Guideline compliance across Scotland, and whether it will implement and fund the Delivery Plan elements that are within its devolved competence.

S6W-40746 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) percentage and (b) area in km2 of (i) inshore Marine Protected Areas and (ii) other inshore waters have year-round spatial restrictions on (A) scallop dredging, (B) nephrops trawling, (C) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling, (D) creeling and (E) all commercial fishing.

S6W-40748 Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on the NHS of the reported decision to exclude NHS frontline staff as a cohort from automatic eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine in winter 2025.

S6W-40749 Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards have exercised their discretion to return vaccination delivery responsibility to rural GPs.

S6W-40750 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the 2024-25 employability budget of £102.8 million (a) it spent and (b) was passed on to local government.

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Amendments Atharrachaidhean				

Amendments

Amendments to Bills lodged on 24 September 2025

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

After section 2

Liam Kerr

1 After section 2, insert—

<Review of virtual attendance provisions

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the review period—
 - (a) undertake a review of the operation of the virtual attendance provisions,
 - (b) prepare a report on that review,
 - (c) publish the report and lay a copy of it before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) In undertaking the review, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Lord Justice General,
 - (b) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
 - (c) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland,
 - (d) the Lord Advocate,
 - (e) the Scottish Legal Aid Board,
 - (f) the Law Society of Scotland,
 - (g) the Faculty of Advocates, and
 - (h) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) For the purposes of this section—

“review period” means the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which section 2 comes into force,

“virtual attendance provisions” means sections 303G to 303M of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, as inserted by section 2.>

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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)), 17 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)), 24 September 2025

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

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 7 October 2025

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 30 September with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63rd Report, 2025)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 24 September 2025

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 23 September 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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 2 October 2025

Stage 1 Report – Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (7th Report, 2025)

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 23 September 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)

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Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 30 September 2025

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

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 24 June 2025

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

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Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 17 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)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 24 September 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 9 October 2025

Stage 1 Report – Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (7th Report, 2025)

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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 25 September 2025

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (9th Report, 2025)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 18 September 2025

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

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

Passed, 17 September 2025

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Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 25 September 2025

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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

Lodged on 12 June 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

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

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

Lodged on 3 June 2025

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 25 June 2025

Lead committee – Rural Affairs and Islands

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

Lodged on 12 March 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

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

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

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), 23 September 2025

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

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)

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

Lodged on 7 February 2022

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

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

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56a

Lodged on 13 August 2025

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (11th Report, 2025)

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 16 September 2025

Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 23 September 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 23 September 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)

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)

Subject to approval by 10 November 2025

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 11 November 2025

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber \(Police Appeals\) \(Procedure\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 13 November 2025

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Administration\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Record Keeping\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval by 16 November 2025

[Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections \(Signature Refresh\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (22 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 17 November 2025

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Equality\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Negative instruments

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

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[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)

Subject to annulment 5 November 2025

Lead committee report due by 3 November 2025

[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/249\)](#) (11 September 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Redemption of Heritable Securities \(Excluded Securities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/251\)](#) (11 September 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment 12 November 2025

Lead committee report due by 10 November 2025

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[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/259\)](#) (18 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/262\)](#) (18 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment 16 November 2025

Lead committee report due by 10 November 2025

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/263\)](#) (22 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

[Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure \(Scottish Parliament Elections\) Code of Practice 2025 \(SG/2025/214\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Draft statutory guidance on imprints for non-party campaigners at Scottish Parliamentary elections and council elections in Scotland \(SG/2025/215\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 24 September 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2025-26 (SP Paper 869)

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