

Wednesday 18 February 2026

Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

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2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

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Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

1. Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the current state of libraries in Scotland as part of any action it is taking to protect and strengthen these services. ([S6O-05515](#))

2. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with local and national bodies to maximise the cultural and economic potential of the Adam Smith heritage in Kirkcaldy. ([S6O-05516](#))

3. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what the obligations of local government are in relation to the funding of local arts, heritage and culture services. ([S6O-05517](#))

4. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government regarding free-to-air television broadcasting in Scotland, including in relation to sporting events such as the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games and 2027 Tour de France. ([S6O-05518](#))

5. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government how much it anticipates it will spend on matters relating to constitutional policy and strategy in 2025-26 and 2026-27. ([S6O-05519](#))

6. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget 2026-27 supports the delivery of small and medium-sized cultural events. ([S6O-05520](#))

7. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to authors documenting local history. ([S6O-05521](#))

8. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what potential challenges it anticipates in relation to the scheduling of a Chamber debate on the Climate Change Plan before the end of the current parliamentary session. ([S6O-05522](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

1. Davy Russell: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the changes to automatic early release for certain prisoners, what additional support will be available to parole services and services that support victims. ([S6O-05523](#))

2. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether offenders convicted of serious violent offences could be eligible for release after serving around 30% of their custodial sentence under the proposed changes to automatic release points. ([S6O-05524](#))

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that policing of island communities is adequately resourced. ([S6O-05525](#))

4. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government how the recently announced legal aid reforms will ensure the accessibility of justice. ([S6O-05526](#))

5. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what co-located services are available to support the welfare of remand prisoners released directly from court. ([S6O-05527](#))

6. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government how the additional £10 million of funding for community justice services announced in its draft Budget 2026-27 will be allocated. ([S6O-05528](#))

7. Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on any potential impact of prolonged, non-permanent senior leadership within the Police Scotland Tayside Division on operational effectiveness, workforce morale and public confidence in local policing. ([S6O-05529](#))

8. Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken since 2007 to address prostitution, including legislative measures aimed at tackling demand for paid sex as a means of preventing harm to vulnerable women and girls, and the provision of exit support services for recovery from any complex trauma resulting from prostitution. ([S6O-05530](#))

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports

[S6M-20819](#) Gillian Mackay: Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports —That the Parliament strongly opposes the actions of the United States (US) under the leadership of Donald Trump; believes that, under Trump's presidency, the US has become a rogue state that has shown contempt for Scottish and international law through its attack on Venezuela and Scottish waters and its threats to the sovereignty of Greenland and Denmark; notes that two people were recently abducted from Scottish waters by the US military, in defiance of the Court of Session and live legal proceedings; understands that the US military currently uses Scottish Government owned Prestwick airport as a de-facto base, with US military flights landing at Prestwick over 560 times since 1 April 2025; agrees that Scotland must not be complicit in any illegal action by allowing the use of publicly owned assets by foreign military, and calls on the Scottish Government to evict US troops operating from Prestwick airport immediately and to instruct all airports owned by the Scottish Government through Highlands and Islands Airports Limited to deny access and use of their facilities to the US military.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-20819.3](#) Angus Robertson: Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports —As an amendment to motion S6M-20819 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports), leave out from “strongly” to end and insert “supports Scots law, international law and the rules-based order; respects the future of Greenland as a matter for the people of Greenland and Denmark; is unwavering in its solidarity with and support for Ukraine in the face of Russia’s illegal invasion; supports international sanctions against the Putin regime and the interdiction of its shadow fleet, and encourages the international community to secure a just peace acceptable to Ukraine.”

[S6M-20819.1](#) Murdo Fraser: Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports—As an amendment to motion S6M-20819 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports), leave out from “strongly” to end and insert “reaffirms its clear support for NATO as the cornerstone of collective defence and the foundation of transatlantic security; recognises that NATO has preserved peace among its members for more than 75 years and that the Alliance’s nuclear deterrent, including the strategic capability of the United States, has underpinned strategic stability among NATO members and deterred direct conflict between major nuclear powers in Europe for eight decades; recognises the United States as a central and enduring partner in safeguarding European security and acknowledges its leadership in providing the air mobility, logistics, intelligence and deterrence capabilities on which the Alliance relies; notes that military aircraft from NATO allies, including those of the United States, routinely and lawfully use Scottish airports such as Glasgow Prestwick Airport for refuelling and transit; further notes that such activity supports jobs, brings revenue and contributes to the financial sustainability of publicly owned airport infrastructure; rejects calls to withdraw cooperation from the country’s closest allies; calls on the Scottish Government to continue facilitating appropriate access for NATO partners to Scottish airport facilities in support of collective defence, national security and the long-term resilience of Scotland’s aviation assets, and regrets that the Scottish Green Party has chosen to use parliamentary time to debate these matters instead of raising the many devolved issues that require immediate attention.”

[S6M-20819.2](#) Neil Bibby: Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports—As an amendment to motion S6W-20819 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports), leave out from “strongly” to end and insert “acknowledges that any use by other nations of Scottish infrastructure must be done in accordance with domestic and international law; welcomes the role that both Scotland and Prestwick airport have played in supporting Ukraine against the Russian invasion; recognises the importance of Scotland’s strategic assets in supporting international security; affirms its support for the UK’s place in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and welcomes the UK Government commitment to increase defence spending to 3% of GDP in an era of global instability.”

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran

[S6M-20820](#) Mark Ruskell: A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government and Scottish Government must urgently deliver targeted just transition funding for workers and communities following the early closure of the ExxonMobil Fife Ethylene Plant at Mossmorran.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-20820.3](#) Kate Forbes: A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran—As an amendment to motion S6M-20820 in the name of Mark Ruskell (A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran), leave out from “and Scottish Government” to “deliver” and insert “must match the Scottish Government’s support by urgently delivering”.

[S6M-20820.1](#) Alexander Stewart: A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran—As an amendment to motion S6M-20820 in the name of Mark Ruskell (A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran), insert at end “; notes that ExxonMobil has blamed the UK Labour administration’s windfall tax for accelerating the decline of Mossmorran; expresses disappointment that the left-wing ‘Holyrood’ consensus, in its opposition to oil and gas, has resulted in tens of thousands of job losses; highlights that the Scottish Green Party previously campaigned for Mossmorran to be closed; calls on the Scottish Government to publish its energy strategy, and further calls on the UK Government to support Rosebank oil and gas field, which could generate billions of pounds’ worth of investment and support jobs in the oil and gas supply chain.”

[S6M-20820.2](#) Daniel Johnson: A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran—As an amendment to motion S6M-20820 in the name of Mark Ruskell (A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran), insert at end “; welcomes the convening of a joint taskforce between Fife Council, the UK Government and Scottish Government, trade unions, Fife College, Fife businesses and local community organisations to support the workforce and the wider area, and further welcomes the commitment that workers will be guaranteed interviews at the UK Government-backed Grangemouth cracker; recognises that the taskforce is working on a plan for the site, and considers that this should inform any funding and economic support provided.”

followed by Urgent Question: Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Lord Advocate will provide details of the reasons for her reportedly sharing confidential details of the charges against Peter Murrell with the First Minister and whether any further information regarding the case has been made available to ministers or special advisers.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-20826](#) Graeme Dey: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 February 2026

Wednesday 18 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Motion of Condolence

followed by Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.05 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 February 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Cost-effectiveness of Scottish Public Inquiries

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Substance Misuse in Prisons Inquiry

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: Climate Change Plan

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 February 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-20826.1 Douglas Ross: Business Programme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-20826 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), after “That the Parliament agrees—” insert—

“(za) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 19 February 2026—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Lord Advocate Private Briefing to the First Minister on the Charges Against Peter Murrell”.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-20827 Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20828 Graeme Dey: Approval of SI](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20829 Graeme Dey: Approval of SI](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 [draft] be

approved.

[S6M-20830](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20831](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20832](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20833](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Procurement (India Trade Agreement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20834](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20835](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Local Authority Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20836](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-20837](#) Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Douglas Ross: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park

[S6M-20329](#) Douglas Ross: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park—That the Parliament acknowledges the concerns being raised by the communities impacted by the proposed Moray FLOW-Park; notes that Offshore Solutions Group plans to develop anchorage sites in the Moray Firth for floating offshore wind assets; understands that the project is at an early stage, but that concerns around the impact on fishing, the environment and marine life have been expressed and acknowledges the view that these deserve to be addressed, and notes the view that Offshore Solutions Group must both be upfront with communities about the consideration other sites were given for these proposals and must commit to detailed and meaningful discussions with key stakeholders and all communities in the Moray Firth area impacted by these proposals.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Qualifications Scotland \(Strategic Advisory Council\) \(Establishment\) Regulations 2026](#)
2. **Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).
3. **VAT and Independent Schools:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lorraine Davidson, Chief Executive, Catherine Dyer, Chair, and John O'Neill, Chair of the Education and Partnership Committee, Scottish Council of Independent Schools.
4. **Evidence Session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Criminal Justice Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offences) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Robert Wyllie, Policy Lead, Safer Communities, and Nicola Guild, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—

S6M-20475—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offences) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
4. **Policing and mental health:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Gallagher, Director of Mental Health and Dr Robby Steel, Principal Medical Officer for Mental Health, Scottish Government.
and then from—
David Threadgold, Chair, Scottish Police Federation.
and then from—
Assistant Chief Constable Catriona Paton, Policing Together and Nicky Page, Temporary Director of Human Resources, Police Scotland.

5. **Policing and mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

6. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Public Audit Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Lamb, Director-General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Derek Grieve, Director of Health and Social Care Performance and Delivery, Scottish Government.
3. **The 2024/25 audit of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Michael Oliphant, Audit Director and Stuart Nugent, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2024/25 audit of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Michael Oliphant, Audit Director and Stuart Nugent, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
6. **Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
7. **The 2024/25 audit of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
8. **Cairngorm funicular railway:** The Committee will consider a revised draft report on the Cairngorm funicular railway.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 6th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

2. **Correspondence (In Private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the HM Treasury on the Scottish National Investment Bank.
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/13)

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