

Tuesday 6 January 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev'd David J.M. Coleman, Environmental Chaplain, United Reformed Church

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland

**followed by** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition

### Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:30am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**11:00am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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**1. Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the talks with BMA representatives regarding the planned resident doctors' strike due to begin next week. ([S6T-02820](#)) **R**

**2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the recent snow and cold weather in Scotland. ([S6T-02825](#))

**3. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it plans to address CalMac's ferry repair and maintenance costs, in light of reports that these costs have doubled over the past two years. ([S6T-02824](#))

**followed by** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland

[S6M-20208](#) **Karen Adam: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6), *Report on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland* (SP Paper 858).

**followed by** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open

[S6M-20185](#) **Jackson Carlaw: Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open**—That the Parliament notes public petition PE2018 on helping to keep swimming pools and leisure centres open by providing financial investment for pools.

**followed by** Committee Announcements

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition

[S6M-19318](#) **Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significant contribution of anaerobic digestion (AD) and biogas to Scotland's transition to net zero; welcomes the work of the Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association (ADBA) to research, develop and promote the AD industry across Scotland, including the economically prominent dairy farming sector in the south west of Scotland; notes that AD technology supports the circular economy by converting organic and residue wastes and by-products into renewable energy and non-synthetic nutrient-rich

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digestate fertiliser; highlights what it sees as the role of biogas in diversifying energy sources and enhancing energy security, including the potential for widening delivery for non-gas grid rural communities; understands that the AD sector provides direct support to farmers and rural communities through sustainable waste management, value for cover and break crops, additional income streams and skilled job creation; believes that further investment and policy support for AD and biogas will play a key role in meeting Scotland’s climate targets, boosting the rural economy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider creating a biogas champion position to oversee interdepartmental and cross-portfolio collaboration to ensure the success of the AD sector for the future.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2 and 4 in private.

The Committee will also decide whether consideration of the draft report on the legislative consent memorandum (LCM-S6-61), supplementary legislative consent memorandum (LCM-S6-61a), and second supplementary legislative consent memorandum (LCM-S6-61b) on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.

The Committee will decide whether consideration of the draft report on stage 1 of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.

2. **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-64 and supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-64a.
3. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** (At approximately 9.00am) The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Adrian Davis, Professor of Transport and Health, Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University;  
Professor Rachel Aldred, Professor of Transport, Westminster University;  
Lamech Solomon, Head of Decarbonisation policy, Logistics UK;  
Sara Collier, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Confederation of Passenger Transport.  
and then from—  
Gary Walker, Head of Specialist Regulations, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA);  
Duncan Simpson, Member of the RMAS Management Committee, Resources Management Association Scotland;  
Kim Pratt, Senior Circular Economy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland;  
Dr Lucy Wishart, Lecturer in Circular Economy and Sustainable Transformations, University of Edinburgh;  
Iain Gulland, Former Chief Executive (2014-2025), Zero Waste Scotland.
4. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will also consider the evidence heard at its meeting on 16 December.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Patrick Harvie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jackson Carlaw, Member, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;  
David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, Kerry Twyman, Director of Finance and Resilience, and  
Andrew Munro, Head of Internal Audit, Scottish Parliament.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Laura Parker, LBTT Policy Lead, Directorate for Tax and Revenues, Liam Farrow, Head of Regional Economic Policy, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20212—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in a virtual meeting

1. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 16 December 2025.
2. **Proposed visitor levy legislation (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the proposed visitor levy bill.
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/390)

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

[Scottish Parliament Elections \(Returning Officer Fees and Charges\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/394)

5. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
6. **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
7. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 9 September to 17 November 2025.

**Health, Social Care and Sport Committee  
1st Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 11:00AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming 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 [Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 2026](#) and on the [Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026](#) from—  
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Katrina McNeill, Team Leader - Burial and Cremation, and Marie Penman, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—

[S6M-20005](#)— That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 be approved.

[S6M-20006](#)— That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 be approved.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Burial and Cremation \(Applications and Registers\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

[Common Services Agency \(Membership and Procedure\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 17 December 2025

### Wednesday 7 January 2026

**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** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Lowering Bills for Scotland’s Workers

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Stopping the Scottish Government’s Business Tax Increases

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members’ Business: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges

### Thursday 8 January 2026

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister’s Questions

**followed by** Members’ Business: Claire Baker: Non-fatal Strangulation Laws and Intimate Partner Homicides

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 13 January 2026

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection



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**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2026-27

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## Wednesday 14 January 2026

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## Thursday 15 January 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** Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees>

### Criminal Justice Committee

7 January 2026

1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Pam Gosal, Member in Charge of the Bill, Roz Thomson, Principal Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Ailidh Callander, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services Office, Scottish Parliament; Charlie Pound, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Conservative MSP Group.
2. **Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.
4. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at [Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot](mailto:Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot)

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

7 January 2026

1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to review evidence on the Draft Climate Change Plan in private at item 3 and at future meetings.
2. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Roxane Andersen, Theme leader, Peatlands, University of the Highlands and Islands;  
Dr Emma Hinchliffe, Director, IUCN UK Peatland Programme;  
Peter Hutchinson, Head of Peatland Programme and Strategy, NatureScot;  
Dr Emily Taylor, Director, Crichton Carbon Centre;

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Hannah Wheatley, Senior Economist, Future Economy Scotland.  
and then from—

Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor;

Jo Ellis, Head of Planning and Environment, Forestry and Land Scotland;

Willie McGhee, Board Member, Community Woodlands Association;

David Robertson, Director of Investment and Business Development, Scottish Woodlands.

and then from—

Dr Alessandro Gimona, Senior Landscape Scientist and Dr Ruth Mitchell, Biodiversity and Ecosystems Group Leader, James Hutton Institute;

Alan McDonnell, Convener of LINK's Woodlands Group, Scottish Environment LINK;

Dr Mike Perks, Principal Scientist, Climate Change, Forest Research.

- 3. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

**7 January 2026**

**1st Meeting, 2026**

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

- 1. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Paul de Leeuw, Director, Robert Gordon University Energy Transition Institute;  
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs (Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses;

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

Professor Karen Turner, Director of the Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde;

Richard Woolley, Head of Energy and Climate Change, Chemical Industries Association.

- 2. Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at [anne.peat@parliament.scot](mailto:anne.peat@parliament.scot)

## **Education, Children and Young People Committee**

**7 January 2026**

**1st Meeting, 2026**

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

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026](#) [draft] and the [Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026](#) [draft] from—  
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and Jaxon Parish, Qualifications Scotland Policy Team Leader, Education Reform Directorate, Scottish Government;  
Judith Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
- Subordinate legislation:** Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to move—S6M-19851—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026](#) [draft] be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to move—S6M-19852—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the [Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026](#) [draft] be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Cross-border Placement of Children \(Requirements, Effect and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) [draft] from—  
Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Louisa Brown, Kinship Care and Fostering Team Leader, and Rachael Wilson, Team Leader, Children's Residential Care Unit, Scottish Government;  
Claire Montgomery, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
- Subordinate legislation:** Natalie Don-Innes Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise to move—S6M-19990—That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the [Cross-border Placement of Children \(Requirements, Effect and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) [draft] be approved.
- Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
- Evidence Session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on the 17th December 2025.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

### **Public Audit Committee 7 January 2026 1st Meeting, 2026**

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Catherine Etri, Interim Principal and Chief Executive, Alistair Wylie, Interim Chair, and Lynn Murray, Depute Principal (Operations), UHI Perth;  
Vicki Nairn, Principal and Vice-Chancellor and Mike Baxter, Chief Financial Officer, University of the Highlands and Islands;

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Jacqui Brasted, Director of Access, Learning and Outcomes and Tiffany Ritchie, Acting Director of Finance, Scottish Funding Council.

3. **NHS in Scotland 2025: Finance and performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **NHS in Scotland 2025: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Derek Hoy, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
6. **The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
7. **NHS in Scotland 2025: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [Claire.Menzies@Parliament.scot](mailto:Claire.Menzies@Parliament.scot)

## **Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee**

**8 January 2026**

**1st Meeting, 2026**

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

1. **Choice of Temporary Convener:** The Committee will choose a Temporary Convener.
2. **Scottish Broadcasting:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Robert Beveridge, Former Visiting Professor, University of Sassari;  
Professor Catherine Happer, Professor of Media Sociology, University of Glasgow;  
Professor Nicholas Higgins, Director of the Creative Media Academy, University of the West of Scotland.  
and then from—  
John McLennan, Director, Newsbrands Scotland;  
Nick McGowan-Lowe, National Organiser for Scotland, National Union of Journalists;  
Catherine Houlihan, Managing Editor, ITV Border.

### **Proposed future business**

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

## **Social Justice and Social Security Committee**

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## 8 January 2026 1st Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 5 in private.
- Local Housing Allowance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Ashley Campbell, Policy and Practice Manager, Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland;  
Maeve McGoldrick, Head of Policy and Communications in Scotland, Crisis;  
Hannah Aldridge, Senior Research and Policy Analyst, Resolution Foundation.  
and then from—  
Sheila Haig, Customer Manager, Transactions - Assessment and Finance, City of Edinburgh Council;  
Les Robertson, Head of Revenue & Commercial Services, Fife Council;  
Duncan Black, Depute Chief Officer, Finance & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Local Housing Allowance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
- Correspondence (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government regarding the scope of the Fiscal Framework Review.
- Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

### Proposed future business

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

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

### 8 January 2026 1st Meeting, 2026

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2, 3 and 4 in private.
- Standing Order Rule Changes:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.
- Temporary Standing Order Rule Changes:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.
- Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk on its consultation on proposed changes to the rules on Cross-Party Groups.

### Proposed future business

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



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

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

## Motions for debate

**\*[S6M-20295](#) Murdo Fraser: Stopping the Scottish Government's Business Tax Increases**—That the Parliament recognises that businesses across Scotland are facing an acute and worsening cost crisis, driven by inflation, energy prices, wage pressures, supply chain disruption and weak economic growth; notes with serious concern the scale of proposed increases in rateable values arising from the 2026 non-domestic rates revaluation, particularly in the hospitality and self-catering sectors; believes that sharp and unaffordable increases in non-domestic rates now pose an existential threat to business viability, employment, investment and local economic resilience in many parts of Scotland; notes the growing divergence between Scotland's non-domestic rates regime and those operating elsewhere in the United Kingdom, and the competitive disadvantage that this risks creating for Scottish firms; understands that, since 2022-23, the Scottish Government has failed to pass on at least £700 million in business rates relief received through the block grant; calls on the Scottish Government to act urgently to provide certainty and stability by pausing the implementation of the 2026 revaluation, introducing meaningful transitional protections against excessive bill increases, and matching reductions in bills for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in England, and affirms that a strong and thriving business base is essential to Scotland's economic recovery, public finances and communities, and that the tax system should support growth rather than accelerate decline.

**\*[S6M-20294](#) Craig Hoy: Lowering Bills for Scotland's Workers**—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to reduce income tax on working people in Scotland; commits to uprating income tax thresholds in line with inflation in the forthcoming Scottish Budget and in future Scottish Budgets; further commits to removing the Scottish basic rate and intermediate rate of income tax and replacing them with a single Scottish income tax rate of 19 pence on income up to the higher rate threshold, and believes that these fairer measures would begin to reduce the tax differential with the rest of the United Kingdom, put more money into the pockets of working families, and support economic growth by addressing the cumulative effects of current income tax policy.

**\*[S6M-20291](#) Shona Robison: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) 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.

**\*[S6M-20285](#) Ivan McKee: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill.



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Supported by: Shona Robison\*

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-20293](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kathryn Jane Bennet of Helensburgh Appointed MBE in the Kings New Year Honours List**—That the Parliament congratulates Kathryn Jane Bennet of Helensburgh, Chair of Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) by King Charles in the New Year Honours list; notes that she has spent more than 20 years helping disabled people in the town and across the west of Scotland; understands that the organisation has over 80 participants, who are supported by 70 volunteers, and currently has five horses and ponies, and wishes Kathryn and the volunteers of Gareloch RDA every success for the future.

Supported by: Edward Mountain\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Douglas Ross\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*[S6M-20290](#) Kevin Stewart: Greenland**—That the Parliament believes that the entire world should unite in saying that the only people who have a right to determine Greenland's future are the people of Greenland.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn\*, Karen Adam\*, John Mason\*, Rona Mackay\*, Evelyn Tweed\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Clare Haughey\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Colin Beattie\*, Elena Whitham\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*[S6M-20289](#) Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Funeral Directors' 100th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates David Scott Funeral Directors, of Blairgowrie, on reaching its 100th anniversary, and on the uplifting and well-attended Christmas Remembrance event it organised, which was held recently in Blairgowrie Town Hall to remember loved ones from Blairgowrie, Alyth and the surrounding area; notes that the firm was set up by the late David Scott Snr in 1925 with just £5 and a toolbox; understands that the independent, family-run firm is held in high regard by the local community and by people who have used their services, and wishes it all the best for the future.

**\*[S6M-20288](#) Emma Harper: Commending South West Scotland RnR and Robin Hood for Outstanding Service to Veterans**—That the Parliament congratulates Robin Hood and South West Scotland (SWS) RnR on their outstanding contribution to supporting veterans; recognises that SWS RnR is a charity based in Dumfries and Galloway that offers two training programmes to help former servicemen pass the theory test to enable them to begin driver training for heavy goods vehicles; notes that SWS RnR also provides training to achieve the Security Industry Authority (SIA) qualification required for employment in the security sector; acknowledges that, over the last nine years, this initiative has enabled 90 veterans into work, including 87 who are now HGV drivers, one that is an ambulance driver, one that is a forklift driver, and one who is a joiner, with 82 of these veterans coming from Dumfries and Galloway; recognises that Robin has been the main fundraiser for SWS RnR, whose dedication and commitment have ensured its success; acknowledges that Robin was awarded Scottish Fundraiser of the Year in 2008 by Nicola Sturgeon, in recognition of his exceptional efforts; notes that the charity's eight-foot carving of a Gordon Highlander First World War soldier, nicknamed "Jock", has already become a TV star, accompanying Robin on many fundraising activities, and commends Robin and SWS RnR for the remarkable difference that they have made to the lives of veterans, their families and the wider community.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*

**\*[S6M-20287](#) John Mason: Harms of Gambling**—That the Parliament welcomes recent comments by Pope Leo XIV condemning the harm caused by gambling and recognising its destructive impact on individuals, families and communities; notes the growing body of evidence linking gambling addiction to serious mental health harms, including anxiety, depression, relationship breakdown, financial hardship and, in some cases, suicide; further notes with concern what it sees as the extreme levels of

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profiteering within the gambling industry, exemplified, it considers, by the recently reported payout of around £260 million to Denise Coates, chief executive of Bet365, in the latest financial year; believes that such excessive rewards raise serious ethical questions about an industry that generates vast personal wealth from activities known to cause addiction and harm, often among the most vulnerable in society; recognises that the regulation of gambling remains largely reserved to the UK Parliament, and calls on the UK Government to tighten gambling regulation, including stronger controls on advertising and online gambling.

**\*S6M-20284 Jackson Carlaw: Busby Church Reaches 190-year Anniversary—**That the Parliament recognises that 2026 marks the 190-year anniversary of the Busby Church in Eastwood; understands that Busby Church has served the local area for generations and it is a community-focused place of worship; notes that the church organises and hosts a significant number of events and activities each year for both worshippers and the wider local community; acknowledges that the church provides a welcoming and friendly environment for all visitors and local residents; congratulates everyone who is involved with the church for its outstanding contribution to the local area, and looks forward to Busby Church continuing to serve the community with distinction for another 190 years.

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**\*S6M-20283 Christine Grahame: Scottish Borders Design Awards 2025 – Winners Congratulated—**That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of the 2025 Scottish Borders Design Awards, held at the Great Tapestry of Scotland during the awards' 40th anniversary year; congratulates all winners, including Earlston Primary School, Sunnyside Farmhouse, Kirkbrae in Galashiels, Whitefield Crescent in Newtown St Boswells, the Gala Fairydean Rovers Stand in Galashiels and the Trimontium Museum in Melrose; further congratulates the Trimontium Museum on being named Scottish Borders Building of the Year; commends the organisers and judging panel, and recognises the contribution that these projects make to design excellence, placemaking and the enhancement of communities across the Scottish Borders.

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**\*S6M-20282 Liam Kerr: Dr Sylvia Halkerston Awarded OBE—**That the Parliament congratulates Dr Sylvia Halkerston on being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in recognition of her outstanding service to education and young people; notes her long-standing commitment to supporting learning, opportunity, and the development of future generations; further recognises Dr Halkerston's historic achievement as the first woman to serve as Lord Dean of Guild of the Burgesses of Guild of the City of Aberdeen; acknowledges what it sees as the significance of her leadership in a role with deep civic heritage, and commends her for her continued dedication to public service and to the people of Aberdeen. **R**

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**\*S6M-20281 Liam Kerr: Jimmy Buchan MBE, Recognition in the New Year Honours List—**That the Parliament congratulates Jimmy Buchan on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the New Year Honours List; recognises his longstanding contribution to Scotland's seafood sector, including his leadership within the industry and his advocacy for sustainable fishing; acknowledges what it sees as the positive impact of his work in promoting the north east's fishing communities and supporting local employment, and wishes him continued success in his future endeavours.

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Mountain\*, Karen Adam\*, Colin Beattie\*, Tim Eagle\*

**\*[S6M-20280](#) Alexander Stewart: Martin John Rogers, Member of the Order of the British Empire**

—That the Parliament congratulates Martin Rogers, Cub Scout Leader and Trustee for the District Scout Council, on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to young people, to Scouting and to the community in Rosyth; notes that Martin is also a Rosyth historian, and that, over a number of years, he has taken photos and films recording evolutionary changes in Rosyth; understands that he has also undertaken research on the history of the town and dockyard, sharing these in various ways such as publishing books of photos and focus guides, in addition to giving talks and creating displays under the auspices of the Rosyth Garden City Association; acknowledges that Martin was first involved in Scouting back in 1954 when he joined the 13th Fife Wolf Cubs at the age of eight, becoming an assistant cub master on his 18th birthday and that he has served the same group ever since, teaching hundreds of boys and girls between the ages of eight and 11, and who has been described by colleagues as "an incredibly knowledgeable man with a real passion for his locality", and commends Martin on his sterling endeavours for the Scouting organisation and for his entire community.

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**\*[S6M-20279](#) Alexander Stewart: Dr Robert Harold Sharp, Member of the Order of the British Empire**

—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Robert Sharp on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for voluntary service to mountain rescue in Scotland; acknowledges that Dr Sharp has dedicated over four decades to mountain rescue and safety in Scotland and the UK, transforming practices and helping to save countless lives; commends his work as an author of book titles such as *Mountain Rescue*, alongside Judy Whiteside, *Mountain Rescue in Scotland (The Early Years)*, Lomond Mountain Rescue Team, as well as many other textbooks and writings for rescue and walking organisations, and wishes Dr Sharp all the very best in his future endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-20278](#) Alexander Stewart: Karen Helen Ross, Member of the Order of the British Empire—**

That the Parliament congratulates Karen Ross, Voluntary Director and Secretary of the Kilmadock Development Trust and Chair of the Doune and Deanston Youth Project, on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to the community in Doune and Deanston, and commends Karen on her tireless endeavours for the wellbeing of her communities.

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**\*[S6M-20277](#) Alexander Stewart: Dr Christopher Bryn Pritchard, Officer of the Order of the British Empire**

—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Chris Pritchard, Chair of the Scottish Mathematical Council (SMC), former Principal Teacher of Mathematics at McLaren High School in Callander, Secretary to the James Clerk Maxwell Foundation and, lately, President of the Mathematical Association, on being appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to mathematics education; acknowledges that Dr Pritchard is a prominent figure in Scottish mathematics education, known for his contributions to mathematics in schools, authorship for the SMC Journal, and leadership roles in organisations such as the Mathematical Association, and commends Dr Pritchard for his sterling endeavours in the pursuit of education in mathematics for all.

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**\*[S6M-20276](#) Clare Adamson: Recognising Fundraising and Donations in Support of the Maranatha Centre**—That the Parliament commends the fundraising efforts and generous donations made in support of the Maranatha Centre in December 2025; recognises the strong community response from individuals, organisations, businesses and community groups, including WH & R McCartney Insurance Brokers (Acrisure), ASLEF Union Motherwell Branch, SPAR Shields Road Motherwell and its customers, Dalziel Rugby Club, OILFAST Motherwell, HK Dog Care, Motherwell Phoenix 2018, students from New College Lanarkshire and local schools, and Adam Hogg; notes that these efforts included sponsored activities and creative fundraising to provide essential food donations; believes that this demonstrates the strength of community spirit during challenging economic times; recognises the vital role of the Maranatha Centre in supporting those in need, and thanks all involved for their kindness and continued support.

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-20275](#) John Mason: Greenland Special Envoy** (lodged on 23 December 2025)

New Support: Kevin Stewart\*, Jamie Hepburn\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, James Dornan\*, Elena Whitham\*, David Torrance\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-20274](#) Clare Adamson: Commending the Horse and Anchor Pub for Fundraising in Support of MADE 4U IN ML2** (lodged on 23 December 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-20273](#) Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Neighbourhood Networks Fundraising for St Andrew's Hospice** (lodged on 22 December 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-20272](#) Clare Adamson: Recognising the Efforts of The War Office, Motherwell** (lodged on 22 December 2025)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-20271](#) Bill Kidd: Queen's Nurse Award** (lodged on 22 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-20266](#) Alexander Burnett: Celebrating Mary Watt's Service to the British Red Cross** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-20265](#) Paul Sweeney: Glasgow 850** (lodged on 22 December 2025)

New Support: Pauline McNeill\*

**[S6M-20261](#) Paul McLennan: Recognition of Sunamp's 2025 Institute of Physics Business Innovation Award** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-20259](#) Kevin Stewart: 50 Years of Befriend a Child** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-20257](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Five U18 Pupils from West Scotland Region Selected for Youth Football Scotland's Centenary Shield Team** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

**[S6M-20256](#) Michael Marra: Congratulating Ben Lawrence on Charlie Malone Prize** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Alex Rowley\*



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[S6M-20255](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognising the 50th Anniversary of the Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20254](#) **Bill Kidd: Peace Process in Turkey** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20253](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Sasco Art Wins Helensburgh's Best Christmas Window Display 2025** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20252](#) **Douglas Ross: Mortlach Memorial Hall Benefits from £20,000 Grant** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20251](#) **Marie McNair: Colpi Ice Cream Wins Highly Recommended Award** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20242](#) **Edward Mountain: Fin Graham wins Para Athlete of the Year at Scottish Sport Awards 2025** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20241](#) **Edward Mountain: Ann Roy Named Technical Official at the Year at Scottish Sports Awards 2025** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20235](#) **Craig Hoy: Scotland's Flood Defences** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Dr Pam Gosal MBE\*, Liz Smith\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Edward Mountain\*, Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20234](#) **Douglas Ross: Pearl Hamilton Retires After Decades of Service to Moray Customers** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20232](#) **Alexander Burnett: Marking 10 Years Since Storm Frank** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20230](#) **Mercedes Villalba: Billions Lost through Outsourcing to Private Profit** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*, Monica Lennon\*

[S6M-20228](#) **Pauline McNeill: Celebrating Andy Brown's Achievement at the Scottish Sports Awards 2025** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

[S6M-20227](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Woodland View ASN School in Kirkintilloch Wins School of the Year at Sportscotland Scottish Sports Awards 2025** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20220](#) **Marie McNair: Dalmuir Barclay Church Community Pantry Receive Funding Award** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20219](#) **Marie McNair: Clydesider Magazine Receives Funding for Multimedia Content Creators** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

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New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20218](#) **Maggie Chapman: A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Fit for the Future** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Katy Clark\*

[S6M-20217](#) **Monica Lennon: Recognition of John D'Ambrosio on Winning Sportscotland Janice Eaglesham Disability Coach of the Year Award** (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury\*

[S6M-20192](#) **Liam Kerr: Congratulations to Light of Bengal in Aberdeen on Winning Two Prestigious Scottish Asian Food Awards** (lodged on 16 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20185](#) **Jackson Carlaw: Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open** (lodged on 16 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20178](#) **Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges** (lodged on 15 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20163](#) **Brian Whittle: Galston Community Development Trust Receives National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 15 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20162](#) **Brian Whittle: Unpaid Carers Benefitting from National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 15 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20158](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Comedian Stanley Baxter Dies Aged 99** (lodged on 12 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-20149](#) **Paul McLennan: Gifford Community Woodland Recognised with National Forestry Awards** (lodged on 12 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20148](#) **Paul McLennan: North Berwick RNLI Volunteers Praised for Lifesaving Rescue** (lodged on 18 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

[S6M-20112](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Boy Honoured for Courage and Community Spirit** (lodged on 16 December 2025)

New Support: Roz McCall\*

[S6M-19932](#) **Liam McArthur: Mark Shiner Recognised for his Contribution to Traditional Sailmaking in Scotland** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19930](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Supporting Traditional Building Skills to Save Eyemouth's Historic Buildings** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19929](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Merry Milngavie Santa Parade and Christmas Lights Switch-on** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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[S6M-19919](#) **Claire Baker: Celebrating Special Achievement of Great Britain Deaf Women's Football Team at 2025 Deaflympics in Tokyo** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19912](#) **Sharon Dowey: Trump Turnberry Wins Big at the World Golf Awards** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19910](#) **Sharon Dowey: Celebrating 10 Years of the Ayr and Prestwick Street Pastors** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19909](#) **Rona Mackay: Auchinairn Afterschool Care and Forest School Triumphs at National Nursery Awards** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19908](#) **Alexander Stewart: Bridge of Allan Rotarians Raise over £15,000 for Strathcarron Hospice** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19907](#) **Sharon Dowey: Troon Man Runs 65km for Charity** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19906](#) **Sharon Dowey: Ayr's Albion Environmental Scoops National Award** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19904](#) **Sharon Dowey: Ayr's Vertu Toyota Named Best Car Dealership in Scotland** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19903](#) **Maurice Golden: The Royal Kennel Club** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19892](#) **Liam McArthur: Elaine Gray Wins Badminton Scotland's President's Award** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19889](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Clydebank Resident Shaun Ennis Completes 465-mile Charity Trek in Aid of BBC Children in Need** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19888](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: The Leather Guild Fundraises for Helensburgh RNLI Lifeboat Station** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19887](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Skylark IX Recovery Trust in Dumbarton Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19886](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Helping Hands Community Shop Established to Support Clydebank Residents** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19884](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Bearsden Couple Completes Charity Cycle for Beatson Cancer Charity** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

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New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19877](#) **Emma Harper: Recognising A Listening Ear and the No One Dies Alone Initiative in Dumfries and Galloway** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19876](#) **Carol Mochan: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Carers UK and Carers Scotland** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19873](#) **Willie Rennie: Lamb for St Andrew's Day 2025** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19871](#) **Liam McArthur: Wishing Helen Mathieson from Aurrida House a Happy Retirement** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19870](#) **Craig Hoy: Condemning Dumfries and Galloway Council's Budget Proposals** (lodged on 21 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19867](#) **Alasdair Allan: Barra Airport Cafe Success at BBC Food and Farming Awards 2025** (lodged on 21 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19855](#) **Annie Wells: Seven Marathons, Seven Continents, One Purpose** (lodged on 20 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19849](#) **Gordon MacDonald: Award for Edinburgh Construction Skills Pathway** (lodged on 20 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19848](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Welcoming the Establishment of the Women's Sports Union** (lodged on 20 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19846](#) **Miles Briggs: Murray Beith Murray LLP** (lodged on 20 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19842](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Glenboig and Moodiesburn Ramblers** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19841](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Manorview Foundation** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19840](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Sakoon Mind** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19839](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for Carnbroe Community Action for Residents** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*



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[S6M-19838](#) **Fulton MacGregor: National Lottery Funding for St Bartholomews Line Dancing Club** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19837](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Recognising the Contribution of George Thomson to Audio Descriptive Football Commentary** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19835](#) **Colin Beattie: Home Link Family Support Receives National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19834](#) **Colin Beattie: The Turing Trust Receives National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

[S6M-19832](#) **Mark Griffin: Appointment of Luisa Campbell to General Secretary of Bishops' Conference of Scotland** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Sue Webber\*

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## Questions

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

## Oral Questions

### Topical Questions selected for answer on 6 January 2026

- 1. Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the talks with BMA representatives regarding the planned resident doctors' strike due to begin next week. **R** ([S6T-02820](#))
- 2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the recent snow and cold weather in Scotland. ([S6T-02825](#))
- 3. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it plans to address CalMac's ferry repair and maintenance costs, in light of reports that these costs have doubled over the past two years. ([S6T-02824](#))

### First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 8 January 2026

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04556](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04557](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04558](#))
- 4. Karen Adam:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to support those affected by fuel poverty, in light of the recent rise in energy prices and their potential impact on the cost of living for households in Scotland. ([S6F-04571](#))
- 5. Dr Pam Gosal MBE:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to Police Scotland figures showing a 10% increase in reported domestic abuse crimes over the past 12 months. ([S6F-04560](#))
- 6. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on the rollout of the £2 bus fare cap pilot agreed as part of the 2025-26 budget negotiations. ([S6F-04564](#))
- 7. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking following reports that the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital released the wrong body for cremation. ([S6F-04559](#))

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 14 January 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 7 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 8 January 2026.

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

1. Alex Rowley
2. Graham Simpson
3. Elena Whitham
4. Fulton MacGregor

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5. Mark Ruskell
6. Annie Wells
7. Davy Russell
8. Fergus Ewing

## Finance and Local Government

1. Stuart McMillan
2. Miles Briggs
3. Ash Regan
4. Kevin Stewart
5. Murdo Fraser
6. Roz McCall
7. Humza Yousaf
8. Clare Adamson

## Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 15 January 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 7 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 8 January 2026.

## Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

1. Audrey Nicoll
2. Bob Doris
3. Jamie Halcro Johnston
4. Craig Hoy
5. Paul McLennan
6. Christine Grahame
7. Douglas Ross
8. Katy Clark

## Members selected for General Questions on 15 January 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 7 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 8 January 2026.

1. Michelle Thomson
2. Claire Baker
3. Rhoda Grant
4. Jamie Hepburn
5. Sue Webber
6. Liz Smith
7. Bill Kidd
8. Evelyn Tweed

## Written Questions

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## Written Questions lodged on 5 January 2026

**[S6W-42653 Ariane Burgess:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its reported commitment to integrate skills strategies into sectoral strategies, when these skills strategies will be published and which (a) sectors and (b) regions each will cover.

**[S6W-42790 John Mason:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that outcome 6B of the Good Food Nation Plan, which aims for Scotland's food sector to make a positive contribution to global food system transformation, is effectively measured, and what consideration will be given to using indicators, such as Fairtrade product purchasing or Fair Trade procurement through Scotland Excel, to provide independent data on Scotland's global food impact.

**[S6W-42791 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether any procurement procedure for the design and build of a new class of marine protection vessel (MPV) and marine research vessel (MRV) to replace the two existing vessels, MPV Minna and MRV Scotia, will be directly awarded to a UK-based shipbuilding firm, or limited to a UK-only competition, in light of the national security role that these vessels play and such a decision being compliant with the exemption under section 45 of the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

**[S6W-42792 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what obligations are placed on bus operators to accept the National Entitlement Card for local cross-border journeys.

**[S6W-42793 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider emulating the practice adopted by the German federal state of Schleswig-Holstein, which is building an entirely open-source, digitally sovereign ecosystem for its public sector to reduce vendor lock-in, enhance interoperability and improve data security.

**[S6W-42794 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will initiate discussions with Glasgow City Council on jointly acquiring the site of the former ABC venue on Sauchiehall Street in Glasgow to facilitate the implementation of the Vision and Delivery Plan for the Golden Z prepared by Stantec, Threesixty Architecture and Kevin Murray Associates, which was approved by Glasgow City Council in August 2023 and proposes that the fire-damaged buildings on the site be cleared for a landscaped terrace, in light of reported concerns that the current planned redevelopment risks undermining the efforts to fully restore the Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh Building.

**[S6W-42795 Sharon Dowey:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any risks associated with police officers continuing in service after they would otherwise have been entitled to retire, as a result of unresolved pension issues.

**[S6W-42796 Sharon Dowey:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether issues relating to police officers being unable to retire due to pension buyback or pension scheme interaction issues were discussed by officials within the Police Workforce, Diversity and Inquiry Sponsorship team during 2025.

**[S6W-42797 Sharon Dowey:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether issues relating to police officers being unable to retire due to pension buyback or pension scheme interaction issues were discussed at any governance, oversight or management group to which the Police Workforce, Diversity and Inquiry Sponsorship team reports during 2025.

**[S6W-42798 Sharon Dowey:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether its ministers were advised during 2025 that some police officers were unable to retire, despite meeting age or service thresholds, due to pension scheme interaction issues.

**[S6W-42799 Ash Regan:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its consultation, which was launched on 28 August 2025 and concluded on 17 October 2025, with the Criminal Justice Committee taking initial evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs on 24 September 2025, what the reasons are for the reported delay in the laying of the proposed Hate Crime and Public Order

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(Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) Amendment Regulations 2026, and when an update on the current status and next steps in the process will be provided to the Parliament.

**[S6W-42800 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what options have been developed with stakeholders regarding the mandatory reporting for food waste and surplus by businesses.

**[S6W-42801 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has taken place with the development of a Product Stewardship Plan, as set out in the Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030.

**[S6W-42802 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has taken place in the creation of a model for regional Scottish hubs and networks for the reuse of construction materials and assets, as set out in the Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030.

**[S6W-42803 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that all frontline Police Scotland officers will be routinely equipped with body-worn video cameras, and what its position is on whether inconsistent access undermines (a) officer safety, (b) victim confidence and (c) public trust.

**[S6W-42804 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of any delays to the national roll-out of body-worn video cameras on police officer safety, in light of reported reductions in assaults on officers in divisions where the technology is already in use.

**[S6W-42805 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether any delay to the roll-out of body-worn video cameras is preventing Police Scotland from fully realising any benefits in court efficiency, including reductions in officer court citations and earlier guilty pleas.

**[S6W-42806 Liam Kerr:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government which governance group is responsible for overseeing the delivery of body-worn video cameras for Police Scotland; when it last considered progress, and what action it has taken to address any delays.

**[S6W-42807 Audrey Nicoll:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS), including its freight crime function, and whether any discussions have been held regarding the scope of NaVCIS's role in Scotland.

**[S6W-42808 Audrey Nicoll:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the scale and nature of vehicle and freight crime in Scotland, and whether intelligence from the National (a) Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service and (b) Freight Crime Database is used to inform this assessment.

**[S6W-42809 Audrey Nicoll:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the process used to (a) create, (b) classify and (c) review crime codes relating to vehicle and freight crime in Scotland, and whether it considers that the existing crime codes are sufficient to capture freight and cargo crime accurately.

**[S6W-42810 Audrey Nicoll:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to contributing to, or facilitating Scottish industry participation in, the funding of (a) the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service and (b) similar specialist vehicle and freight crime intelligence services.

**[S6W-42811 Roz McCall:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the request from the Scottish Retail Consortium, Go Forth Stirling BID, and other business improvement districts, that Scotland should follow England and introduce a permanent business rate discount for all retail, hospitality and leisure premises.

**[S6W-42812 Carol Mochan:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any price gaps between the purchase costs of gluten-free products and the NHS reimbursement rate for pharmacies, what steps it is taking to ensure that those with coeliac disease have sufficient access to prescriptions for gluten-free products.

**[S6W-42813 Carol Mochan:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the NHS reimbursement rate for pharmacies purchasing prescriptions for gluten-free products.

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[S6W-42814](#) **Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the proposed Tenements (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill will include a statutory right for owners to install EV charging infrastructure on common ground to override any obsolete title burdens that prevent the delivery of net zero targets in existing flatted developments.

[S6W-42815](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of SEPA's formal weekly water scarcity reporting season running from May to September, whether it has considered instructing the agency to collect such scarcity data over the winter months as a guide for future mitigation measures for droughts and other causes of water scarcity.

Amendments to Bills lodged on 5 January 2026

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 9

Lorna Slater

- 69 In section 9, page 5, line 28, after <economies> insert <, including through the development of community-owned renewable energy, and skills and supply chains associated with renewable energy>



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## Progress of Legislation

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

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

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

### **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 2 completed, 25 November 2025

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

### **Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 8 January 2026

*Stage 1 Report – Finance and Public Administration Committee (13th Report, 2025)*

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 14 January 2026

*Stage 1 Report - Education, Children and Young People Committee (10th Report, 2025)*

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

Stage 2 completed, 16 December 2025

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

### **Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)**

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

### **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 14 January 2026



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### **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 February 2026

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### **Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 13 January 2026

*Stage 1 Report – Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (12th Report, 2025)*

### **Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)**

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

### **Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 17 December 2025

*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (81st Report, 2025)*

### **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Passed, 16 December 2025

### **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 9 December 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 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 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 27 November 2025

*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (79th Report, 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)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025

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

### **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 10 December 2025

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### **Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 27 November 2025

## Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 16 December 2025

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (91st Report, 2025)*

## Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 7 January 2026

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 7 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 15 January 2026

*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (80th Report, 2025)*

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 7 January 2026

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

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

Passed, 16 December 2025

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

Stage 1 completed, 13 November 2025

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 3 December 2025

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

## UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 6 January 2026

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 15 January 2026

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 8 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

## Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Social Justice and Social Security Committee) published, 19 December 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>

## Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-64a

Lodged on 22 December 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 6 January 2026

## 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 – Lead committee (Education, Children and Young People) (8th Report, 2025)*

**Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57c**  
 Lodged on 19 December 2025

**High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15**  
 Lodged on 7 February 2022  
*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)*  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)*

**Northern Ireland Troubles Bill LCM-S6-68**  
 Lodged on 11 December 2025  
*Lead committee - Criminal Justice*

**Pension Schemes Bill LCM-S6-65**  
 Lodged on 26 September 2025  
 Meeting of the Parliament, 17 December 2025  
*Report - Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (6th Report, 2025)*  
*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2025)*

**Public Office (Accountability) Bill LCM-S6-66**  
 Lodged on 31 October 2025  
*Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration*  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (87th Report, 2025)*

**Railways Bill LCM-S6-69**  
 Lodged on 12 December 2025

**Sentencing Bill LCM-S6-67**  
 Lodged on 26 November 2025  
 Meeting of the Parliament, 18 December 2025  
*Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (13th Report, 2025)*

**Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61b**  
 Lodged on 17 December 2025  
*Lead committee - Net Zero, Energy and Transport*

**Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62**  
 Lodged on 27 August 2025  
 Meeting of the Parliament, 9 December 2025  
*Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (9th Report, 2025)*  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (73rd Report, 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)

**Made Affirmative Instruments**

**Subject to approval by 15 December 2025**

[Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/353\)](#) (18 November 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

**Affirmative Instruments**

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 January 2026**

[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 January 2026**

[Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 January 2026**

[Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Fruit and Vegetables\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 November 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 14 January 2026**

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 15 January 2026**

[Cross-border Placement of Children \(Requirements, Effect and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 23 January 2026**

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 January 2026

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 February 2026

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Investment Zones Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (10 December 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 3 February 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (10 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 February 2026

[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (11 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 8 February 2026

[Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 February 2026

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber \(Rules of Procedure and Composition\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Modification of Schedule 5\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 February 2026

[Domestic Abuse \(Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Consequential and Supplementary Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

## Negative instruments



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**Subject to annulment by 7 January 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 5 January 2026**

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 6, Consequential Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/352 \(C. 26\)\)](#) (17 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 14 January 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 12 January 2026**

[Burial and Cremation \(Applications and Registers\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/360\)](#) (24 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 21 January 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 19 January 2026**

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/380\)](#) (1 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 29 January 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026**

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/385\)](#) (5 December 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 1 February 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026**

[Common Services Agency \(Membership and Procedure\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/387\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/390\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 11 February 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Removing from Heritable Property \(Form of Charge\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/402\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Decrees for Removing from Heritable Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/403\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Secure Tenancies \(Proceedings for Possession\) \(Form of Notice\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/404\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/406\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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**Subject to annulment by 12 February 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Integration Joint Boards\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/405\)](#) (19 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 13 February 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Agricultural Products\) \(Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/407\)](#) (22 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Social Security \(Residence in an EEA State or Switzerland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/415\)](#) (22 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)



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