

Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: A9 Dualling - Programme for 2035 Completion

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

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Members' Business: George Adam: The Importance of Football within Scotland

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

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The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic – Questions 1 and 5.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress that it is making in supporting the Fife Council-led Mossmorran Taskforce. ([S6O-05355](#))
- Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government under what circumstances it expects to be able to return Ferguson Marine to the private sector. ([S6O-05356](#))
- Elena Whitham:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05357](#))
- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage young people to be involved in the Gaelic language and culture. ([S6O-05358](#))
- Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Deputy First Minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding when a Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran will be introduced. ([S6O-05359](#))
- Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve Glasgow's economic performance, in light of reports that the city continues to lag behind the rest of Scotland. ([S6O-05360](#))
- Davy Russell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the rates of young people not in education, employment or training. ([S6O-05361](#))
- Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential economic impact of fully dualling the A96, in order to provide faster and safer transport links between the two key economic areas of north east Scotland and the Highlands, and to support the significant number of renewable energy sector jobs that it and Highlands and Islands Enterprise anticipate will be generated in the coming decades. ([S6O-05362](#))

Finance and Local Government

- Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with COSLA, or Strathclyde Pension Fund directly, regarding the levels of pension contributions requested from west of Scotland local authorities for the financial year 2026-27. ([S6O-05363](#))
- Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the cross-government co-ordination of infrastructure, what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues on when a decision will be made on the design and construction of a new grade separated junction on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass at Sheriffhall, including what cost revisions have been undertaken. ([S6O-05364](#))
- Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider allocating ring-fenced funding to local authorities in the 2026-27 Budget to ensure consistent provision of prostitution support and exit services across Scotland, in line with the joint Scottish Government and COSLA Equally Safe commitment to tackling commercial sexual exploitation. ([S6O-05365](#))

4. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how much the UK Government's increase in employer national insurance contributions has cost local government in Scotland. ([S6O-05366](#))

5. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to assist businesses that have seen a significant proposed increase in rateable value as a result of the current revaluation for non-domestic rates. ([S6O-05367](#))

6. Roz McCall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the request from the Scottish Retail Consortium, Go Forth Stirling BID, and other business improvement districts for Scotland to follow England and introduce a permanent business rate discount for all retail, hospitality and leisure premises. ([S6O-05368](#))

7. Humza Yousaf: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated in the proposed Scottish Budget to support its international development efforts. ([S6O-05369](#))

8. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to local authorities, including North Lanarkshire Council, that face significant annual PFI and PPP payment obligations, which are estimated to amount to approximately £26.6 million per year. ([S6O-05370](#)) R

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[S6M-20389](#) Natalie Don-Innes: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20377](#) Shona Robison: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-20420](#) Graeme Dey: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 January 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.

S6M-20421 Graeme Dey: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 13 February 2026.

S6M-20422 Graeme Dey: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 February 2026.

S6M-20423 Graeme Dey: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 23 January 2026.

S6M-20424 Graeme Dey: Stage 1 Extension—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 6 February 2026.

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S6M-20428 Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Placement of Children (Requirements, Effect and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20429 Graeme Dey: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill.

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followed by Members' Business: George Adam: The Importance of Football within Scotland

S6M-19672 George Adam: The Importance of Football within Scotland—That the Parliament recognises the importance of football, culturally, economically and socially; believes that clubs such as St Mirren FC play a role in tackling issues of health and social inclusion in the community, and understands what it sees as the important economic role they play across Scotland, including in Paisley. **R**

Committee Meetings

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Claire Greer, Regional Organiser, GMB Scotland;
Laurie Macfarlane, Co-Director, Future Economy Scotland;
Dougie Maguire, Lead Officer for the Passenger Sector in Scotland, Unite the Union;
Ryan Morrison, Just Transition Officer, Scottish Trades Union Congress.
- 2. Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
- 3. Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
- 4. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nim Kibbler, Scotland Manager for Nature Friendly Farming Network, Scottish Agroecology Partnership;
Emma Patterson Taylor, Project Manager, Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society;
Lorna Scott, Senior Policy Manager for Climate, Land and Business, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Donna Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation.
and then from—
Claire Daly, Head of Policy and Advocacy, WWF Scotland;
Dr Vera Eory, Scotland's Rural College;
David McKay, Vice Convener of Food and Farming Group, Scottish Environment LINK;
Professor Dave Reay, University of Edinburgh.
- 2. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/390)

- 3. Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 4. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

1st Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Energy Thematic Evidence Session:** The Committee will take evidence on thematic energy issues that have been raised by multiple petitions. The Committee will take evidence from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Catherine Williams, Deputy Director, Onshore Electricity, Strategy and Consents, Robert Martin, Head of Legislative Change and Governance, and Antonia Georgieva, Head of Battery Energy Storage Systems, Scottish Government.
- 3. Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE2053: Stop the cuts to community link workers and help secure their long-term future within GP practice teams;

PE2078: Introduce mandatory licencing and inspection of private ambulance service providers;

PE2091: Provide funding to have a CAHMS worker and a nurse based within Scottish high schools;

PE2126: Ensure abortion services are available up to 24 weeks across all parts of Scotland;

PE2128: Increase funding for post mastectomy (delayed) breast reconstructions and ensure that waiting time information is accurate;

PE2071: Take action to protect people from airborne infections in health and social care settings;

PE1989: Increase defibrillators in public spaces and workplaces;

PE2048: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign;

PE2067: Improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death;

PE2101: Provide Defibrillators for all Primary and Secondary Schools in Scotland;

PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody;

PE2075: Prioritise local participation in planning decisions; and

PE2099: Stop the proposed centralisation of specialist neonatal units in NHS Scotland.

4. Consideration of new petitions: The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE2190: Hold an inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland; and

PE2196: Address early sexual offending in Scotland.

5. Changes to rules on petitioning: The Committee will consider a paper on proposed changes to the determination on proper form of petitions.

6. Consideration of evidence: The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Criminal Justice Committee
2nd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.
- 2. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education, Children and Young People Committee
2nd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2025](#)
- 2. Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)** The Committee will take evidence from—
Garry Ross, National Officer for Higher Education, EIS;
Jonnie Hall, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Professor Wayne Powell, Principal and Chief Executive and Jeroen Van Herk, UNISON Steward, SRUC.
- 3. Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Public Audit Committee
2nd 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 and 7 in private.
2. **The 2024/25 audit of Historic Environment Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Lisa Duthie, Audit Director and Carole Grant, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
3. **Cairngorm funicular railway:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nick Kempe, Campaigner and Mountaineer, Gordon Bulloch, Former Environmental Land Remediation and Business Turnaround Manager, and Dave Morris, Cairngorm and International Mountain Expert, Parkswatch Scotland.
4. **The 2024/25 audit of Historic Environment Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Lisa Duthie, Audit Director and Carole Grant, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
5. **The 2024/25 audit of Historic Environment Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
6. **Cairngorm funicular railway:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 7 January 2026

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: Maggie Chapman: A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Fit for the Future

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Additional Support for Learning Review

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Standing Order Rule Changes – Lodging Deadlines for Public Bills

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

15 January 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. Scottish Broadcasting: The Committee will take evidence from—

David Smith, Director of Screen, Screen Scotland;
Paul McManus, Scotland Negotiations Officer, BECTU;
Emily Oyama, Director of Policy, Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television.

2. STV News consultation and Scottish Broadcasting inquiry: The Committee will take evidence from—

Cristina Nicolotti Squires, Group Director, Broadcasting and Media Group, Glenn Preston, Director, Scotland, and Stefan Webster, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Ofcom.

Proposed future business

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

james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

15 January 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. Correspondence (In Private): The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government regarding the scope of the Fiscal Framework Review.

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

3. Decisions on taking business in private (Not before 9am): The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.

4. Two-child cap: The Committee will take evidence from—

John Dickie, Director of Child Poverty Action Group Scotland, End Child Poverty Coalition;
Charis Chittick, Head of Policy, Strategy and Communications, One Parent Families Scotland;
Dr Hannah Randolph, Economist Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute;
Professor Stephen Sinclair, Chair, Poverty and Inequality Commission.

5. **Two-child cap:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 4.

6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider 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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

15 January 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at 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.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for debate

***S6M-20419 Gillian Martin: Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill - UK Legislation—**

That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 September 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 2 to 20, 22, 26, the schedule, a new clause after clause 9 (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland), a new clause after clause 9 (Procedure for regulations under section (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland)), a new clause after clause 9 (Consultation: Scotland and Northern Ireland), a new clause after clause 12 (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland (No. 2)), a new clause after clause 12 (Procedure for regulations under section (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland (No. 2))), and a new clause after clause 12 (Consultation: Scotland and Northern Ireland (No. 2)), so far as these matters fall within legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***S6M-20414 Sarah Boyack: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill—**That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-20432 Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood Nurse Lynsey O'Dwyer Receives Award—**That the

Parliament congratulates Eastwood resident, Lynsey O'Dwyer on being awarded the title, Queen's Nurse; acknowledges that Lynsey, who works as a clinical team lead for district nursing in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, is one of 18 community nurses in Scotland to receive the award after successfully completing the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland's (QNIS) nine-month development programme in 2025; recognises that the development programme involves residential and online workshops and individual coaching sessions; further recognises that, to complete the programme, nurses are required to select a topic for development and it has to be an issue that will have a considerable impact on patients, to ensure that the nine-month learning experience is applied in practice; understands that QNIS is a Scottish charitable organisation, which supports community nurses and midwives in developing their professional skills so that they can provide the highest standards of patient care, and commends Lynsey for her outstanding effort to receive the Queen's Nurse award.

Supported by: Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Martin Whitfield*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*

***S6M-20430 Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Reads**—That the Parliament welcomes East Lothian Council's new East Lothian Reads project, which will run throughout 2026 and which the council hopes will inspire people of all ages to make reading a daily habit; notes that the project's key message is that reading is for everyone and that reading for pleasure can help all of us, not only in education and attainment, but also with mental health and wellbeing, as well as with wider life opportunities; understands that, while the East Lothian Libraries Team will play a lead role in the project, the council is also seeking to involve the wider community by recruiting reading ambassadors and encouraging groups across the county to take part, and commends the council and, in particular, East Lothian Library Services, for their central role in co-ordinating East Lothian Reads and taking its key message out into the heart of all of East Lothian's communities, and looks forward to following the project's work during 2026.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Paul McLennan*, Kenneth Gibson*

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

***S6M-20418 Claire Baker: Welcoming £70,000 in Climate Grants Awarded from Fife Climate Hub to 35 Fife Community Groups**—That the Parliament welcomes the £70,000 in climate grants awarded from the Fife Climate Hub to 35 Fife community groups; understands that the funding forms part of the Community Climate Grants scheme, a joint initiative between the Fife Climate Hub and Climate Action Fife, and will support grassroots projects that tackle the climate emergency and deliver practical action for climate and nature, while also supporting community wellbeing and resilience; welcomes that £50,000 comes from the Seed and Development Fund from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, in addition to £20,000 provided by the Scottish Government; notes that the St Andrews Environmental Network (StAndEN) will use its funding to support Floor It Forwards, and that the East Wemyss CAFE (Community Access For Everyone) will use its funding to work with Rebel Larder to improve local land connection and food security; understands that the Foodbank Community Support Project received funding to create an edible commemorative garden space; acknowledges that other groups to receive funding include Aberdour Climate Action Network, Greener Kirkcaldy, Kinghorn Community Land Association (KCLA), The Ecology Centre, Vegan Fife, CLEAR Buckhaven and Methil, Footprint East Neuk, Seafield Environmental Group, Big Green Market, Methilhill Children's Community Initiative, The Hive Kirkcaldy, Burnt Turk and Kettlehill Community Trust, Kirkcaldy Islamic Centre, Dunnikier Country Park Development Group, Forgan Arts Centre, Floral Action Burntisland, and Nourish Support Centre; is very grateful to all the organisations, groups, staff and volunteers for their hard work and contributions, and extends its very best wishes to everyone for the future.

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*

***S6M-20417 Graeme Dey: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

***S6M-20416 Graeme Dey: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

***S6M-20415 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 15 January 2026—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Additional Support for Learning Review

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Standing Order Rule Changes – Lodging Deadlines for Public Bills

delete

4.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

***S6M-20413 Michelle Thomson: Professor John Wallace CBE**—That the Parliament mourns the passing of the remarkable musician, Professor John Wallace; notes that, by the age of 25, he was the Assistant Principal Trumpet of the London Symphony Orchestra, and that, two years later, he was the Principal Trumpet of the Philharmonia; understands that, in parallel to his orchestral career, he performed as a soloist with many of the world's finest orchestras and conductors; recognises that, as a virtuoso trumpeter, he accompanied Kiri te Kanawa in Handel's *Let the Bright Seraphim* at the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer in 1981, and was the soloist in the credits for the TV adaptation of John Le Carre's *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*; acknowledges that, in 1986, he founded The Wallace Collection, which performs and records brass music from many different periods on authentic instruments; understands that he has been responsible for two of the most important books on brass playing, including an authoritative volume on the trumpet, co-authored with Sandy McGrattan in 2012; believes that John's scholarly work has hugely enhanced the understanding of the complex technology of brass instruments and their development over thousands of years; agrees that, through the unique quality of sound that his playing produced, he established the trumpet as an instrument worthy of the same artistry that has been associated with string and keyboard instruments; understands that his artistry has inspired composers of the stature of Harrison Birtwistle, Peter Maxwell Davies and James Macmillan to write new music for the trumpet, creating a vastly expanded solo repertoire; recognises that, in 2002, John became principal of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, which, under his passionate and expert leadership, expanded its activities and became the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2011; acknowledges that John was appointed a CBE in 2011, was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Music honoris causa from the University of St Andrews in 2014, and awarded a Queen's Medal for Music in 2021 for being an "outstanding individual casting a major positive influence on the musical life of the nation"; is aware that, in 2003, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and has also achieved professional fellowships with the Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music; appreciates that he composed ceremonial fanfares for the Scottish Parliament and was a keen supporter of the Parliament's Cross Party Group on Music; notes that, after his retirement in 2014, he became convenor of the Music Education Partnership Group, which campaigned for free instrumental tuition across the country; believes that the world of Scottish music and culture has lost an immense figure, and sends its condolences to his family, friends, professional colleagues and countless admirers.

***S6M-20412 Clare Adamson: Thanking Karen's Closet for Supporting St Andrew's Hospice**—That the Parliament thanks Karen's Closet, a shop in Motherwell, for presenting a generous donation of £2,000 to St Andrew's Hospice; recognises the kindness of the team and of the shop's customers in supporting this vital local charity; notes that such donations help the hospice continue to provide compassionate care and support for people living with cancer and their families across Lanarkshire; congratulates St Andrew's Hospice on celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026, and acknowledges the ongoing dedication of its staff, volunteers and supporters in improving the lives of the local community.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bob Doris*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20411 Clare Adamson: Tribute to Muirhouse Senior Citizens Monday Club for Supporting St Andrew's Hospice**—That the Parliament commends the Muirhouse Senior Citizens Monday Club

for its very generous donation of £300 to St Andrew's Hospice; recognises this donation as an outstanding demonstration of community spirit, generosity and care for others, highlighting how local groups can make a real and lasting difference in the lives of those in need; notes that such donations help St Andrew's Hospice continue to provide vital palliative care, support for people living with cancer and assistance for their families across Lanarkshire, and thanks the club for its commitment and kindness in making a meaningful difference in its local community.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20410 Clare Adamson: Tributes to John Chapman OBE, Former Motherwell FC Chairman and Wishaw Businessman**—That the Parliament pays tribute to John Chapman OBE, a highly respected Wishaw businessman and former chairman of Motherwell Football Club; notes that Mr Chapman, who was appointed an OBE in the 1992 New Year Honours for services to the Scottish meat trade, was a stalwart of his family's butcher business, Chapman's Butchers, and served as president of the Scottish Craft Butchers Association in 1981-82; recognises his outstanding contribution to Motherwell FC, having joined the executive board in 1981, serving as chairman from 1987 and overseeing a period of success that included the club's 1991 Scottish Cup victory; notes what it sees as his visionary plans to improve Fir Park for supporters by converting outdated terracing into all-seater stands; acknowledges the esteem in which he was held, being appointed honorary life president upon stepping down in 1997, and extends its sincerest condolences to his son Jamie, daughter Deirdre and all of his family and friends during this difficult time, while honouring his enduring legacy in business, sport and the wider community.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Gillian Mackay*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20409 Clare Adamson: Stuart Gillespie Wins Seal of Excellence in NHBC Pride in the Job Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Stuart Gillespie, a site manager from Wishaw, on being awarded the Seal of Excellence in the 2025 Pride in the Job Quality Awards from the National House-Building Council (NHBC); recognises that Stuart received this prestigious accolade for his outstanding work at the Oakwood View development in Hamilton; notes that the Pride in the Job Awards, which are now in their 45th year, are widely regarded as the "Oscars of the house-building industry", celebrating site managers who demonstrate exceptional dedication, professionalism and leadership in raising standards in new home construction; commends Stuart's commitment to excellence and his contribution to showcasing best practice in the sector, and wishes him continued success in his career and in promoting high-quality housing across Scotland.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-20408 Clare Adamson: James Paterson Undertakes Epic Challenge to Support Children First**—That the Parliament commends James Paterson, who is a dedicated marathon runner from Wishaw and who will celebrate his 50th birthday by undertaking an extraordinary challenge to protect children from harm; notes that James will run over 400 miles from Wishaw to London in April 2026, followed by participation in the iconic London Marathon, to raise funds for Children First, which is Scotland's national children's charity; recognises his remarkable 15-year commitment to the charity, during which he has raised over £26,000 to support vulnerable children and their families; acknowledges the vital work of Children First in providing practical, emotional and financial support through its national support line and local services, and commends Mr Paterson's determination and generosity in helping to secure a brighter future for children across Scotland.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Mackay*, David Torrance*, Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20407 Clare Adamson: Tokui Ryu Karate Club and Saturday Circuit Class Support Pathway Church Toy Appeal in Wishaw**—That the Parliament warmly commends Tokui Ryu Karate

Club, based at Wishaw Sports Centre, and the Saturday Circuit Class, for their outstanding contribution to the Pathway Church Toy Appeal, which supports Made4Uin ML2; recognises the commitment of these local sports and fitness groups in coming together to collect and donate a wonderful array of toys and gifts for children and families in need across North Lanarkshire; acknowledges what it sees as the positive impact of such initiatives in fostering community spirit, encouraging social responsibility and supporting vulnerable families during the festive season; notes the value of partnerships between local clubs and faith-based organisations in delivering charitable support, and encourages other community organisations across Scotland to follow this example in promoting generosity, inclusion and care for those in need.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Bill Kidd*, Gillian Mackay*, David Torrance*, Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20406 Clare Adamson: Celebrating Margaret Dewar's Award-winning Photography**—That the Parliament congratulates Margaret Dewar, an amateur photographer from Motherwell, on winning a nationwide photography competition launched by housebuilder David Wilson Homes; notes that the initiative was designed to inspire local residents to pause and appreciate the natural beauty around them while celebrating the diverse wildlife and nature that share their communities; recognises that her photograph of Strathclyde Park was one of three winning entries selected from submissions across Scotland, with judges commending its simplicity and authenticity in capturing the country's natural scenic beauty; notes that her photography will be displayed on the David Wilson Homes website and used in future marketing collateral, and commends Margaret for her creativity and for showcasing the beauty of Scotland's natural environment.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20405 Clare Adamson: Celebrating the Cherry Tree Pub's Fundraising Success for Beatson Cancer UK and Bowel Research UK**—That the Parliament congratulates the Cherry Tree pub in Wishaw on continuing its impressive fundraising efforts with a further £5,450 raised this winter for two vital charities, Beatson Cancer UK and Bowel Research UK; notes that the fundraising event included a full day of child-friendly entertainment followed by an evening event for adults; recognises that the funds raised have been split equally between the two charities; notes that since taking over the Cherry Tree four years ago, Helen Paterson, with the support of generous regulars, local businesses and friends, has helped to raise a total of £30,000 for a range of local charities, and commends everyone involved for their generosity, community spirit and commitment to supporting important causes.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*, Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20404 Paul McLennan: Celebrating 20 Years of Openreach**—That the Parliament notes the 20th anniversary of Openreach, which was established in 2006; recognises the organisation's contribution to the development and expansion of broadband infrastructure across Scotland over the last two decades; acknowledges the role that improved digital connectivity has played in supporting communities, businesses, public services and economic growth in urban, rural and island areas alike; expresses gratitude to Openreach's workforce for their ongoing efforts to enhance Scotland's digital networks, and wishes the organisation continued success as it works to bring people, communities and opportunities closer together in the years ahead.

***S6M-20403 Paul Sweeney: Motion of Condolence, The Very Reverend Thomas Canon Hendry**—That the Parliament expresses its sorrow at the death of the Very Reverend Thomas Canon Hendry, who passed away on 19 December 2025 at the age of 85; extends its condolences and sympathy to his family, friends, former parishioners, brother priests in the Archdiocese of Glasgow and the wider Roman Catholic community in north Glasgow; recognises his ordination to the priesthood in June 1966 following his studies at St Peter's College, Cardross, and his faithful service of almost 60 years as a priest of the Archdiocese of Glasgow; notes his early ministry as curate at the newly established

St Gregory's Parish in Maryhill, where he helped build the community in a growing parish; further notes his subsequent appointment as assistant chaplain to Turnbull Hall, the Catholic chaplaincy at the University of Glasgow, his chaplaincy at Notre Dame High School, his service at Sacred Heart Parish in Cumbernauld, and his devoted tenure as parish priest of St Teresa of Lisieux in Possilpark from 1990, until his well-earned retirement in September 2024, during which time he was honoured with the title of Canon; acknowledges the deep and lasting impact that "Father Tommy" made on generations of families in Possilpark and surrounding communities through his compassionate pastoral care, infectious sense of humour, trademark smile, unwavering support in times of joy and hardship, and steadfast commitment to one of Scotland's most disadvantaged neighbourhoods; notes the widespread tributes and affection expressed following his death, including hundreds shared on social media, and the large attendance at his Requiem Mass on 12 January 2026 at St Teresa's, presided over by the Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Reverend William Nolan, which reflected the high esteem in which he was held across Glasgow; expresses gratitude for the dedicated and compassionate care given to Canon Hendry by the Little Sisters of the Poor and staff at St Joseph's Care Home, in Robroyston, during the final months of his life, and honours his lifelong dedication to the people of the city, the legacy of kindness, faith and service that he leaves behind, and the example that he set of humble and joyful ministry of his community.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*

S6M-20402 Annie Wells: Championing FND Awareness in Glasgow—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow FND Awareness Support Circle on the successful launch of its support group at the Parkhead Hub; notes the significant growth of the group since its launch, with membership having trebled and increasing engagement from people seeking support, shared understanding and information about Functional Neurological Disorder (FND); recognises the vital role that peer-led, community-based support plays in improving wellbeing and reducing isolation for people living with FND; understands that greater public and professional awareness of FND is essential to improve diagnosis, treatment pathways and access to appropriate support; acknowledges the efforts of all those involved in establishing and growing the Glasgow FND Awareness Support Circle, and commends their work to raise awareness and advocate for greater recognition and support for people affected by FND at both local and national level.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Elena Whitham*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-20401 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Radio Clyde Leaves Clydebank Offices After 43 Years (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul McLennan*, Edward Mountain*, Bill Kidd*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Tess White*

S6M-20400 Colin Beattie: Loanhead Post Office Social Isolation Initiative (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

S6M-20399 Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Gilded Lily Inspiring Enterprise CIC on its 10th Anniversary (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

S6M-20398 Karen Adam: Buckies Roots Wins at It's Your Neighbourhood Awards 2025 (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[**S6M-20397 Neil Bibby: Congratulating Paul Wycherley, CEO of Paisley Radio**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[**S6M-20395 Paul O'Kane: David Arthur Celebrates 100th Birthday**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jackson Carlaw*, Martin Whitfield*, Rhoda Grant*

[**S6M-20394 Kenneth Gibson: Recognition of HMS Dasher Crew and Commemoration of Wartime Loss**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[**S6M-20393 Clare Haughey: 900th Anniversary of Rutherford as a Royal Burgh**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*

[**S6M-20392 Karen Adam: Celebrating Drew McIntyre as Scotland's First Undisputed WWE Champion**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[**S6M-20391 Craig Hoy: Welcoming the Next Phase of the Chapelcross Masterplan**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20387 Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Willie Rennie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[**S6M-20385 Gillian Mackay: Condolences on the Death of Former Motherwell FC Chairman John Chapman**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Miles Briggs*, Evelyn Tweed*, Fulton MacGregor*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Greer*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*

[**S6M-20384 Jackie Baillie: Marking Less Survivable Cancers Awareness Week**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Ross*, Jeremy Balfour*, Gillian Mackay*, Mercedes Villalba*, Carol Mochan*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane* R, Brian Whittle*, Pauline McNeill*, Maggie Chapman*, Finlay Carson*, Beatrice Wishart*, Jackson Carlaw*, Foysol Choudhury*

[**S6M-20380 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Antonine House in Bearsden Raises Funds for Cash for Kids**](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Michelle Thomson*, Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20379 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kirkintilloch High School Pupils Raise £1,885 for Marie Curie**](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20378 Rhoda Grant: Commending the Efforts of the Highland and Islands' Council Workers and the Farming Community in Response to the Recent Severe Weather**](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[**S6M-20369 Douglas Lumsden: Protests Across Iran**](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Liam McArthur*, Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20358 Finlay Carson: Dumfries's People Project, Community Clean-up of the A75 at The Glen**](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20357**](#) **Finlay Carson: Jan Crooks Awarded Prestigious Queen's Nurse Title** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20349**](#) **Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Celebrates 575th Anniversary** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20347**](#) **Alexander Stewart: Scotmid Clackmannanshire's Innovative Donation Scheme for Alzheimer Scotland** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20337**](#) **Monica Lennon: Reportable Accidents Across Scotland's Salmon Industry** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[**S6M-20333**](#) **Annie Wells: Helping Little Hearts Understand Big Journeys, NHS Golden Jubilee** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20330**](#) **Pauline McNeill: Israel's Ban on NGOs in Gaza and the West Bank** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[**S6M-20329**](#) **Douglas Ross: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20329.1**](#) **Fergus Ewing: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[**S6M-20328**](#) **Tim Eagle: Thanking Farmers for Assisting in Road Clearing Efforts** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20326**](#) **Annie Wells: Congratulations to Bartholomew McCran on His BEM for Voluntary Services** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20325**](#) **Annie Wells: Congratulations to Elaine Balfour on Her BEM for Services to the Community** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20324**](#) **Annie Wells: Congratulations to Firefighter Alexander Muir on King's Fire Service Medal** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20323**](#) **Annie Wells: Congratulations to Mohammed Shaukat on MBE Award for Community Volunteer Work** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20322**](#) **Annie Wells: Congratulations to Lawrence Peter McGarry on MBE Award for Voluntary Services** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20321 Annie Wells: Congratulations to Hilary Alba on MBE Award for Community Midwifery**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20320 Annie Wells: Honourable Lady Rita Rae KC appointed as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20315 Mercedes Villalba: Food Insecurity and Cost of Living Crisis**](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[**S6M-20300 Liam Kerr: Celebrating the Commitment of Ray McBain to her Business, Rose Bowl Florists in Stonehaven**](#) (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20286 Tess White: Amanda Inglis Wins Women in PR, Marketing and Communications Award**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Lorna Slater*, Liam McArthur*, Monica Lennon*

Questions

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 13 January 2026

S6W-42932 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Audit Scotland report, *Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care*, which was published on 8 January 2026, what action it is taking to expedite plans for, and the delivery of, the MyCare Scotland App, and associated digital innovations.

S6W-42933 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Audit Scotland report, *Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care*, which was published on 8 January 2026, what governance arrangements are in place with the population health framework, the health and social care service renewal framework and the NHS operational improvement plan to promote shared accountability and joint decision-making between it, local authorities, NHS boards, health and social care partnerships and integrated joint boards.

S6W-42934 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendation in the Audit Scotland report, *Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care*, which was published on 8 January 2026, that "the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Healthcare Improvement Scotland, integration authorities and their partner NHS boards and councils, should...in the next six months, publish guidance to clarify and strengthen the role of integration joint boards and health and social care partnerships in the governance and delivery of the health and social care service renewal framework".

S6W-42935 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendation in the Audit Scotland report, *Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care*, which was published on 8 January 2026, that "the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Healthcare Improvement Scotland, integration authorities and their partner NHS boards and councils, should...over the next 12 months, provide guidance on, and better promote public awareness of the benefits of, establishing a power of attorney or a guardianship order".

S6W-42936 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Audit Scotland report, *Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care*, which was published on 8 January 2026, what plans it has to carry out a workforce evaluation to understand the implications of the anticipated rise in demand for power of attorney or a guardianship orders associated with the recommendation in the report for "the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Healthcare Improvement Scotland, integration authorities and their partner NHS boards and councils [to] provide guidance on, and better promote public awareness of the benefits of, establishing a power of attorney or a guardianship order".

S6W-42937 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendation in the Audit Scotland report, *Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care*, which was published on 8 January 2026, that "the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Healthcare Improvement Scotland, integration authorities and their partner NHS boards and councils, should...over the next 12 months, work together to develop and action an implementation plan to share learning and practice from digital solutions used for tackling delayed discharges, early intervention and prevention".

S6W-42938 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the NHS budget is spent on IT, including digital (a) infrastructure and (b) innovation.

S6W-42966 Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the responses to its consultation *Support for part-time study and disabled students*, which closed on 9 October 2025

S6W-42980 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42573 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 6 January 2026, whether it will provide the information that was requested and confirm what action it is taking to address reported concerns that 40% of people with disabilities are worried their benefits will be removed if they are seen to be more active.

S6W-42981 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42575 by Maree Todd on 7 January 2026, how it is working with (a) local authorities and (b) NHS boards to encourage disabled people to participate in physical activity or sport.

S6W-42982 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42573 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 6 January 2026, what action it is taking to encourage households with a disabled parent to take part in sport or physical activity with their children.

S6W-42983 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42569 by Jenni Minto on 29 December 2025, what the total number of individual respondents from Scotland was to the (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 Action on Smoking and Health Smokefree GB Youth Survey, and whether it considers the number to be sufficiently robust and representative of young people living across the entire spectrum of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) in comparison to the 21,559 S2 and S4 pupils who responded to the Scottish School Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) in 2018 and 25,411 S2 and S4 pupils who replied to the 2021-22 Health and Wellbeing Census.

S6W-42985 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42568 by Jenni Minto on 5 January 2026, by what date the scoping exercise for a national respiratory audit by Public Health Scotland will be completed.

S6W-42986 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42576 by Jenni Minto on 29 December 2025, what the timescale is for the introduction of enhanced service practitioners.

S6W-42987 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to close any (a) survival and (b) research gap for the less survivable common cancers of the lungs, liver, brain, oesophagus, pancreas and stomach, in light of reports that they collectively result in over 9,000 deaths, or around 44% of all cancer deaths, in Scotland each year.

S6W-42988 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people who require mental health support through the NHS do not feel the need to self-fund private treatment as a result of long NHS waiting times, and what provision is in place for people to be reimbursed for any consultations, treatment or support that has been clinically recommended to them in a private healthcare setting.

S6W-42989 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government when the new "ask and act" obligations included in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 will be fully implemented, to ensure that people are not being discharged from hospital into street homelessness.

S6W-42990 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many nurses are currently employed by NHS Scotland, and how this compares to 2006-07.

S6W-42991 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many doctors are currently employed by NHS Scotland, and how this compares to 2006-07.

S6W-42992 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how many dentists are currently employed by NHS Scotland, and how this compares to 2006-07.

S6W-42993 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review waste collection statutory requirements for local authorities.

S6W-42994 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to secure funding for Winchburgh railway station.

S6W-42995 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what information it can provide regarding the timelines and delivery of the university sustainability review.

S6W-42996 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the announcement of the review into a sustainable future funding model for universities, what support or assurances it will provide to any university staff who have lost their jobs or are currently at risk of redundancy.

S6W-42997 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that university funding is meaningfully linked to best practice in healthy workplaces, specifically in relation to workload management and other drivers of work-related stress.

S6W-42998 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that higher education better meets the needs of Scotland and of future generations.

S6W-42999 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government whether school staff, including teachers, will be entitled to the proposed additional June 2026 public holiday announced by the First Minister to mark Scotland's participation in the 2026 Men's World Cup.

S6W-43000 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Scotland staff will be entitled to the proposed additional June 2026 public holiday announced by the First Minister to mark Scotland's participation in the 2026 Men's World Cup.

S6W-43001 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Edinburgh City Council to ensure that staff are entitled to the proposed additional June 2026 public holiday announced by the First Minister to mark Scotland's participation in the 2026 Men's World Cup.

S6W-43002 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has not yet provided a target date for establishing a 24/7 thrombectomy service.

S6W-43003 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated to the Low Emission Zone Support Fund for Households since its introduction; what proportion of that has been allocated to be used for eligible households within the relevant area in Aberdeen, and how much of that allocation has been distributed to eligible households.

S6W-43004 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-37327 by Fiona Hyslop on 19 May 2025, whether it will provide an update on how many businesses and individuals it has provided funding to since 1 January 2021 to date "through the LEZ Support Fund to assist small businesses and individuals with the cost of complying with the LEZ requirements", broken down by (a) how much was provided to each recipient and (b) the city location, or nearest city, of each recipient.

S6W-43005 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on the Aberdeen-Central Belt Service Improvements Project in each financial year since 2021-22, including the current financial year to date.

S6W-43006 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the amendment of legislation to enable a smoking and inhalation space at The Thistle drug consumption facility pilot in Glasgow.

S6W-43007 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership on the extension of the operating hours of The Thistle safe drug consumption facility pilot in Glasgow, in light of a reported shift in drug use from heroin to cocaine at the facility.

S6W-43008 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of how it is exercising its rights and meeting its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 with respect to decisions made through the Energy

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Consents Unit, and how compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is being documented.

S6W-43009 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what training has been made available to civil servants to ensure compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 13 January 2026

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 57A—EN) have been printed.
(Government Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 13 January 2026

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 2

Miles Briggs

75 In section 2, page 2, line 5, at end insert—

<(ia) maintaining an independent industry-led board to lead the oversight of the design, development, approval and delivery processes of Scottish apprenticeships,>

Section 4

Miles Briggs

76 In section 4, page 6, line 28, leave out <works for a person (“the employer”) for reward> and insert <—

(i) has employee status with a paid contract of employment with a person (“the employer”),
(ii) is paid at a rate no less than the minimum wage for apprentices,>

Willie Rennie

77 In section 4, page 6, line 29, leave out <included in a Scottish apprenticeship framework> and insert <as specified by the apprenticeship committee or any sub-committee of the apprenticeship committee (established under paragraph 12A of schedule 1)>

Miles Briggs

78 In section 4, page 6, line 30, leave out <to meet the relevant requirements> and insert <and undertakes work duties which enable them to develop and demonstrate consistent competence as>

Willie Rennie

79 In section 4, page 6, line 31, leave out <in a Scottish apprenticeship framework> and insert <by the apprenticeship committee or any sub-committee of the apprenticeship committee>

Miles Briggs

80 In section 4, page 7, line 9, leave out <in order to assist the apprentice> and insert <and work duties in order to develop and demonstrate consistent competence>

Willie Rennie

81 In section 4, page 7, line 10, leave out <specified in an apprenticeship framework> and insert <for the apprenticeship>

Miles Briggs

82 In section 4, page 7, line 17, after <training> insert <and work duties to be undertaken, and

- (c) the competence required to do the job as defined through National Occupational Standards or other industry or professional standards>

Stephen Kerr

83 *In substitution for amendment 33*

In section 4, page 7, line 17, at end insert—

<(2ZA) In preparing a framework, the Council must have regard to whether the framework should be delivered by a college of further education, local authority or private provider (where such a body has capacity to do so).>

Section 5**Willie Rennie**

84 In section 5, page 9, line 4, at end insert—

<(ab) that enables the individual to develop valued industry capabilities and skills,>

Willie Rennie

85 In section 5, page 9, line 25, leave out <framework>

Stephen Kerr

86 *In substitution for amendment 45*

In section 5, page 9, line 37, at end insert—

<12JA Administration of funds: labour market assessment

- (1) The Council must, each financial year, secure information from the Scottish Ministers on labour market demand and skills shortages to inform the administration of grants under section 12J(1).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, in providing information to the Council under subsection (1) consult—
 - (a) persons representing the interests of employers,
 - (b) industry sector bodies,
 - (c) such other persons as it considers appropriate.”>

After section 5**Miles Briggs**

87 After section 5, insert—

<Requirement to seek information on apprenticeship levy funding

The Scottish Ministers must, for each financial year, seek information from the United Kingdom government on the amount of funding provided through the block grant adjustment as a result of the apprenticeship levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016.>

Miles Briggs

88 After section 5, insert—

<Annual report on the use of apprenticeship levy funding

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each financial year, prepare a report on the use of funding allocated to skills and training that is derived from the block grant adjustment associated with the apprenticeship levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016.
- (2) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must set out—
 - (a) the total amount of funding allocated by the Scottish Ministers that was derived from the block grant adjustment associated with the apprenticeship levy in that financial year,
 - (b) the persons to whom such funding has been allocated,
 - (c) the purposes for which such funding has been allocated,
 - (d) the Scottish Ministers' reasons for allocating the funding in such a manner.
- (3) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) published no later than 6 months after end of the financial year to which it relates, and
 - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Miles Briggs

89 After section 5, insert—

<Reporting on apprenticeships**Annual performance reporting**

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, in paragraph 18, after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The report published under sub-paragraph (1) must include information on the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships, including—
 - (a) alignment of apprenticeship delivery with industry demand,
 - (b) outcomes for apprentices,
 - (c) equality factors,
 - (d) any other matters requested by the Scottish Ministers.”>

Miles Briggs

90 After section 5, insert—

<Annual report on funding for skills and training**Annual report on funding for skills and training**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each financial year, prepare a report on the use of funding allocated for skills and training.
- (2) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must set out—
 - (a) the total amount of funding allocated by the Scottish Ministers for skills and training,

- (b) the persons to whom such funding has been allocated,
- (c) the purposes for which such funding has been allocated,
- (d) the Scottish Ministers' reasons for allocating the funding in such a manner.
- (3) The report mentioned in subsection (1) must be—
- (a) published no later than 6 months after end of the financial year to which it relates, and
- (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.>

Daniel Johnson

- 91 After section 5, insert—

<Skills development funding

Requirement for separate specification of skills funding

The Scottish Ministers must, when allocating funding for the delivery of education and training, ensure that funding for skills development is separately specified.>

Section 9**Willie Rennie**

- 92 In section 9, page 11, line 32, at end insert—

<(1AA)For the purposes of subsection (1A), a decision that it is necessary to secure the carrying out of an independent examination must be a decision of the majority of the members of the Council.>

After section 9**Willie Rennie**

- 93 After section 9, insert—

<Financial sustainability of tertiary education sector

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 15A (as inserted by section 9(2)), insert—

“15B Annual report on financial sustainability of further and higher education

- (1) The Council must, in relation to each reporting period, secure an independent report on the financial sustainability of—
- (a) fundable further education,
- (b) fundable higher education,
- (c) Scottish apprenticeships,
- (d) the undertaking of research among the post-16 education bodies.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must, in particular, include consideration of whether funding provided by the Scottish Ministers and the Council over the reporting

period was sufficient to meet the general duties under sections 3 and 4 (as the case may be).

- (3) A person preparing a report under subsection (1) must consult the post-16 education bodies.
- (4) A report under subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) published, and
 - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, a “reporting period” means—
 - (a) the period of 12 months beginning with the day after this section comes into force, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 12 months.”.>

After section 14

Willie Rennie

94 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, in paragraph 2(1)(c), after “Ministers” insert “, which must include at least 5 2 members who appear to the Scottish Ministers to represent the interests of employers”.>

Willie Rennie

94A As an amendment to amendment 94 line 5, leave out <2> and insert <3>

Willie Rennie

95 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council: number of members

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, in paragraph 2(1)(c), for “14” substitute “15”.>

Willie Rennie

96 After section 14, insert—

<Membership of the Council: number of members

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, in paragraph 2(1)(c), for “14” substitute “16”.>

Section 15

Willie Rennie

97 In section 15, page 17, line 17, at end insert—

<() after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) In appointing members, the Scottish Ministers are also to have regard to the desirability of including persons who have skills, knowledge or experience of business and an interest in apprenticeships as would be appropriate to chair meetings of the apprenticeship committee.”,>

Section 17

Willie Rennie

98 In section 17, page 18, line 6, after <of> insert <—
(a)>

Willie Rennie

99 In section 17, page 18, line 6, leave out <advising> and insert <directing>

Willie Rennie

100 In section 17, page 18, line 6, after <apprenticeships> insert <and work-based learning>

Willie Rennie

101 In section 17, page 18, line 6, at end insert—
<(b) determining the requirements of a Scottish apprenticeship in respect of different occupations or activities for the purposes of section 12E(1)(b).>

Willie Rennie

102 In section 17, page 18, line 8, at end insert—
<(1B) More than one half of the members of the committee must—
(a) have experience of employing apprentices, and
(b) have a background in industry.>

Willie Rennie

103 In section 17, page 18, line 10, at end insert—
<(2ZA) The member appointed under sub-paragraph (2) must—
(a) have experience of employing apprentices, and
(b) have a background in industry.>

Willie Rennie

104 In section 17, page 18, line 12, at end insert—
<(za) are apprentices or appear to the Council to be representative of apprentices,
(zb) appear to the Council to be representative of businesses, including small and rural businesses, with an interest in apprenticeships,>

Daniel Johnson

105 In section 17, page 18, line 28, at end insert—

- <(3A) The Council must establish a sub-committee of the apprenticeship committee (to be known as the industry skills sub-committee) for the purposes of—
- (a) ensuring that the apprenticeship system meets the needs of industry,
 - (b) aligning apprenticeships with economic growth and job opportunities,
 - (c) reviewing Scottish apprenticeship frameworks to ensure that they result in a competent, highly skilled, flexible workforce in line with the needs of industry,
 - (d) informing and making recommendations on development and continuous improvement, including in relation to equalities,
 - (e) advising on matters affecting employers and policy issues relevant to the delivery of Scottish apprenticeships,
 - (f) promoting Scottish apprenticeships to businesses and potential apprentices.
- (3B) The industry skills sub-committee must, on an annual basis, prepare a report to the apprenticeship committee including—
- (a) its view on whether there are any skills gaps in the workforce,
 - (b) an analysis of the demand for Scottish apprenticeships,
 - (c) information on adult upskilling and retraining initiatives,
 - (d) recommendations in relation to the use of grants provided to the Council under sections 12C and 12I.
- (3C) The apprenticeship committee must, on receiving a report under sub-paragraph (3B)—
- (a) consider the report, and
 - (b) respond to the report, including preparing a statement on—
 - (i) the actions, if any, it will take as a result of the information in the report, and
 - (ii) where it does not accept a recommendation included in the report, its reasons for not doing so.
- (3D) The Council is to appoint an individual with experience at a senior level in industry to chair meetings of the industry skills sub-committee.
- (3E) Membership of the industry skills sub-committee must include—
- (a) at least one person representing the interests of companies that pay the apprenticeship and skills levy established by Part 6 of the Finance Act 2016,
 - (b) at least one person representing the interests of businesses with not more than 250 employees,
 - (c) at least one person representing the interests of colleges of further education,
 - (d) at least one person representing the interests of independent training providers,
 - (e) at least one person representing the interests of trade unions.>

Willie Rennie

106 In section 17, page 18, line 28, at end insert—

- <(3A) The Council must establish a sub-committee of the apprenticeship committee with responsibility for the consideration of issues relating to degree-level apprenticeships as delivered by higher education institutions.
- (3B) In appointing members of the sub-committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (3A), the Council is to have regard to the desirability of including persons who—
 - (a) are employers of degree-level apprentices or appear to the Council to be representative of such employers,
 - (b) appear to the Council to be representative of the post-16 education bodies,
 - (c) are representatives of any recognised trade union recognised by the post-16 fundable bodies,
 - (d) are, or appear to the Council to be representative of, apprentices and prospective apprentices on degree-level apprenticeships.>

Daniel Johnson

107 In section 17, page 18, line 30, after <committee> insert <and industry skills sub-committee>

Willie Rennie

108 In section 17, page 18, line 30, after <committee> insert <and the sub-committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (3A)>

Willie Rennie

109 In section 17, page 18, line 30, at end insert—

- <(aa) the appointment of the chair of the committee,>

Daniel Johnson

110 In section 17, page 18, line 31, after <functions> insert <and the functions of the industry skills sub-committee, including its role in setting Scottish apprenticeship frameworks>

Willie Rennie

111 In section 17, page 18, line 31, after <functions> insert <and the functions of the sub-committee mentioned in sub-paragraph (3A)>

After section 17**Stephen Kerr**

112 *In substitution for amendment 70*

After section 17, insert—

<*Regional skills boards***Regional skills boards**

- (1) The 2005 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 34, in subsection (4), after paragraph (c) insert—
“(cza) regulations under paragraph 14A of schedule 1; or”.
- (3) In schedule 1, after paragraph 14 insert—

“Regional skills boards”

- 14A(1) The Council must establish a regional skills board for each college region.
- (2) The Council must appoint employers to be the majority of members on each board.
- (3) Each regional skills board must advise the Council on—
 - (a) regional skills priorities,
 - (b) apprenticeship demand, and
 - (c) alignment of provision of funding to labour market needs.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about regional skills boards, including the membership and functions of the board.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may in particular make provision about the relationship between regional skills boards and skills and apprenticeship committees.”.>

After section 20**Willie Rennie**

- 113 After section 20, insert—

<**PART****REVIEW OF ACT****Review of operation of Act**

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each of the two review periods, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) undertake a review of the operation of this Act, and
 - (b) prepare a report on that review.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may delegate their functions under subsection (1) to such person as they consider appropriate.
- (3) When undertaking a review under subsection (1)(a), the Scottish Ministers (or, if applicable, the person to whom the function is delegated under subsection (2)) must consult—
 - (a) learners or persons who appear to be representative of learners,
 - (b) post-16 education bodies,
 - (c) training providers or persons who appear to be representative of training providers,
 - (d) employers or persons who appear to be representative of employers,

- (e) the Council, and
 - (f) such other persons as are considered appropriate.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the report is prepared—
- (a) publish the report, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) In this section—
- “review period” means—
- (a) in the case of the first review, the period of 1 year beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, and
 - (b) in the case of the second review, the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force,
- “post-16 education body” has the meaning given by section 35(1) of the 2005 Act,
“training provider” has the meaning given by section 12J(3) of that Act.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 January 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(Extension to Maritime Activities\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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)

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 10 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 4 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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)

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

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

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

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 13 January 2026

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 4 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 29 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee) published, 8 January 2026

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 14 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

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 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 13 January 2026

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 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 15 January 2026

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

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 13 January 2026

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

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)), 14 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 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 29 January 2026

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 23 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)***Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 13 January 2026

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 January 2026

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (3rd Report, 2026)***Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 13 January 2026

*Lead committee - Local Government, Housing and Planning***Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

Stage 1 Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (11th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-64b

Lodged on 12 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 15 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

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill LCM-S6-70

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Finance (No. 2) Bill LCM-S6-71

Lodged on 7 January 2026

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

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

Lead committee - Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 13 January 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 13 January 2026

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)

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)

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 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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 15 February 2026

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Public Procurement \(India Trade Agreement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 February 2026

[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Applicable Rate of Tax\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Reviews and Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 17 February 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Offshore Wind\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 20 February 2026

[Digital Waste Tracking \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (12 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 21 February 2026

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(Extension to Maritime Activities\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (13 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 14 January 2026

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[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)

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

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[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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[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/1\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

New Documents

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 13 January 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Carbon Assessment of the 2026-2027 Budget (SG/2026/15) laid under section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

In Fulfilment Of Section 3C(3) Of The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 - Scottish carbon budgets (SG/2026/22) laid under section 3C(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – January 2026 (SFC/2026/1) laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Budget: 2026-27 (SG/2026/13) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government

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