

Tuesday 20 January 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Ian Houston, GlobalScot, writer, and Trustee at the Robert Burns Ellisland Farm and Museum

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme

Committee Meetings

8:45am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

8:45am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Dr Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's admission of a likely link between issues with the water supply at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and patient infections. ([S6T-02845](#)) **R**

2. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on Scotland's economy, in light of the announcement this weekend of President Trump's decision to impose new tariffs on the UK. ([S6T-02839](#))

3. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that grooming gangs are targeting children living in residential care homes in Scotland. ([S6T-02850](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20486](#) Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 8 and 9: 3 hours

Groups 10 to 12: 4 hours 10 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 5 hours 25 minutes

[S6M-20484](#) Ben Macpherson: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme

S6M-20387 Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme —That the Parliament acknowledges that the Future Farming Investment Scheme sought to provide farmers and crofters with funding to help them buy new machinery, improve efficiency or reduce emissions, and was targeted towards islanders, new entrants, young farmers and tenant farmers; understands that Orkney businesses initially received only 3.48% of total funding, and Shetland 1.88%; notes with concern reports that fewer than one in 10 small farms and crofters across Scotland received funding, with many small farms from the Highlands and Islands to Aberdeenshire, Argyll and Bute and the south of Scotland also missing out; believes that much of the communication around this scheme has caused confusion, and indeed anger, among those in the agricultural sector; expresses deep regret that, while demand for the scheme was high, so few small, island and young farmers were successful, despite seemingly being from priority groups, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide further clarity on how the funding for the scheme was allocated, as well as to publish its review on the Future Farming Investment Scheme, as committed by the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands on 10 December 2025.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:45AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 7 in private.
2. **Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jane Miller, Programme Manager, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Dr Joanna Teuton, Health Improvement Manager, Population Health and Climate Change,
Public Health Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Scotland Act 1998 \(Modification of Schedule 5\) Order 2026](#) from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Gerald Byrne, Head of
Constitutional Policy, Nicki Crossan, Assisted Dying Shadow Bill Team Leader, and Ailsa
Garland, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Neil Gray (Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care) to move—

[S6M-20226](#)—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the
Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026 be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scotland Act 1998
(Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026.
6. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (In Private):**
The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
7. **Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda
item 2 and at last week's meeting.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:45AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (In Private):** The Committee will
continue its consideration of a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61,
supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61a and second supplementary
legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61b.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** (At approximately 9.00am) The Committee will decide
whether to take item 6 in private.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity and Kelly Minio-Paluello, Solicitor, Scottish Government;
Carole Stewart, Bus Strategy and Funding Unit Head and Eilidh McCabe, Concessionary Travel Policy Manager, Transport Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie (Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity) to move—S6M-20054—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
5. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor John Underhill, Director of the Centre for Energy Transition and Professor of Geoscience, University of Aberdeen;
David Whitehouse, Chief Executive Officer, Offshore Energies UK (OEUK);
Adam Berman, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Energy UK;
Simon Coop, National Officer for Energy and Utilities, Unite the Union.
6. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will also consider the evidence heard at its past meetings on 16 December and 6 January.
7. **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Jim Crabb, Policy Lead and Dr Leonie Boeing, CAMHS psychiatrist and Vice Chair of the Child and Adolescent Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland.
and then from—
Debbie Best, Director, DIFFERabled Scotland;
Kabie Brook, Chairperson, ARGH Scotland;
Sofia Farzana, Director and Co-founder, Scottish Ethnic Minority Autistics (SEMA);
Marion McLaughlin, Managing Director and Founder, Aurora Autistic Consulting;
Rachel Parker, Founding Trustee, Autistic Voices Advocating Together for Autonomous Rights (AVATAR);
Carolyn Scott, Founder and Researcher, ADHD Right Now;
Leo Starrs-Cunningham, Treasurer, Autistic Mutual Aid Society Edinburgh (AMASE).
2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 13 January.
3. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Dr Eleanor Ryan, Commissioner, Justine Riccomini, Commissioner, Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, and Michael Davidson, Head of Social Security and Devolved Taxes, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
and then from—
Professor Mairi Spowage, Professor of Practice and Director, Fraser of Allander Institute, University of Strathclyde;
Professor David Heald, Emeritus Professor, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow;
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling.
- Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Gareth Fenney, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Delivery, Daniel Hinze, Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Investment, and Philip Raines, Joint Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government.
- Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Sean Neill, Director for Housing, Kirsty Henderson, Acting Head of Performance and Finance, More Homes Division, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Gareth Fenney, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Delivery, and Stephen Lea-Ross, Director, Cladding Remediation, Scottish Government.
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Applicable Rate of Tax\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/406)
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/1)

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

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/2 (C.1))

5. **Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

6. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

7. **Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

8. **Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the third supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

9. **Finance (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the delegated power within devolved competence in the Bill.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 January 2026

Wednesday 21 January 2026

- 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care
- followed by** Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:10 pm Decision Time
- followed by** Members’ Business: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges

Thursday 22 January 2026

- 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am General Questions
- 12:00 pm First Minister’s Questions
- followed by** Members’ Business: Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success
- 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing
- followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill
- followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 2026

- 2:00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by** Topical Questions

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followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 January 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

21 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, Aidan Grisewood, Director of Jobs and Wellbeing Economy, and Kathleen Swift, Head of Director General Economy Finance Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—

The Provision of Services (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

4. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
5. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
6. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at anne.peat@parliament.scot

Criminal Justice Committee

21 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at Stephen.Imrie@parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 21 January 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- 2. Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Brendan Callaghan, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Forestry, Karen Morley, Joint Head of Agriculture and Rural Economy Finance, and Iain Wallace, Interim Director of Marine, Scottish Government.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Caroline Blair, Policy Manager, Megan O'Brien, Lawyer, and Eilidh Wallace, Policy Lead, Scottish Government.
- 4. Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—

S6M-20214—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Animal Health (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

- 5. Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 6. Greyhound Racing (Offences) (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, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

21 January 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—

PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety.

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

PE2191: Review legislation in order to strengthen the Scottish Outdoor Access Code;

PE2192: Prevent domestic abusers from using bankruptcy to escape debt;

PE2193: Address Dangerous Delays in Paediatric Cancer Diagnostics;

PE2194: Amend the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act to prevent abuse of power of attorney;

PE2197: Allow more survivors of care abuse to access redress;

PE2198: Establish a standardised and fair public participation process for all Scottish councils;

PE2199: Facilitate access to emergency telephone services for remote communities;

PE2200: Provide a sustainable funding model for Scotland's colleges;

PE2201: Introduce a legal requirement to notify parents and carers by the end of the school day when an incident involving their child occurs;

PE2202: Stop the Guga Hunt;

PE2203: Make schools in Scotland safe for pupils with allergies;

PE2204: Create a national database to record patient outcomes for endometriosis treatments;

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PE2205: Extend access to justice by reforming court rules in equality and human rights claims;

PE2206: Review the weighting for single-track roads in the road maintenance funding formula;

PE2207: I demand the Scottish Parliament create a pilot court to try Russian war criminals with Ukraine;

PE2208: Implement mandatory collection and publication of child sexual offender data; and

PE2209: Make CCTV mandatory in all taxis and private hire vehicles.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee 21 January 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Ben Macpherson, Minister for Higher and Further Education, Clare Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Shirley Laing, Director for Lifelong Learning and Skills, Alison Taylor, Director for Learning, and Andrew Watson, Director for Children and Families, Scottish Government.
- Evidence Session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
- Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee 21 January 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

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Committees Comataidhean				

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor - the promise and Chair of, The Promise Scotland.
- 3. Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges faced by health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director and Adam Bullough, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Malcolm Bell, Member, Accounts Commission.
- 4. Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director and Adam Bullough, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;
Malcolm Bell, Member, Accounts Commission.
- 5. Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
- 6. Delayed discharges: A symptom the the challenges facing health and social care/ Community health and social care: Performance 2025:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Claire Menzies at Claire.Menzies@Parliament.scot

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 22 January 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Scottish Broadcasting, BBC Charter Renewal and BBC Annual Report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Hayley Valentine, Director and Louise Thornton, Head of Multiplatform Commissioning, BBC Scotland;
Luke McCullough, Corporate Affairs Director, Nations and Rhona Burns, Finance Director: Financial Planning & Insight, BBC.
- 2. Historic Environment Scotland: Auditor General for Scotland Section 22 Report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Lisa Duthie, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.

Proposed future business

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Committees Comataidhean				

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

22 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Wallace, Chief Executive, Karyn Dunning, interim Chief Operating Officer, and Gerry O'Donnell, interim Deputy Director for Finance and Corporate Services, Social Security Scotland.
- Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
- Correspondence - Section 8 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.
- 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

22 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.
- Standing Order Rule Changes - Gender Sensitive Audit:** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule changes.
- Standing Order Rule Changes - Committee Effectiveness:** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule changes.
- Correspondence - Committee Conveners:** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received in relation to Committee Conveners.

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Committees Comataidhean				

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-20487](#) **Kenneth Gibson: Scottish Budget 2026-27**—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

[*S6M-20485](#) **Richard Lochhead: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill.

Supported by: Kate Forbes*

[*S6M-20484](#) **Ben Macpherson: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, Natalie Don-Innes*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

[*S6M-20486](#) **Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

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[*S6M-20481](#) **John Mason: Welfare of the Sheep on St Kilda**—That the Parliament notes reported continuing concerns regarding the welfare of the Soay sheep on St Kilda, in particular recurring winter

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starvation and suffering within a geographically confined area; recognises that the sheep were introduced to St Kilda by human action in the 20th century and are therefore, it believes, to be properly understood as a feral, rather than wild, population; notes reported expert legal opinion, including from specialists in animal welfare and public law, that feral sheep fall within the scope of protection under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006; further notes that the sheep are owned by no private individual but inhabit land owned by the National Trust for Scotland; believes that the Trust therefore holds responsibility for their management; acknowledges reported public concern raised by veterinary professionals and researchers, as well as documentary evidence regarding avoidable suffering caused by unmanaged population pressures; calls on the Scottish Government to review its long-standing position that the sheep are wild animals for the purposes of animal welfare legislation; urges the National Trust for Scotland, in engagement with the Scottish Government, to bring forward active and humane management proposals to prevent ongoing starvation, and calls on the Scottish Government to clarify how its current approach is compatible with its stated commitment to high animal welfare standards.

Supported by: Christine Grahame*

[*S6M-20467](#) Paul McLennan: Commending St Andrew Blackadder Church for Raising £2,801 for Jamaica Hurricane Relief—That the Parliament congratulates St Andrew Blackadder Church in North Berwick for raising £2,801 at a community coffee morning held to support hurricane relief efforts in Jamaica, following the impact of Hurricane Melissa in October 2025; understands that the event saw the church hall bustling with activity, with all tables filled as attendees enjoyed home baking, books and refreshments; recognises the contribution of congregation member Santoya Craddock-Barnett, originally from Jamaica, who, it understands, welcomed guests and expressed her heartfelt gratitude for the community's solidarity, and commends the church, its volunteers and the wider North Berwick community for demonstrating compassion, international awareness and practical support for those affected overseas.

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

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-20479](#) Jackson Carlaw: Busby Primary School Reaches 150th Anniversary (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20478](#) Jackson Carlaw: Netherlee Takeaway Wins Fish and Chips Award (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20477](#) Emma Harper: Happy Faces Nursery and After School Club Awarded Excellent Grading by Care Inspectorate (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20476](#) Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth Runner Amy Meichan Receives Awards for Strathcarron Hospice 10k Success (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20474](#) Emma Harper: Outstanding Fundraising for Marie Curie (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Jeremy Balfour*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20473](#) Michael Marra: Accessible Technology to Make Live Sport Inclusive for All (lodged on 16 January 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Mercedes Villalba*, Bill Kidd*, Jeremy Balfour*

[S6M-20472](#) **Michael Marra: Remembering Former Councillor Peter Murphy** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Mercedes Villalba*

[S6M-20471](#) **Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Jazz Festival** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Mercedes Villalba*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20470](#) **Rona Mackay: Torrance Tractor Run Raises £10k for Wee Scottish Livers Charity** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20468](#) **Paul McLennan: Commending the Success of the East Lothian Roots and Fruits Christmas Appeal 2025** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Elena Whitham*, David Torrance*, Martin Whitfield*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*

[S6M-20465](#) **Liz Smith: David Lilley MBE** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*

[S6M-20464](#) **Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Dance Schools and Teacher Recognised as Scottish Dance Awards Finalists** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

[S6M-20462](#) **Liam McArthur: Five S3 Pupils from Stromness Academy Earn £3,000 Grant for Local Charity Soma's Light** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-20460](#) **Gordon MacDonald: 50th Anniversary for C&B News** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-20450](#) **Joe FitzPatrick: Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20449](#) **Mercedes Villalba: Welcoming the DISHED Public Diner Trial in Dundee** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-20448](#) **Karen Adam: 300th Anniversary of the Birth of Brigadier General Hugh Mercer** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-20447](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Awareness and Support for People Affected by PANS and PANDAS in Scotland** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Mercedes Villalba*

[S6M-20446](#) **Kevin Stewart: Transmission Charges Undermining the Transition to Net Zero** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-20445](#) **Kevin Stewart: Norway Awards New Oil and Gas Production Licences** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-20444](#) **Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Gift Card Success** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-20443](#) **Jeremy Balfour: International Volunteer Year 2026** (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-20438](#) **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Aberdeen Central Scottish Government Just Transition Participatory Budget Fund Winners** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-20434](#) **Kenneth Gibson: Towards the Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-20403](#) **Paul Sweeney: Motion of Condolence, The Very Reverend Thomas Canon Hendry** (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Foysol Choudhury*

[S6M-20396](#) **Alasdair Allan: Congratulations to Stephen Libby** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, David Torrance*

[S6M-20371](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy YMCA Marks Milestone 140th Anniversary** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bill Kidd*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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Motions Glusadan				

[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: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20311](#) **Rona Mackay: Dyslexia Ambassador Paul McNeill of Bishopbriggs Awarded MBE** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20310](#) **Liam McArthur: Ba' Honours Even For the Uppies and Doonies** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20307](#) **Colin Beattie: Queen's Nurse Award** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20305](#) **Claire Baker: Celebrating 25 Years of Success in Business with New Plans for Kirkcaldy's Bliss Beauty Salon** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20304](#) **Liam McArthur: Four Orcadians Recognised in The King's New Year Honours List for Outstanding Contributions to Community, Care, and Design** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20303](#) **Liam McArthur: Three Outstanding Musicians from Orkney Recognised in The King's New Year Honours List** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20302](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Christmas Tractor Run Raises Over £25,000 for Local Charities** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20301](#) **Liz Smith: Death of John Cook CBE** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20299](#) **Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Nurses on Receiving the Queen's Nurse Title** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20298](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kathleen Murray of Helensburgh Receives OBE in the King's New Year Honours List** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20297](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Michelle Ferguson of Dunbartonshire Appointed OBE in the King's New Year Honours List** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20296](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Paul Hugh McNeill of Bishopbriggs Receives MBE in the King's New Year Honours List** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20293](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kathryn Jane Bennet of Helensburgh Appointed MBE in the Kings New Year Honours List** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20289](#) **Murdo Fraser: Perthshire Funeral Directors' 100th Anniversary** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

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New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20288](#) **Emma Harper: Commending South West Scotland RnR and Robin Hood for Outstanding Service to Veterans** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20284](#) **Jackson Carlaw: Busby Church Reaches 190-year Anniversary** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20283](#) **Christine Grahame: Scottish Borders Design Awards 2025 – Winners Congratulated** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20282](#) **Liam Kerr: Dr Sylvia Halkerston Awarded OBE** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20281](#) **Liam Kerr: Jimmy Buchan MBE, Recognition in the New Year Honours List** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20280](#) **Alexander Stewart: Martin John Rogers, Member of the Order of the British Empire** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20279](#) **Alexander Stewart: Dr Robert Harold Sharp, Member of the Order of the British Empire** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20278](#) **Alexander Stewart: Karen Helen Ross, Member of the Order of the British Empire** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20277](#) **Alexander Stewart: Dr Christopher Bryn Pritchard, Officer of the Order of the British Empire** (lodged on 5 January 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20268](#) **Alexander Burnett: Fair Share of Funding for Public Services** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Willie Rennie*, Martin Whitfield*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-19938](#) **Pauline McNeill: Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week 2025** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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Questions

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

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 20 January 2026

- 1. Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's admission of a likely link between issues with the water supply at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and patient infections. **R** ([S6T-02845](#))
- 2. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on Scotland's economy, in light of the announcement this weekend of President Trump's decision to impose new tariffs on the UK. ([S6T-02839](#))
- 3. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that grooming gangs are targeting children living in residential care homes in Scotland. ([S6T-02850](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 22 January 2026

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04591](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04592](#))
- 3. Gillian Mackay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04593](#))
- 4. Christine Grahame:** To ask the First Minister, regarding the proposed expansion of wind turbines, battery storage facilities and pylons across the Scottish Borders, whether the Scottish Government has carried out an assessment of the potential cumulative impact on the wildlife and the landscape, in light of the importance of tourism to the area. ([S6F-04609](#))
- 5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to address the reported issues with teacher job shortages, caused by temporary teacher contracts. ([S6F-04602](#))
- 6. Katy Clark:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government will comply with the Scottish Information Commissioner's ruling that files relating to James Hamilton's investigation into whether the former First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, broke the ministerial code must be published by 22 January 2026. ([S6F-04603](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 28 January 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 21 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 January 2026.

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

1. Fulton MacGregor
2. Tess White
3. Brian Whittle
4. Liam Kerr
5. Rachael Hamilton
6. John Mason

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7. Gordon MacDonald
8. Richard Leonard

Justice and Home Affairs

1. Willie Coffey
2. Finlay Carson
3. Rona Mackay
4. Annabelle Ewing
5. Emma Roddick
6. Edward Mountain
7. Ruth Maguire
8. Evelyn Tweed

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 29 January 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 21 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 January 2026.

Education and Skills

1. Martin Whitfield
2. Alexander Stewart
3. Alexander Burnett
4. Willie Rennie
5. George Adam
6. Stephen Kerr
7. James Dornan
8. Michael Matheson

Members selected for General Questions on 29 January 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 21 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 January 2026.

1. Paul McLennan
2. Pam Gosal
3. Maggie Chapman
4. Jamie Greene
5. Graham Simpson
6. Colin Beattie
7. Liz Smith
8. Jackie Dunbar

Written Questions

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

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Government Initiated Questions lodged on 19 January 2026

[S6W-43172](#) **Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish Phase Two of the Women's Health Plan.

Written Questions lodged on 19 January 2026

[S6W-43146](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the finding of the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) Workforce Learning and Development Subgroup in its initial deep dive report that there is "little evidence that training in Scotland adequately equips professionals with the skills needed to respond to CSAE".

[S6W-43147](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific changes to national Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) training standards have been implemented since September 2025, in response to the CSAE Workforce Learning and Development Subgroup's initial deep dive report.

[S6W-43167](#) **Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government how the estimated £149 million required for the new pay offer for resident doctors will be funded, and whether funding will be reduced in any other area in order to pay for the offer, in the event that it is agreed. **R**

[S6W-43168](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects complete data on the number of fish culled on salmon farms and, if so, (a) where and (b) how such figures are published in relation to mortality data.

[S6W-43169](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what independent audit processes exist to ensure that losses recorded as culls or stock adjustments are not excluded from external reporting at salmon farms.

[S6W-43170](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce mandatory publication of site-level cull numbers, alongside mortality figures, within a fixed reporting timeframe at salmon farms.

[S6W-43171](#) **Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-31743 and S6W-31744 by Alasdair Allan on 6 and 5 December 2024, whether it will provide an update on the (a) location of the remaining populations of grey squirrels and (b) population of Scottish (i) grey and (ii) red squirrels.

[S6W-43173](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the transfer of funds from the General Fund into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Fund, when it anticipates that Part 6, Section 78 of the Housing Act (Scotland) 2025 will come into effect, and under what circumstances local authorities will be permitted to transfer funds.

[S6W-43174](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what feedback it has received from planning authorities regarding the clarity and consistency of the evidence report gate check process for Local Development Plans.

[S6W-43175](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what criteria are used during the evidence report gate check process for Local Development Plans, and how these criteria are weighted when assessing the adequacy of proposed housing land targets.

[S6W-43176](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Local Development Plans have been rejected during the evidence report gate check stage to date, and for what reasons.

[S6W-43177](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide funding to re-open Bon Accord Baths, Aberdeen, in light of its commitment to provide universal swimming lessons to primary school children.

Amendments to Bills lodged on 19 January 2026

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 1

Mercedes Villalba

- 46 In section 1, page 1, line 23, leave out <or extent>

Mercedes Villalba

- 47 In section 1, page 1, line 23, at end insert—
<(ia) the extent of any habitat,>

Section 5

Emma Harper

- 48 In section 5, page 7, line 21, at end insert—
<(da) encouraging sustainable and regenerative agriculture,>

Section 15

Rhoda Grant

- 49 In section 15, page 16, line 34, at end insert—
<“(7A) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing a review under subsection (7), SNH must publish the outcome of the review.>

After section 15

Rhoda Grant

- 50 After section 15, insert—
- <Right to request action where deer are not being managed**
- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 7 (control agreements) insert—
- “7A Right to request action where deer are not being managed**
- (1) A person may request SNH to exercise its functions under section 6A or 7 if the person—
- (a) believes that the grounds in section 6ZA(2) and (3) are met, and
- (b) is, or is likely to be, directly affected by damage, injury, or danger of the type described in section 6ZA(2).
- (2) A request under subsection (1) must include reasons for the belief that the grounds in section 6ZA(2) and (3) are met.

- (3) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, modify subsection (2) to add, remove or adjust the information which is to be included in a request under subsection (1).
- (4) SNH must, following a request under subsection (1)—
 - (a) decide whether it is satisfied that the grounds in section 6ZA(2) and (3) are met,
 - (b) if it decides that the grounds are met, decide whether to exercise its functions under section 6A or 7, and
 - (c) inform the person who made the request of its decisions and the action, if any, SNH proposes to take.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the affirmative procedure”.
- (3) In section 47 (order, regulations etc.), in subsection (1), for “section” substitute “sections 7A(3) and”.>

Section 16

Beatrice Wishart

- 51** In section 16, page 18, line 3, after <requirement> insert <, and
- (iii) an owner or occupier for the time being of land upon whom no requirement is (or is proposed to be) imposed under a control scheme but who, in the opinion of SNH, is (or is likely to be) significantly affected by the proposal>

Beatrice Wishart

- 52** In section 16, page 20, line 29, after <person> insert <falling within paragraph 2(c)(i) or (ii)>

Beatrice Wishart

- 53** In section 16, page 21, line 4, after <person> insert <falling within paragraph 2(c)(i) or (ii)>

Section 31A

Jim Fairlie

- 54** In section 31A, page 29, line 10, at end insert—
- <() In section 5A (code of practice on deer management), in subsection (2), after paragraph (c) insert—
 - “(ca) make provision about the exercise of rights under sections 26 and 26ZA (and any regulations made under section 26ZB);”,>

Jim Fairlie

- 55** In section 31A, page 29, line 10, at end insert—
- <() In section 17 (unlawful killing, taking and injuring of deer), after subsection (3) insert—

- “(4) Subject to sections 25 and 25A, any person who knowingly causes or permits another person to take or kill a deer on any land—
- (a) without permission from a person having the right to take or kill the deer, or
 - (b) in circumstances to which section 26(1) or section 26ZA(1) do not apply, is guilty of an offence.
- (5) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to show that the person reasonably believed that—
- (a) the taking or killing was permitted by a person having the right to take or kill deer on the land, or
 - (b) section 26(1) or, as the case may be, section 26ZA(1) applied to the taking or killing of the deer on the land.”.>

Jim Fairlie

56 In section 31A, page 30, line 31, at end insert—

<26ZB Further provision about exercise of rights to prevent damage by deer

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in connection with the exercise of rights under section 26 and 26ZA.
- (2) Regulations under this section may, in particular—
 - (a) require a person to take specific action (such as to give notice) before the rights may be exercised,
 - (b) set out the consequences for failing to comply with any requirements set out in the regulations, which may include—
 - (i) disapplying section 26(1) or 26ZA(1),
 - (ii) creating offences and penalties in connection with such a failure.
- (4) Before making regulations under this section, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider represent persons likely to be interested in or affected by the regulations.
- (5) The maximum penalties which may be imposed in respect of an offence created under the regulations are, on summary conviction, a fine of level 4 on the standard scale for each deer in respect of which the offence is committed or 3 months imprisonment or both.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Jim Fairlie

57 In section 31A, page 30, line 33, at end insert—

<() In section 47 (orders, regulations etc.), in subsection (1), for “section 21(4)” substitute “sections 21(4) and 26ZB(1)”.>

Jim Fairlie

58 In section 31A, page 30, line 33, at end insert—

<() In schedule 3 (penalties), after the entry relating to section 17(3), insert—

“17(4) Knowingly causing or permitting a person to kill or take a deer without permission or in circumstances where it is not necessary to prevent damage	a fine of level 4 on the standard scale for each deer in respect of which the offence is committed or 3 months imprisonment or both”.>
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After section 32

Beatrice Wishart

59 After section 32, insert—

<Recording and publishing deer management data

Deer management dashboard

- (1) The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 16, insert—

“Deer management dashboard

16A Deer management dashboard

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must record and publish data in relation to deer management in a database to be known as a national deer management dashboard (“the dashboard”).
- (2) The dashboard must be publicly accessible in an electronic or web-based format.
- (3) The data published on the dashboard must include—
 - (a) the estimated number of deer, of all species, in Scotland,
 - (b) the estimated number of deer, of all species, in each geographic unit,
 - (c) the total numbers of deer, of all species, culled in Scotland each year,
 - (d) the total numbers of deer, of all species, culled each year, in each geographic unit,
 - (e) details of any proposed or agreed control agreements under section 7,
 - (f) details of any control schemes under section 8,
 - (g) any other matter that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) SNH may advise the Scottish Ministers on an appropriate geographic unit by which to publish the information described in subsection (3).
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend or modify the information to be included under subsection (3).
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may delegate their functions under this section to SNH by written direction.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may modify or revoke a direction under subsection (6).
- (8) Where a direction under subsection (6) is revoked, the Scottish Ministers must continue to record, collate and publish data in accordance with this section and

any actions taken by SNH continue to have effect (unless the revoking direction provides otherwise).

- (9) The Scottish Ministers or, as the case may be, SNH, must—
 - (a) in the case of the first dashboard, publish the dashboard before the expiry of the period of 5 years beginning with the day after the Bill for the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 receives Royal Assent, and
 - (b) in the case of each subsequent dashboard, review the dashboard before the expiry of the period of 5 years beginning with day after publication of the previous dashboard.
- (10) Before publishing the first dashboard, or reviewing the dashboard, the Scottish Ministers or, as the case may be, SNH, must consult such persons as they consider to have relevant expertise, an interest in, or otherwise be affected by—
 - (a) the matters to be included in the dashboard under subsection (3),
 - (b) how the data for the dashboard is to be collected, collated and published.
- (11) Regulations under subsection (5) are subject to the affirmative procedure if they modify or repeal any provision in subsection (3).”
- (3) In section 47 (orders, regulations etc.), in subsection (1), for “section” substitute “sections 16A(10) and”.>

Section 33D

Jim Fairlie

60 Leave out section 33D and insert—

<Report on gull population

- (1) Scottish Natural Heritage (in this section referred to as “SNH”) must, in respect of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the gull population in coastal and urban areas of Scotland.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) provide information about the gull population in coastal and urban areas,
 - (b) set out (so far as possible) any shift or trend in the distribution of gulls between coastal and urban areas,
 - (c) include any other matter relating to the gull population in coastal and urban areas as SNH consider appropriate.
- (3) In subsection (1), “reporting period” means—
 - (a) in the case of the first report, the period of 5 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 5 years.
- (4) In this section, “gull” means gulls of the species—
 - (a) black-headed gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*),
 - (b) common gull (*Larus canus*),
 - (c) great black-backed gull (*Larus marinus*),

- (d) herring gull (*Larus argentatus*), and
- (e) lesser black-backed gull (*Larus fuscus*).>

Before section 33F

Mercedes Villalba

61 Before section 33F, insert—

<Managing invasive and non-native species

- (1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 14 (introduction of new species etc.), after subsection (2D) insert—
 - “(2E) An order under subsection (2B) or (2C) must not be made if the reason for making it is solely for economic or commercial purposes.”.>

After section 33F

Emma Roddick

62 After section 33F, insert—

<Wildfires: enabling local authorities to issue fixed penalty notices

- (1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 201 (byelaws for good rule and government)—
 - (a) in subsection (3), at the beginning, insert “Subject to subsection (4),”,
 - (b) after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(4) Without limit to the generality of subsection (1), a local authority may make byelaws in connection with the prevention of wildfire (including, in particular, by prohibiting or regulating the lighting and control of a fire or any activity likely to cause a fire).”.
- (3) After section 204 insert—
 - “**204A Byelaws: fixed penalty notices to prevent or suppress wildfires**
 - (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for and in connection with the issuing of fixed penalty notices in respect of any byelaws made under section 201 which relate to the prevention or suppression of wildfires.
 - (2) Regulations under this section must specify—
 - (a) the byelaws in relation to which fixed penalty notices may be issued, and
 - (b) the persons who may issue fixed penalty notices.
 - (3) The persons who may be specified for the purposes of subsection (2)(b) are—
 - (a) the persons, or categories of persons, that a local authority has authorised in writing for the purpose of issuing fixed penalty notices, and
 - (b) such other persons, or categories of persons, as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

- (4) A fixed penalty notice provided for in regulations under this section must state—
 - (a) the byelaw to which it relates,
 - (b) particulars of the circumstances alleged to constitute the offence,
 - (c) the date on which the fixed penalty notice is issued,
 - (d) the amount of the fixed penalty,
 - (e) the person to whom payment may be made and the person's address,
 - (f) the payment period,
 - (g) the method by which payment may be made,
 - (h) the effect of paying the fixed penalty within the payment period and the consequences of not paying the fixed penalty within that period,
 - (i) details of any procedure for challenging or appealing the fixed penalty notice.
- (5) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision—
 - (a) specifying the form and content of a fixed penalty notice,
 - (b) specifying how a person or category of persons may be authorised to issue fixed penalty notices,
 - (c) conferring powers to enter land (other than dwelling-houses) for or in connection with the issuing of a fixed penalty notice,
 - (d) about the circumstances in which fixed penalty notices may or may not be issued (including any test which must be satisfied before a person authorised to issue such notices may do so),
 - (e) about the withdrawal of fixed penalty notices including when it is permissible, the effects of such withdrawal and the procedure by which the withdrawal is effected,
 - (f) specifying the amount of the fixed penalty which is to apply to an offence (including different amounts for different purposes), being not more than level 2 on the standard scale,
 - (g) specifying the person to whom payment may be made (who need not be the person who issued the fixed penalty notice),
 - (h) specifying the payment period,
 - (i) about the circumstances in which a person to whom a fixed penalty notice is issued may decline the notice or otherwise object to or challenge it (including the period within which the person may do so and the procedure for doing so),
 - (j) about the effects of failing to decline or otherwise object to or challenge a fixed penalty notice before the end of the period specified for doing so (including that such failure is deemed to be acceptance of the notice),
 - (k) conferring on the person who issued the fixed penalty notice or the person to whom payment may be made the power to extend the payment period in any particular case if the person considers it appropriate to do so,
 - (l) about the methods by which fixed penalties may be paid,

- (m) for the amount of a fixed penalty to be discounted or increased by an amount or percentage in circumstances specified by the regulations (but not so as to make the amount payable more than level 2 on the standard scale),
- (n) specifying the effect of paying a fixed penalty within the payment period (for example, that no proceedings may be brought in respect of the offence to which the fixed penalty notice relates),
- (o) about the consequences of not paying a fixed penalty within the payment period (including the ability to refer offences for prosecution and how liability to pay the penalty may be enforced),
- (p) for additional procedure relating to fixed penalty notices (for example to make provision for hearings or appeals),
- (q) for the destination of funds, the keeping of accounts and the preparation and publication of statements of account relating to fixed penalties provided for under the regulations,
- (r) specifying persons who may prepare and publish guidance on issuing fixed penalty notices (including when prosecution is more appropriate),
- (s) creating offences relating to—
 - (i) the obstruction of a person who is exercising functions in relation to fixed penalty notices,
 - (ii) a failure to provide information requested in connection with a fixed penalty notice.
- (6) The maximum penalty that may be provided for in regulations under this section creating an offence is, on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
- (7) Before making regulations under this section, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) persons that they consider to be representative of local authorities, and
 - (b) such other persons as they consider to be interested in or affected by the issuing of fixed penalty notices in respect of any byelaws made under section 201 which relate to the prevention or suppression of wildfires.
- (8) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) are subject to the negative procedure if the regulations are only—
 - (i) removing a reference to a byelaw which has been revoked, or
 - (ii) specifying, for the purpose of subsection (2)(a), a byelaw which has been made to replace a byelaw (with or without modification) which was previously specified and which has substantially the same effect,
 - (b) are otherwise subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (9) Regulations under this section may also make—
 - (a) incidental, supplemental, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision that the Scottish Ministers think necessary or expedient,
 - (b) different provision for different purposes.

- (10) In this section—
- “fixed penalty notice” means a notice specifying a sum of money that may or must be paid as an alternative to prosecution for an offence,
- “payment period” means the period of time within which a fixed penalty may or must be paid.”.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 January 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

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

Laid under Section 16 of the Plants Varieties and Seeds Act 1964.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stage 2 completed, 25 November 2025

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

Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill (G)

Introduced, 15 January 2026

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

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 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People 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)

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

Stage 2 completed, 16 December 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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 2) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 21 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 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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

Stage 1 Report – Economy and Fair Work Committee (1st Report, 2026)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 16 December 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 20 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 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 21 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 January 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 20 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 20 January 2026

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

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Withdrawn, 16 January 2026

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 21 January 2026

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

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026

Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (2nd Report, 2026)

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)

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

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2026)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 15 January 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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026
Lead committee - Criminal Justice

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

Lodged on 6 January 2026
Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

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

Lodged on 7 January 2026
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 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
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026
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)), 20 January 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (4th Report, 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 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 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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

[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

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

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 22 February 2026

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (14 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 23 February 2026

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 February 2026

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Offshore Wind\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 16 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026

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

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[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/7\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/8\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/9\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\)_\(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/10\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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[Seed \(Fees\)_\(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/13\)](#) (19 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Finance and Public Administration Committee 1st Report 2026 \(Session 6\): Report on Subordinate Legislation: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Investment Zones Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \[draft\]](#), publication date: 19 January 2026

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 January 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SCoSS/2026/01) laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Young Start Annual Report 2025 (SG/2026/14) laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

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