

Thursday 22 January 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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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

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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

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

Committee Meetings

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

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security
Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding its engagement with credit unions in relation to CMutual withdrawing its Family Protection Plan. ([S6O-05403](#))

2. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of what savings there have been to Greenock and Inverclyde constituents since the removal of peak rail fares. ([S6O-05404](#))

3. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government what more can be done to tackle the problem of abandoned and derelict shops and buildings in town centres. ([S6O-05405](#))

4. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether local authorities should increase council tax, reduce public services, or a mixture of both, to meet any gaps in local government funding as a result of the draft Budget. ([S6O-05406](#))

5. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government how the increase in the international development fund that was announced in the draft 2026-27 Scottish Budget will be spent. ([S6O-05407](#))

6. Michael Matheson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding whether social impact bonds can be used to improve the employment opportunities for young people, including in Falkirk West. ([S6O-05408](#))

7. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is putting in place to encourage young people to engage in the arts. ([S6O-05409](#))

8. Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether, without the use of private finance to enable construction of key infrastructure projects, there is a risk that Scotland could be seen as less attractive for inward investment and as a location for business, compared with other European countries. ([S6O-05410](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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](#))

followed by Members' Business: Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success

S6M-18469 Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success—That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Growing2Gether, on what it sees as its successful programme aimed at helping young people who face various challenges by pairing young adults with toddlers to mentor; understands that participants and facilitators have reported a significant shift in young people's confidence and gaining of skills, helping to improve wellbeing; acknowledges the reported overall positive and successful work of this charity in partnering with 15 schools in Scotland, including 12 in the Highlands and Islands region; applauds the over 2,000 young people who have been paired with 2,200 toddlers over a seven-year period across the Highlands on their efforts; considers it important to provide opportunities for children and young people who face challenges with poverty, mental health or trauma to develop skills and confidence in themselves, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should consider how it can best support this kind of work moving forward.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

Social Justice and Housing

1. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports local authorities to investigate short-term lets that are operating without planning permission or registration. ([S6O-05411](#))

2. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many people in 2024-25 no longer received the Scottish Child Payment because they moved off benefits. ([S6O-05412](#))

3. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to respond to the housing emergency in Fife. ([S6O-05413](#))

4. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many new homes have been delivered as a result of the Rural Affordable Homes for Key Workers Fund. ([S6O-05414](#))

5. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has taken to address household food insecurity. ([S6O-05415](#))

6. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to coordinate housing support services more effectively with health, social care and justice services, so that housing is fully integrated within wider public services, and no one is left behind when accessing support. ([S6O-05416](#))

7. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to promote the take-up of Pension Age Disability Payment. ([S6O-05417](#))

8. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 will have on social security in Scotland. ([S6O-05418](#))

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

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.

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 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.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

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.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.

2. **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.

3. **Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

4. **Correspondence - Section 8 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.

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

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 21 January 2026

Tuesday 27 January 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

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 Motion on Legislative Consent: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Jackie Dunbar: Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for-profit Organisations

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: Alexander Burnett: Fair Share of Funding for Public Services

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

followed by Members' Business: Kenneth Gibson: Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, Bridging Generations

Tuesday 3 February 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

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.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-20518 Neil Bibby: Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scottish Professional Football**

Football —That the Parliament recognises the report recently published by the Fraser of Allander Institute, and commissioned by the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) and the Scottish Women's Premier League (SWPL), which explored the impact of football on Scotland's economy, understands that the professional men's and women's game, alongside the national teams and including fan spending, generated £820 million during the 2023-24 season; further understands that attendance at professional matches that season topped 6.8 million; notes the finding that the economic activity of the professional football sector supports 9,245 full-time equivalent jobs and made a contribution of £545 million in gross value added to the economy, and considers that it is clear that football is not just intrinsic to Scotland's culture and society, but is crucial to the economy as well.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Karen Adam*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Alasdair Allan*, Colin Beattie*, Martin Whitfield*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Ross* **R**

***S6M-20517 Evelyn Tweed: Celebrating Local Winners of Sportscotland Scottish Sports Awards 2025**

Awards 2025 —That the Parliament notes the annual sportscotland Scottish Sport Awards 2025; understands that these awards are a celebration of sport at all levels, from grassroots to high performance nationally and internationally; congratulates all winners for their achievements; further congratulates Team Mouat on being named Team of the Year; notes that Team Mouat is a curling team based at The Peak in Stirling; believes that the team has been recognised for the dominance that it has achieved over a sustained year at a global level, with its success hailed as historic; understands that in the course of a single season, it became the first team ever to win four tournaments in the Grand Slam of Curling; congratulates team members Bruce Mouat, Hammy McMillan, Bobby Lammie and Grant Hardie for their incredible success; understands that they were recognised for their work in raising curling's profile; congratulates the team's coach, Michael Goodfellow, for winning the High Performance Coach of the Year award; understands that Michael was praised for the culture of trust, resilience and relentless pursuit of excellence that he has built, and the huge amount of empathy and experience he brings to the role; further understands that he has been recognised as an exceptional ambassador for Scottish coaching and an inspiration to many; offers huge congratulations for these incredible successes, and wishes the team the very best for their next season.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Karen Adam*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Miles Briggs*, Paul McLennan*, Edward Mountain*, Audrey Nicoll*

***S6M-20515 Kevin Stewart: Recognising the Efforts of Craig Stirrat**—That the Parliament notes the announcement that Craig Stirrat, chief executive of Grampian Housing Association, will be retiring in Autumn 2026; recognises that Craig has been chief executive since April 2022, having first joined the organisation in 2014, during which time Grampian Housing Association has been accredited with Best Companies as an outstanding place to work and secured the Customer Service Excellence Standard thanks to the flagship Grampian Deal initiative; understands that Craig has spent over 40 years in the social housing sector, during which time he has served on the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland board, the UK HouseMark Board, the Scottish Advisory Board, and currently serves on the Board of the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations; further understands that Craig's lasting impact in the social housing sector led to him being awarded the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland's Lifetime Achievement award in 2023; believes that Craig can be rightly proud of the contribution he has made to social housing, nationally as well as locally, and hopes he enjoys his very well-earned rest when he steps down.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Jamie Hepburn*, Elena Whitham*, Alasdair Allan*, Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Marie McNair*, Annabelle Ewing*

***S6M-20514 Alexander Stewart: Welcoming the Return of Central Safe Drive, Stay Alive for 2026**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of Central Safe Drive Stay Alive, which is set to take place from 26 to 30 January 2026, with S4 pupils from across the Mid-Scotland and Fife region travelling to Stirling's MacRobert Arts Centre; understands that 2025's performances saw 830 youngsters make it through from Clackmannanshire alone; notes that, during the annual event, students are shown a film depicting a typical road collision that involves young people and showing the potential impact of peer pressure, distraction and bad driving practices; further notes that members of the emergency services come on stage between segments and describe their role in the aftermath of the collision and that, after the film, family members of people who have been killed or experienced life-altering injuries give emotional testimonies on how their lives were suddenly and dramatically changed by a crash; acknowledges that there are significant financial challenges involved with running the programme; notes that organisers say that it has been effective, as road deaths and injuries have fallen over the 18 years that the shows have been running; believes that, with no government funding and small levels of local authority funding available, the team behind it must raise almost the full cost of the initiative every year to continue to offer the roadshow free of charge to every high school in the area; commends everyone involved in the production, including Alan Faulds, Melanie Mitchell and the production's sponsors, Air Products, who are in the final stages of building a state-of-the-art production plant in Alloa; notes that, in 2024-25, the costs of the building hire, bus hire and all the other associated factors were more than £30,000; considers, however, that, with an estimated cost of £1.8 million for every road death in Scotland, and an even higher cost for a lifetime of round-the-clock care, the education of young people makes financial sense, as well as working hard to avoid the devastation to families that occurs in the aftermath of a road traffic collision, and wishes everyone involved all the very best and every success with this year's production. **R**

***S6M-20513 Alexander Stewart: Ten Years of The Ladybird Tea Room in Alloa**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 10th anniversary, in February 2026, of The Ladybird Tea Room in Alloa; understands that the business, which was founded by Alison Turner, has become more than just a place for tea, coffee and cake, the tea room has evolved into a hub of community warmth, connection and belonging; acknowledges that independent cafés and tearooms such as The Ladybird, become part of people's routines and valuable sources of interaction to deal with loneliness and isolation; considers the value of local, independent small businesses to the community and that supporting community high street businesses, such as The Ladybird, helps business owners build ambitions, sustains livelihoods and contributes to a vibrant local economy and community; congratulates Alison on her success thus far, and wishes her all the best for the next 10 years and beyond.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Murdo Fraser*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Stuart McMillan*, Annabelle Ewing*, Tim Eagle*

***S6M-20512 Emma Harper: Success of Big Burns Supper and Dumfries Carnival**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers, volunteers and participants on the success of the Dumfries Carnival, which took place in Dumfries on 17 January, as part of the Big Burns Supper winter festival, which takes place from 15 to 25 January 2026; notes that the Big Burns Supper features an expanded Northern Lights programme, illuminating heritage sites in the town with light and sound, bringing together audiences of all ages; recognises the wide range of installations showcased across the festival, including Poets Place, which highlighted the roots of Robert Burns' work and the ongoing traditions of the festival by bringing the Burns Statue, in the town centre, to life using light and sound, celebrating both his literary legacy and the many people who have contributed to sustaining it; acknowledges the installations such as Birds on the Wire, Firefly, Divided, Light Reading, Washing Line, Lights of Hope and Phanto Spectra, alongside other creative experiences, including workshops and short films; notes that the festival also features the Immortal Memory, celebrating Burns's enduring spirit through a public candle lighting event; recognises that the Rabbie's Winter Village proved highly popular, attracting large crowds to enjoy food, drink and live music in a welcoming community atmosphere; understands that the celebrations conclude with Le Haggis Burns Night Special and the Family Burns Supper where Hamish the Haggis will interact with children in dance, singing of Scottish songs; thanks all who have made the Big Burns Supper possible over the years, and wishes the Big Burns Supper many successful years ahead celebrating the life of the world-famous Bard.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Alasdair Allan*, Elena Whitham*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Audrey Nicoll*, Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*, Stuart McMillan*, Marie McNair*, Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*

***S6M-20511 Maggie Chapman: Solidarity with University of Dundee Staff Taking Strike Action**—That the Parliament recognises and values what it sees as the important role of the University and College Union (UCU) in defending the jobs and conditions of its members in higher education, including those whose jobs are at risk; notes that the UCU at the University of Dundee, alongside other campus unions, has long acted to defend the values of the university; appreciates the organising and effort of the union in this context; commends its ongoing commitment to protecting jobs and ensuring fair treatment for staff, including its planned strike action on 28 January 2026, and extends its solidarity and best wishes for what it believes are its continued efforts in advocating for fair work and an effective workers' voice.

***S6M-20510 Maggie Chapman: Dundee and Angus College Unions Fighting for the Future**—That the Parliament recognises and values the importance of those working in the further education (FE) sector, including those at Dundee and Angus College; notes what it sees as the success of the Fighting for the Future of Further Education Campaign; appreciates the organising and effort that the campus trade unions have made in highlighting and seeking to protect the contribution made by FE to its students and the communities and economy of the North East and beyond; commends the ongoing commitment of the campus trade unions in protecting jobs and ensuring fair treatment for staff, and extends its best wishes for their continued efforts in advocating for workers' rights and ensuring that Dundee and Angus College continues to be integral to the communities that it serves.

Supported by: Gillian Mackay*, Mercedes Villalba*, Bill Kidd*, Ariane Burgess*, Ross Greer*

***S6M-20509 Ivan McKee: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Shona Robison

***S6M-20508 Claire Baker: Recognising Iwona Wrobel Being Named as the Latest Recipient of the Adam Smith 300 Enterprise Scholarship**—That the Parliament recognises Iwona Wrobel, who is originally from Poland, being named as the latest recipient of the Adam Smith 300 Enterprise Scholarship; understands that the initiative has been created by Adam Smith Scholarships, Fife College, in partnership with Fife Council Economic Development, OnFife and Business Gateway Fife,

supporting aspiring student entrepreneurs through funding, mentoring and access to specialist facilities; notes that the scholarship was first awarded in 2023 to mark the 300th anniversary of Adam Smith and provides recipients with £1,000, tailored business mentoring from Business Gateway Fife and access to the Design Suite at the Adam Smith Theatre in Kirkcaldy, provided by OnFife; understands that Iwona moved to Scotland 12 years ago and began her studies at Fife College with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Level 5 and went on to graduate with an HND in Visual Communication in 2025 and is now studying Graphic Design at the University of Dundee; acknowledges that Iwona's passion for design and community engagement through her work and volunteer efforts impressed scholarship judges; recognises Iwona's contribution to the Polish Association in Kirkcaldy, and extends its best wishes for success of Iwona's recent creative venture, IW Design Studio, offering branding and design services to individuals and organisations.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Carol Mochan*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*

S6M-20488 Bill Kidd: Scottish Hazards' 25th Annual Conference—That the Parliament notes that Scottish Hazards will hold its 25th annual conference on 26 February 2026 at the City of Glasgow College, Riverside Campus, Glasgow; recognises Scottish Hazards' 25 years of campaigning, education and advocacy on behalf of workers' health, safety and wellbeing; understands that the conference theme, Health and Safety in 2026: The Ways Forward, comes at a time of growing concern about weakened enforcement, rising workplace stress and increasing levels of violence and aggression faced by workers across many sectors; expresses concern about the long-term impact of reduced health and safety inspection capacity and regulatory pressures on worker protection; welcomes the conference's focus on critical issues, including work-related suicide, occupational health provision, health and safety in poorly organised sectors and the need for effective education and the organising of health and safety representatives; acknowledges the essential role of trade unions and worker-led organisations in holding employers and authorities to account; believes that robust health and safety enforcement is a fundamental matter of social justice and public health, not merely regulatory compliance; notes and warmly congratulates Ian Tasker on his 25th anniversary with Scottish Hazards, latterly as Chief Executive Officer, and expresses appreciation for his extensive knowledge, guidance and dedicated assistance to workers, trade unions and the Parliament throughout his tenure, and wishes Ian, Scottish Hazards, the organisers, speakers and participants a successful conference and ongoing success in their efforts to improve workplace health and safety across Scotland.

Supported by: Richard Leonard*, Jamie Hepburn*, Carol Mochan*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Elena Whitham*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Rona Mackay*, Karen Adam*, Bob Doris*, Brian Whittle*, Marie McNair*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-20505 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Clydebank Schoolgirl Cora Courtney Qualifies for the ADC IBC Youth International Ballet Competition in USA (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20504 Fulton MacGregor: Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scottish Professional Football (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Brian Whittle*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Annie Wells*

S6M-20503 Clare Adamson: Lanarkshire Finalists Celebrate Success at the Scottish Makeup Awards 2026 (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Stephanie Callaghan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[**S6M-20502 Alexander Burnett: Hollie Davidson Makes Six Nations History**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Roz McCall*

[**S6M-20494 Jackson Carlaw: 50th Anniversary of St Cadoc's Primary School and Nursery**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Roz McCall*, Edward Mountain*

[**S6M-20493 Ross Greer: Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Roz McCall*

[**S6M-20492 Jackson Carlaw: Calderwood Lodge Receives Exemplary Education Scotland Report**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Roz McCall*

[**S6M-20491 Tim Eagle: Moray Business Revives Rothes Brewery**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Roz McCall*, Stuart McMillan*

[**S6M-20490 Tim Eagle: Two Highland Takeaways Win Fish and Chip Awards**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Annie Wells*, Fulton MacGregor*, Craig Hoy*, Roz McCall*, Stuart McMillan*

[**S6M-20489 Claire Baker: Recognising and Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Twinning Link between Burntisland and Flekkefjord, Norway**](#) (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[**S6M-20482 Alexander Burnett: Retirement of John Sinclair and Barry Florence of HM Sheridan Butchers in Ballater**](#) (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Roz McCall*

[**S6M-20481 John Mason: Welfare of the Sheep on St Kilda**](#) (lodged on 19 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Fulton MacGregor*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-20467 Paul McLennan: Commending St Andrew Blackadder Church for Raising £2,801 for Jamaica Hurricane Relief (lodged on 19 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20463 Liam McArthur: St Magnus Cathedral Marks Holocaust Memorial Day with Moving Exhibition by Orkney-based Artist (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Elena Whitham*, Kevin Stewart*, Monica Lennon*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annie Wells*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Karen Adam*, Stuart McMillan*, Jamie Hepburn*, Bill Kidd*, Beatrice Wishart*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Tim Eagle*

S6M-20461 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Rosamund Carmichael of Bearsden in Bloom to Retire After Five Years of Service (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20457 Finlay Carson: Yacht Rescued by Brave Actions of RNLI Inshore Lifeboat Crew at Stranraer (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20452 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: HM Clyde Naval Base Commodore Sharon Malkin Appointed a CBE in The King's New Year Honours List (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20451 Alexander Stewart: Bands for Brothers' 500 Miles Challenge (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-20442 Annie Wells: Hallside Primary Earns Top Marks in Education Scotland Inspection (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20441 Miles Briggs: Strut Safe (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

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

New Support: Roz McCall*

S6M-20436 Annie Wells: Congratulating Milton Arts Project on North Glasgow's First Community Album (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*

S6M-20432 Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood Nurse Lynsey O'Dwyer Receives Award (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20402 Annie Wells: Championing FND Awareness in Glasgow (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-20370 Douglas Lumsden: David Hill's Fund Passes £100,000 Fundraising Milestone
(lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20363 Liam Kerr: 10th Anniversary of the Fit Like Joggers (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

S6M-19805 Rona Mackay: Boclair House Hotel Named Glasgow Wedding Venue of the Year 2025 (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Dr Pam Gosal MBE*

Questions

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 28 January 2026

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to the Outdoor Arts, Circus and Spectacle sector. ([S6O-05419](#))
- Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures value for money when allocating funding within the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture portfolio. ([S6O-05420](#))
- Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how to ensure that Scotland maximises the cultural legacy benefits of the 2026 Summer of Sport. ([S6O-05421](#))
- Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the five National Performing Companies are essential infrastructure investment and whether the funding that it provides to them is sufficient. ([S6O-05422](#))
- Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will propose the scheduling of time for a ministerial statement on the written case for the Scottish Ministers and Lord Advocate in the judicial review of the Scottish Prison Service policy for the management of transgender people in custody, including how many times women's rights are mentioned. ([S6O-05423](#))
- John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the diversity and socio-economic background of audiences attending performances by the National Performing Companies. ([S6O-05424](#))
- Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with the Arctic Circle Assembly. ([S6O-05425](#))
- Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the United States Consul General in Edinburgh to discuss Scotland's international strategy. ([S6O-05426](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget 2026-27 will support community justice services. ([S6O-05427](#))
- Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of access to justice services in rural areas. ([S6O-05428](#))
- Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the current occupancy levels and total operational capacity across the Women's Community Custody Unit estate. ([S6O-05429](#))
- Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs last met with For Women Scotland to discuss the protection of women's sex-based rights. ([S6O-05430](#))

5. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the construction and operational timeline for the new HMP Highland. ([S6O-05431](#))

6. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what additional resources are being provided to Police Scotland in relation to asylum seekers being housed at Cameron Barracks in Inverness. ([S6O-05432](#))

7. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the prison estate is segregated by sex. ([S6O-05433](#))

8. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget 2026-27 supports the prevention of gender-based violence. ([S6O-05434](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 29 January 2026

Education and Skills

1. Martin Whitfield: [Not Lodged]

2. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of permanent teaching posts for newly qualified teachers. ([S6O-05444](#))

3. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the recruitment of teachers in rural areas. ([S6O-05445](#))

4. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that newly qualified teachers are able to secure stable, long-term employment, in light of recent reports that only one in four newly qualified teachers secured permanent posts in 2024-25. ([S6O-05446](#))

5. George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the establishment of the Centre for Teaching Excellence. ([S6O-05447](#))

6. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many new teachers, who qualified in the last three years, are now in permanent teaching posts. ([S6O-05448](#))

7. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on raising attainment levels in literacy and numeracy and closing any gap in attainment between children from the least and most deprived areas. ([S6O-05449](#))

8. Michael Matheson: [Not Lodged]

General Questions selected for answer on 29 January 2026

1. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on improving accommodation standards in relation to legislation that currently exists in Scotland for seasonal agricultural workers. ([S6O-05435](#))

2. Dr Pam Gosal MBE: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any implications for its policy on single-sex spaces in the NHS in Scotland, what its response is to the recent ruling in the case brought by eight nurses at Darlington Memorial Hospital. ([S6O-05436](#))

3. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to sustain the projects aiming to tackle poverty and social exclusion in the North East Scotland region, that are currently supported by the Investing in Communities Fund, beyond March 2026. ([S6O-05437](#))

4. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reconsider its stated position of opposing the construction of new nuclear power stations in Scotland. ([S6O-05438](#))

5. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to protect hospice care services over the coming year. ([S6O-05439](#))

6. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with non-medical aesthetic practitioners regarding training opportunities for the sector in advance of the introduction of the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill. ([S6O-05440](#))

7. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to young athletes who will be representing Scotland in sport in 2026. ([S6O-05441](#))

8. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working to support Scottish businesses, in light of the potential impact of additional US trade tariffs on the Scottish economy. ([S6O-05442](#))

Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 21 January 2026

[S6W-43230](#) **Joe FitzPatrick:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its next Suicide Prevention Action Plan.

[S6W-43245](#) **Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what new action it will take to address the housing emergency in Scotland.

Written Questions lodged on 21 January 2026

[S6W-43098](#) **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what its reasoning is for commissioning an independent review of the legislative landscape around children in care by Professor Kenneth Norrie, in light of the Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise noting in the Chamber on 14 January 2026 that the Scottish Government has already received legal advice from Melanie Barbour KC, which was commissioned by the independent body, The Promise Scotland.

[S6W-43201](#) **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £1.8 billion that it committed in 2021 for energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures has been (a) allocated and (b) spent to date in each year, and how much funding remains uncommitted or unspent.

[S6W-43202](#) **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been (a) allocated and (b) spent in each year since 2021 on each of its energy efficiency and decarbonisation programmes.

[S6W-43203](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Ending Homelessness Together Fund will be monitored to ensure that it delivers systemic change, including targeted resourcing to lay any essential groundwork for the "ask and act" duties with non-housing services.

[S6W-43204](#) **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many households have received support from investment delivered under its energy efficiency and decarbonisation programmes in each year since 2021, including how many have (a) upgraded to clean heating systems and (b) received energy efficiency measures.

[S6W-43205](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its draft Budget 2026-27, what its response is to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (COSLA) assessment that there is a £15 million funding gap in meeting the estimated £175 million cost of delivering the real Living Wage to adult social care workers.

[S6W-43206](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its draft Budget 2026-27, what its response is to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (COSLA) assessment that, despite

calling for an additional £750 million for social care, there is no additional funding for social care after pay uplifts.

S6W-43207 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its draft Budget 2026-27 budget and level 4 tables that were published in conjunction with its draft Budget, whether the baseline used to calculate the total funds to implement the 2026-27 pay uplift in commissioned social care services was the current real Living Wage amount of £12.60ph.

S6W-43208 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its draft Budget 2026-27, what any projected funding gap for commissioned social care services will be to meet the obligated uplift to at least the real Living Wage in 2026-27 if this budget is passed.

S6W-43209 Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to issue statutory guidance on the assessment of capacity for the purposes of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill.

S6W-43210 Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the programme to build three Fleet Solid Support (FFS) ships for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary is facing early disruption due to a cash flow shortage at Liberty Steel Dalzell in Motherwell, which has left the company unable to purchase steel slab to start production, despite the order to supply 34,000 tonnes of rolled steel plates for the FSS programme, and whether it will engage with Sir David Murray about his reported interest in acquiring the Dalzell Plate Mill with government support.

S6W-43211 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains committed to rail freight growth, in light of the reported continued reduction to the Mode Shift Revenue Support (MSRS) grant.

S6W-43212 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Network Rail and other stakeholders to increase capacity for rail freight in Scotland.

S6W-43213 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that freight infrastructure investment is aligned with wider economic development zones and industrial strategy areas.

S6W-43214 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to Scotland's ports to expand short-sea shipping routes.

S6W-43215 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it is collaborating with industry and education providers to create pathways into freight-related careers.

S6W-43216 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government how it is liaising with Police Scotland regarding freight crime, and how such crime can be mitigated.

S6W-43217 Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the provision of secure parking facilities for HGVs on the trunk road network.

S6W-43218 Dr Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether the overall pause on new health capital projects remains in place. **R**

S6W-43219 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what legal advice it has received on the legal status of the sheep of St Kilda, including whether they are considered wild animals, livestock, or fall within any other legal classification, and what implications this advice has for their ownership, management and welfare. **R**

S6W-43220 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Landlord Registration regime, what assurance it has been given that local authorities are not structurally bypassing statutory enforcement provisions, and what steps might be taken to ensure that the regime operates effectively.

S6W-43221 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Landlord Registration regime, what its position is regarding whether this is functioning as planned, in light of The Highland Council reportedly stating that its officer-level escalation powers have not been exercised over multiple years.

S6W-43222 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Landlord Registration regime, whether a so-called light touch approach is compatible with local authorities' statutory

enforcement obligations in cases where escalation powers are not being applied.

S6W-43223 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42932 by Neil Gray on 21 January 2026, what it expects the accelerated timeline of the national rollout of MyCare.scot to be.

S6W-43224 Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the support that it can provide to hairdressing businesses towards (a) training apprentices and (b) the recruitment and retention of staff, including what assistance it can offer to reduce the cost of this.

S6W-43225 Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government what workforce assessment it has carried out of hairdressing businesses, and what its position is regarding whether there will be sufficient fully-qualified hairdressers to meet future demand.

S6W-43226 Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government how many hairdressing courses there have been at colleges in Scotland in each year since 2021-22, also broken down by how many students have (a) enrolled on and (b) graduated from these.

S6W-43227 Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42980 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 21 January 2026, whether any training is provided to (a) benefits advisors, (b) benefits assessors and (c) any other staff at Social Security Scotland on the importance of disabled people remaining physically active.

S6W-43228 Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost to the Scottish Government was to refer the decision to close St Pius X Primary School and Nursery in Dundee to the School Closure Review Panel.

S6W-43229 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering a social media ban for those under the age of 16.

S6W-43231 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider the case for providing financial support for horse-logging as a low-carbon, low-impact timber harvesting method, and what assessment it has made of any potential environmental benefits, including the protection of rivers, burns and biodiversity, arising from expanding its use on sensitive forestry sites.

S6W-43232 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42739 by Ivan McKee on 9 January 2026, what sources provided the evidence for the internal review to implement the 40% in-person working target, and whether it will set out what these sources advised.

S6W-43233 Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the impact of local authority budget decisions on dementia and community care services, including care at home, respite, day care and post-diagnostic support, to ensure that people living with dementia continue to receive the support that they need.

S6W-43234 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding will be made available to (a) West Dunbartonshire and (b) Argyll and Bute Council to fund the pledge to deliver free Learn to Swim sessions, which was set out in the draft Scottish Budget 2026-27.

S6W-43236 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, what assessment it has undertaken regarding any impact on rural communities, where a higher proportion of patients typically travel by car to appointments, prior to introducing changes to the General Ophthalmic Services fee structure, effective from 1 August 2025, linking higher fees for eye examinations, for adults aged 60 and over, to pupil dilation, and whether it will publish any such assessment.

S6W-43237 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the ending of the Small Business Bonus Scheme relief for sporting rights will have on (a) Forestry Land Scotland, (b) National Trust Scotland, (c) Historic Environment Scotland, (d) NatureScot, (e) Crown Estate Scotland, (f) local authorities and (g) other public agencies that possess sporting rights. **R**

[**S6W-43238 Tim Eagle:**](#) To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment it has carried out regarding the ending of the Small Business Bonus Scheme relief for sporting rights on (a) shootings and (b) deer forests. **R**

[**S6W-43239 Tim Eagle:**](#) To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out regarding what revenue it estimates will be raised by the ending of the Small Business Bonus Scheme relief for sporting rights. **R**

[**S6W-43240 Tim Eagle:**](#) To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out regarding what the estimated cost to local valuation boards will be of collecting revenue following the phasing out of the Small Business Bonus Scheme relief for sporting rights. **R**

[**S6W-43241 Tim Eagle:**](#) To ask the Scottish Government what (a) natural capital and (b) environment assessments it has conducted relating to the ending of the Small Business Bonus Scheme relief for sporting rights for (i) shootings (ii) deer forests. **R**

[**S6W-43242 Alexander Burnett:**](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-05166 by Kevin Stewart on 24 January 2022, whether it will provide an update on the number of people with learning difficulties and autism who have died in inpatient units in Scotland since 2015.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 21 January 2026

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 62A) (Government Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 21 January 2026**Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill — Stage 2****Section 1****Graham Simpson**

1 In section 1, page 1, line 9, leave out <petition>

Graham Simpson

2 In section 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

<() The recall process—

(a) for a constituency member is the recall petition process set out in Chapter 2,
(b) for a regional member is the recall poll process set out in Chapter (*Poll to recall regional member*).>

Graham Simpson

3 In section 1, page 1, leave out lines 17 to 19

Graham Simpson

4 In section 1, page 1, line 20, leave out <petition>

Graham Simpson

5 In section 1, page 1, line 25, after <14> insert <or (*Determination and notice of poll outcome*)>

Section 2**Kevin Stewart**

6 In section 2, page 2, line 2, leave out from <on> to first <Parliament> in line 3 and insert <in accordance with the procedure set out in standing orders of the Parliament for sanctioning a member>

Kevin Stewart

7 In section 2, page 2, leave out lines 11 and 12

Kevin Stewart

8 In section 2, page 2, line 23, leave out subsection (5)

Section 3**Mark Griffin**

9 In section 3, page 2, line 30, leave out <for a period of less than 6 months>

Section 5

Graham Simpson

10 In section 5, page 4, line 5, leave out from <notice> to end of line 7 and insert <recall initiating notice to the returning officer.>

Graham Simpson

11 In section 5, page 4, line 11, leave out <petition>

Graham Simpson

12 In section 5, page 4, line 17, at end insert—

<(2A) Where the member is—

(a) a constituency member—

(i) a recall initiating notice is a notice instructing the returning officer to make arrangements for a recall petition in relation to the member to be made available for signing,

(ii) the returning officer is the person who is the constituency returning officer in relation to the constituency by virtue of an order under section 12(1) of the Scotland Act 1998,

(b) a regional member—

(i) a recall initiating notice is a notice instructing the returning officer to make arrangements for a recall poll in relation to the member to be held in the region,

(ii) the returning officer is the person who is the regional returning officer for the region by virtue of an order under section 12(6) of the Scotland Act 1998.>

Graham Simpson

13 In section 5, page 4, leave out lines 18 and 19 and insert <A recall initiating notice—>

Graham Simpson

14 Move section 5 to after section 1

Section 6

Graham Simpson

15 In section 6, page 4, line 28, after <notice> insert <in relation to a constituency member>

Graham Simpson

16 In section 6, page 4, line 28, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

17 In section 6, page 4, line 29, after <practicable> insert <and acting in accordance with any provision made under section 21>

Graham Simpson

18 In section 6, page 4, line 30, leave out <to whom the notice relates>

Graham Simpson

19 In section 6, page 4, line 32, after <signing> insert <, and
(c) the days, and times of day, during which the petition is to be made available for signing>

Graham Simpson

20 In section 6, page 4, line 32, at end insert—
<(1A) A recall petition is a petition calling for the recall of the member to whom the initiating notice relates.>

Graham Simpson

21 In section 6, page 4, line 33, leave out subsection (2) and insert—
<() A maximum of 10 places may be designated under subsection (1)(a).>

Graham Simpson

22 In section 6, page 5, line 1, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

23 In section 6, page 5, line 8, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

24 In section 6, page 5, line 12, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

25 In section 6, page 5, line 13, at end insert—

<() The returning officer, in determining the days and times of day to designate under subsection (1)(c), must seek to ensure that the petition is reasonably available for signing throughout the signing period.>

Section 7**Graham Simpson**

26 In section 7, page 5, line 15, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Section 8**Graham Simpson**

27 In section 8, page 5, line 19, leave out first <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

28 In section 8, page 5, leave out line 21 and insert—
<() at the times and places designated under section 6(1), and>

After section 8**Graham Simpson**

29 After section 8, insert—

<Change to start of signing period

- (1) The Presiding Officer may change (from the one designated under section 6(1)(b)) the day designated as the day from which a recall petition is to be made available for signing.
- (2) But the Presiding Officer may do so only—
 - (a) before the day designated under section 6(1)(b), and
 - (b) after consulting—
 - (i) the returning officer in relation to the recall petition,
 - (ii) the Electoral Commission, and
 - (iii) the convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland.
- (3) A day designated under subsection (1) must fall within the period of 8 weeks beginning with the day designated under section 6(1)(b).
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after designating a day under subsection (1), the Presiding Officer must—
 - (a) notify the persons mentioned in subsection (2)(b) of the new designated day, and
 - (b) make publicly available a statement that—
 - (i) specifies the new designated day, and
 - (ii) explains the reasons for the change of designated day.
- (5) Where a day has been designated under subsection (1), the returning officer in relation to the recall petition (in accordance with regulations under section 21)—
 - (a) may exercise again the functions under section 6(1)(a) and (c), and
 - (b) must, as soon as reasonably practicable after doing so, or deciding not to do so, send a notice of petition to persons entitled to sign the petition.>

Section 9**Graham Simpson**

30 In section 9, page 5, line 27, leave out <petition>

Graham Simpson

31 In section 9, page 5, line 30, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

32 In section 9, page 5, leave out line 35 and insert—
<() the member's seat becomes vacant,>

Graham Simpson

33 In section 9, page 5, line 36, leave out <petition> and insert <recall>

Graham Simpson

34 In section 9, page 6, line 3, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

35 In section 9, page 6, line 4, leave out <petition process under sections 6 to 8> and insert <process under Chapter 2 or (as the case may be) (*Poll to recall regional member*)>.

Graham Simpson

36 In section 9, page 6, line 12, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

37 In section 9, page 6, line 13, leave out <petition>

Graham Simpson

38 Move section 9 to after section 1

Section 10**Graham Simpson**

39 In section 10, page 6, line 22, leave out <relevant electoral area> and insert <constituency of the member to whom the petition relates>

Graham Simpson

40 In section 10, page 6, line 27, leave out <relevant electoral area> and insert <constituency>

Graham Simpson

41 In section 10, page 6, line 30, leave out <relevant electoral area> and insert <constituency>

Graham Simpson

42 In section 10, page 6, line 35, after <the> insert <recall>

Graham Simpson

43 In section 10, page 7, leave out lines 7 to 10

Graham Simpson

44 In section 10, page 7, line 13, leave out <relevant electoral area> and insert <constituency>

Section 14**Graham Simpson**

45 In section 14, page 9, line 9, leave out second <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

46 In section 14, page 9, line 11, leave out <petition> and insert <returning>

Graham Simpson

47 In section 14, page 9, line 13, leave out <recall petition was successful> and insert <outcome of the process is that the member has or has not been recalled>

Graham Simpson

48 In section 14, page 9, line 14, leave out from <that> to end of line 15 and insert <of the outcome, and>

Graham Simpson

49 In section 14, page 9, line 16, leave out <of the petition>

Graham Simpson

50 In section 14, page 9, line 18, leave out from <A> to <successful> and insert <The outcome of the process is that the member is recalled>

Graham Simpson

51 In section 14, page 9, line 20, leave out subsection (4)

After section 14**Graham Simpson**

52 After section 14, insert—

<*Interpretation*>

Meaning of expressions used in Chapter 2

In this Chapter, references to the concepts below (however expressed) in relation to a recall petition are to be read as follows—

“entitled to sign” is to be construed in accordance with section 10,
“signing” is to be construed in accordance with section 11(5),

“signing period” is the period that—

- (a) begins with the day from which the petition is to be made available for signing—
 - (i) as designated under section 6(1)(b), or
 - (ii) where there has been a change to the designated day under section *(Change to start of signing period)*(1), as designated under that section,
- (b) ends—
 - (i) at the end of the day that falls 20 working days later, or
 - (ii) if a recall termination notice is issued, when it is received by the returning officer.>

Section 15

Graham Simpson

53 In section 15, page 9, line 37, leave out <recall petition in relation to a member being successful> and insert <member being recalled>

Graham Simpson

54 In section 15, page 9, line 38, leave out from <, and> to end of line 2 on page 10

Graham Simpson

55 Move section 15 to after section 1

Schedule

Graham Simpson

56 In the schedule, page 18, leave out lines 6 to 30

Graham Simpson

57 In the schedule, page 18, line 33, after <“Parliament”> insert <in the second place it occurs>

Graham Simpson

58 In the schedule, page 19, line 2, at end insert—

<() the member ceasing to be a member by virtue of section 84(3) due to a failure to take the oath of allegiance,>

Graham Simpson

59 In the schedule, page 19, line 3, after <14> insert <or (*Determination and notice of poll outcome*)>

Graham Simpson

60 In the schedule, page 19, line 4, leave out from <a> to end of line 5 and insert <the member has been recalled.>

Section 16**Graham Simpson**

61 Leave out section 16

Section 17**Graham Simpson**

62 In section 17, page 10, line 24, leave out from <a successful> to <16> in line 25 and insert <being recalled>

Graham Simpson

63 Move section 17 to after section 1

After section 17**Graham Simpson**

64 After section 17, insert—

<CHAPTER**POLL TO RECALL REGIONAL MEMBER****Returning officer's duty to organise poll**

- (1) Having received a recall initiating notice, a returning officer must (in accordance with regulations under section 21) make arrangements for a recall poll to be held in the region of the member to whom the notice relates.
- (2) A recall poll is a poll in which each person entitled to vote in it may give a vote either for or against the recall of the member to whom the initiating notice relates.>

Graham Simpson

65 After section 17, insert—

<Scottish Ministers' duty to make regulations about conduct of poll

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, in exercise of their power under section 21, make provision—
 - (a) about who is entitled to give a vote in a recall poll,
 - (b) setting out how and by whom the date of a recall poll is to be determined, which date must (when first determined) fall within the period that—
 - (i) begins 25 working days after the issuing of the recall initiating notice giving rise to the poll, and
 - (ii) ends 34 working days after the issuing of that notice,
 - (c) enabling the date of a recall poll to be changed to a date that is later than the one first determined provided that—
 - (i) the new date is not more than 8 weeks after the date first determined, and

(ii) the following persons have been consulted about the change of date—

- (A) the returning officer (if the returning officer is not the person determining the new date),
- (B) the Electoral Commission, and
- (C) the convener of the Electoral Management Board of Scotland,

(d) requiring the returning officer to issue notice of the poll to those who will be entitled to vote in it—

- (i) as soon as practicable after the date of the poll has been determined, and
- (ii) not less than 20 working days before that date,

(e) enabling people to vote in the poll by post and proxy (as well as in person).

(2) The provision made pursuant to subsection (1)(a) must entitle a person to vote in a recall poll in a region if the person would be entitled to give a regional vote in the region in a general election for membership of the Parliament were one held on the day of the recall poll.>

Graham Simpson

66 After section 17, insert—

<Determination and notice of poll outcome

- (1) This section applies in relation to a recall poll process unless the returning officer has received a recall termination notice in relation to it.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after the poll closes, the returning officer must—
 - (a) determine whether the outcome of the process is that the member has or has not been recalled,
 - (b) notify the Presiding Officer of the outcome,
 - (c) having done that, give a public notice of the outcome in accordance with regulations under section 21.
- (3) The outcome of the process is that the member has been recalled if the majority of votes given in the poll by those entitled to do so are for the recall of the member to whom the poll relates.
- (4) The Presiding Officer must lay before the Parliament any notice received under subsection (2)(b).>

Section 21**Graham Simpson**

67 In section 21, page 12, line 6, leave out <petition>

Graham Simpson

68 In section 21, page 12, leave out line 7

Graeme Dey

69 In section 21, page 12, line 7, at end insert—

<(ba) campaigning to promote a particular outcome of a recall process, including expenditure incurred in relation to such campaigning (“campaign expenditure”),>

Graham Simpson

70 In section 21, page 12, line 8, leave out <or poll>

Graham Simpson

71 In section 21, page 12, line 8, at end insert—

<() But powers to make subordinate legislation cannot be conferred by regulations under subsection (1).>

Graham Simpson

72 In section 21, page 12, leave out line 12

Graeme Dey

73 In section 21, page 12, line 18, at end insert—

<() the Elections Act 2022,
() the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025,>

Graham Simpson

74 In section 21, page 12, line 24, at end insert—

<() enable a returning officer to have other persons discharge functions on the officer’s behalf,
() make provision about the days, and times of day, that must or must not be designated under section 6(1)(c),
() make provision enabling a returning officer to limit where people entitled to sign a recall petition or give a vote in a recall poll may do so in person to only one, or some, of the places at which the petition is to be made available for signing or (as the case may be) votes in the poll may be cast.>

Graeme Dey

75 In section 21, page 12, line 24, at end insert—

<() Regulations under subsection (1)(ba) may, in particular, include provision for or about—
(a) activities which are, or are not, to be treated as campaigning to promote a particular outcome of a recall process,
(b) in relation to campaign expenditure—
(i) expenditure which is, or is not, to be treated as campaign expenditure,
(ii) persons who may authorise or incur campaign expenditure,

- (iii) limits on the amount of campaign expenditure which may be incurred (including limits on the amount incurred by particular persons or in relation to particular activities),
- (iv) different categories of person to whom different limits on campaign expenditure apply, including requirements to be complied with in order to fall within a particular category,
- (v) periods within which limits on campaign expenditure apply,
- (vi) periods within which payments for campaign expenditure are to be made,
- (vii) donations towards campaign expenditure, including persons who may make or receive a donation,
- (viii) amounts to be treated as campaign expenditure, or donations towards such expenditure, in respect of the use of property, services or facilities provided free of charge or at less than a commercial rate,
- (ix) the keeping of records and making of returns in relation to campaign expenditure and donations towards such expenditure.>

Graeme Dey

76 In section 21, page 12, line 24, at end insert—

<() The outcome of a recall petition process or a recall poll process may be questioned only under Part 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 as applied by regulations made under subsection (1)(c).>

After section 21**Graeme Dey**

77 After section 21, insert—

<Consultation with Electoral Commission on section 21 regulations

- (1) The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 7 (Commission to be consulted on changes to electoral law), in subsection (2), after paragraph (k) insert—
 - “(l) regulations under section 21 of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Act 2025 (power to make further provision about processes, etc.).”>

Section 23**Graham Simpson**

78 In section 23, page 13, line 5, leave out <of the Government of Wales Act 1998> and insert <9 of the Government of Wales Act 2006>

Section 24**Graham Simpson**

79 In section 24, page 13, leave out lines 29 and 30

Graham Simpson

80 In section 24, page 13, leave out lines 33 to 39

Graham Simpson

81 In section 24, page 14, line 2, leave out <has the meaning given by section 5(3)> and insert <is to be construed in accordance with section 5(2A)>

Graham Simpson

82 In section 24, page 14, line 3, leave out <1(2)> and insert <6(1A),
“recall poll” has the meaning given by section (*Returning officer’s duty to organise poll*)(2),>

Graham Simpson

83 In section 24, page 14, leave out lines 7 to 18 and insert—
<“returning officer” is to be construed in accordance with section 5(2A),>

Section 25**Mark Griffin**

84 Leave out section 25

Section 26**Mark Griffin**

85 Leave out section 26

Section 27**Mark Griffin**

86 Leave out section 27

Section 28**Mark Griffin**

87 Leave out section 28

Section 30**Graeme Dey**

88 In section 30, page 17, line 14, after *<Act>* insert *<(other than section 31(2))>*

Section 31**Graeme Dey**

89 In section 31, page 17, line 23, leave out from *<at>* to end of line 24 and insert *<on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations appoint.*

() Regulations under subsection (2) may—
(a) include transitional, transitory or saving provision,
(b) make different provision for different purposes.>

Long Title**Mark Griffin**

90 In the long title, page 1, line 2, leave out from *<and>* to end of line 3

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Care Home Services \(Visits to and by Care Home Residents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

[Care Leaver Payment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002.

[Investigation and Commencement of Repair \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

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)

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

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 completed, 21 January 2026

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

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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 February 2026

Stage 1 Report - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee (1st Report, 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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 February 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)), 22 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

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

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 February 2026

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (91st Report, 2025)***Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 February 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)**

Passed, 20 January 2026

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 15 January 2026

Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 6 January 2026

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (7th Report, 2026)***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 Supplementary LCM-S6-60a

Lodged on 21 January 2026

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)

Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill LCM-S6-72

Lodged on 21 January 2026

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 of the Parliament, 28 January 2026

Report - Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (2nd Report, 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 27 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 28 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 3 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)

[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)

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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 28 February 2026

[Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom \(Amendment of Specified Time Periods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 March 2026

[Care Home Services \(Visits to and by Care Home Residents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Care Leaver Payment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Investigation and Commencement of Repair \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 25 January 2026
Lead Committee report due by 19 January 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

Subject to annulment by 23 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 16 February 2026

[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)

Subject to annulment by 24 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 27 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Legislative Consent Memorandums on the UK Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill \(SP Paper 967\)](#), publication date: 21 January 2026

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or access the webpage (see the end of Bulletin for contact details and website information).

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on 21 January 2026—

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-60a)

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-72)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Best Value in policing - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/3) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Competition and Markets Authority Draft Annual Plan 2026 to 2027 (CMA/2026/01) laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, Schedule 4 s13(2)(b)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2026 (SPSO/2026/01)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/27) laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 13 January 2026

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 13 January 2026.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

At col 37, para 4, line 1—

Original text—

I welcome Jackson Carlaw's welcome for the initiative. Initially, it is a one-year commitment, but it will depend on how that goes and the progress on the roll-out.

Corrected text—

I welcome Jackson Carlaw's welcome for the initiative. I can confirm this a recurring commitment.

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 15 January 2026

Alexander Stewart has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 15 January 2026.

Alexander Stewart

At col 18, para 6, line 1—

Original text—

Clackmannanshire has just received £9.8 million of investment through the local growth fund.

Corrected text—

The Forth Valley region has just received £9.8 million of investment through the local growth fund.

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