

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Emily Stephen and Julian Staniszewski, Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors

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

Committee Meetings

8:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that then health secretary, Shona Robison, u-turned on a promise to carry out an independent audit of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital before it opened to patients. ([S6T-02862](#))

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to the finding from UKHospitality Scotland that licensed premises face, on average, an 86% increase in non-domestic rates as a result of the current revaluation. ([S6T-02861](#))

3. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Information Commissioner taking legal action against it in relation to it missing deadlines to produce documents regarding James Hamilton's investigation into alleged breaches of the Ministerial Code. ([S6T-02866](#))

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

[S6M-20557](#) **Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 25 minutes

Groups 4 to 5: 2 hours 55 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 5 hours

Groups 9 to 11: 7 hours 15 minutes

Groups 12 to 15: 8 hours 50 minutes

Groups 16 to 19: 9 hours 50 minutes

[S6M-20549](#) **Gillian Martin: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Jennie Barugh, Director of Exchequer Strategy, Richard McCallum, Director of Public Spending, Lucy O'Carroll, Director of Tax, and Ellen Leaver, Director for Local Government, Scottish Government.
2. **Scottish Fiscal Commission: annual evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from —
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, John Ireland, Chief Executive, and Susie Warden, Head of Strategy, Governance and Corporate Services, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
3. **Finance No.2 Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-71 from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Merlin Kemp, Head of Income Tax and Tax Strategy, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Lucy Geoghegan, Head of Unit, Net Zero Economy and Carbon Markets, Natalie Bertagna, Senior Policy Advisor, and Norman Munro, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move —S6M-19991—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
4. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Claire Mack, Chief Executive, Scottish Renewables;
Gemma Grimes, Director of Policy and Delivery, Solar Energy UK;
Adam Morrison, UK Country Manager, Ocean Winds;
Professor Matthew Hannon, Professor of Sustainable Energy Business and Policy, University of Strathclyde.

5. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will also consider the evidence heard at its past meetings on 16 December, 6 January and 20 January.

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Scottish Budget 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Budget for 2026-27 from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Fiona Bennett, Chief Finance Officer for Health and Social Care, and Alan Morrison, Deputy Director Health Infrastructure & Sustainability, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026](#) from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Rachel Coutts, Lawyer, and Owen Griffiths, Legislation Team Leader, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto MSP (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—

[S6M-20213](#)—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026 be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Integration Joint Boards\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#)

6. **Scottish Budget 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026.
8. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private, and whether its consideration of a draft report on the Draft Climate Change Plan should be taken in private at a future meeting.
2. **Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Jamie Coventry, Economic Adviser, Aberdeen City Council;
 Gareth Dixon, Policy Manager, Local Government Finance, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);
 Christie Hartley, Team Manager, Sustainable Tourism, Orkney Islands Council;
 Malcolm MacLeod, Assistant Chief Executive - Place, The Highland Council;
 Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth, Argyll & Bute Council;
 Elin Williamson, Interim Service Director for Culture, Wellbeing and Economy, City of Edinburgh Council.
 and then from—
 Fiona Campbell, Chief Executive, Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers;
 Marc Crothall, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Tourism Alliance;
 Sheila Gilmore, Chief Executive, VisitArran;
 Fiona MacConnacher, Head of Public Affairs, UK & Ireland, Booking.com;
 David Weston, Chairman, Scottish B&B Association.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Ellen Leaver, Acting Director for Local Government, and Ian Storrie, Head of Local Government Finance, Scottish Government.
4. **Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
7. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on the draft Climate Change Plan.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

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

[Visitor Levy \(Reviews and Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Visitor Levy \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Digital Waste Tracking \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Offshore Wind\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

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

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/7)

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/8)

[Visitor Levy \(Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/9)

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/10)

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

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

[Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) 2026](#) (SSI 2026/11)

5. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 21 January 2026

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 Debate: The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals

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: Kenneth Gibson: Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, Bridging Generations

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: Michelle Thomson: Building Links with Bhutan

Tuesday 3 February 2026

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Chamber Seòmar				

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

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

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

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

28 January 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Brendan Callaghan, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Forestry, Tim Ellis, Deputy Director, Future Environment, and John Kerr, Head of Agriculture Policy, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/10) from—
Esther Brooker, Senior Advocacy Officer, Scottish Environment LINK;
Dr Robin Cook, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Strathclyde University;
Rea Cris, Public Affairs Manager, Open Seas;
Alex Watson Crook, Projects Manager, Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust;
Megan Hamil, Trustee, Community of Arran Seabed Trust;
Alastair Hamilton, Chair of the NW Coast, Regional Inshore Fisheries Groups Network;
Professor Michael Heath, Professor in Mathematics and Statistics, University of Strathclyde;
Sean McIlwraith, Static Fisherman and Kenneth MacNab, Mobile Fisherman;
Elaine Whyte, Executive Secretary, Clyde Fishermen's Association.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Agricultural Products\) \(Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/407)
- Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

28 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1946: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation;

PE2143: Introduce legislation to require all landlords to tackle damp and mould to specified standards;

PE1985: Evaluate Garages to Homes Developments;

PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open;

PE2020: Provide fertility treatment to single women;

PE2025: Improve the support available to victims of domestic violence, who have been forced to flee their home;

PE2061: Require solicitors to ensure capacity of vulnerable individuals by having a medical professional co-sign legal documents;

PE2062: Introduce a National Screening Programme for Prostate Cancer;

PE2107: Use more money recovered from the proceeds of crime to support community-based charities that train animals to assist in the detection of drugs;

PE2139: Automatic expulsion for children charged with committing a crime against another child;

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PE2141: Support the neurodiverse community by providing funding for psychoeducation;

PE2148: Improve Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to Adult Mental Health Services transition; and

PE2155: Improve support for people trying to give up e-cigarettes and vaping.

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

Proposed future business

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee 28 January 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter.
2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 28 January 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Universities:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dan Cutts, Joint Chair, Aberdeen University UCU branch, Melissa D'Ascenzio, Joint President, Dundee University UCU branch, and Sophia Woodman, President, Edinburgh University UCU branch, UCU;
Stewart Forrester, Unite Senior Representative, Strathclyde University.
2. **Evidence Session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

28 January 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- Administration of Scottish income tax 2024/25:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General and Peter Morland, Director - Financial Audit, National Audit Office.
- Administration of Scottish income tax 2024/25:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Legacy paper:** The Committee will consider an approach to its draft legacy paper.
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
- Legacy paper:** The Committee will consider and agree its approach to its draft legacy paper.
- Administration of Scottish income tax 2024/25:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
- Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Criminal Justice Committee

28 January 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

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[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/406)

- 3. UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—

North Atlantic Salmon Conservation and North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission Privileges and Immunities Revocation Regulations 2026

- 4. Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Summary of Evidence on the Bill.
- 5. Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.
- 6. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 29 January 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. Historic Environment Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and Kenneth Hogg, Director for Culture and External Affairs, Scottish Government.
- 3. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: funding for culture:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lucy Casot, Chief Executive Officer, Museums Galleries Scotland;
Councillor Rick Bell, Resource Spokesperson and Mathew Sweeney, Chief officer, COSLA;
Steven Roth, Executive Director, Scottish Ballet;
Billy Garrett, Director of Culture, Tourism and Events, Glasgow Life.
- 4. Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 2 and 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

29 January 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

29 January 2026

4th 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 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on:
 - [The Domestic Abuse \(Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Consequential and Supplementary Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#)
 - [The Removing from Heritable Property \(Form of Charge\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/402\)](#)
 - [The Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Decrees for Removing from Heritable Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/403\)](#)
 - [The Scottish Secure Tenancies \(Proceedings for Possession\) \(Form of Notice\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/404\)](#) from—

Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Pauline Brice, Housing Policy Manager, Yvette Sheppard, Head of Rented Sector Unit, and Craig McGuffie, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Màiri McAllan (Cabinet Secretary for Housing) to move—

S6M-20309—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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

[The Removing from Heritable Property \(Form of Charge\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/402\)](#)
[The Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Decrees for Removing from Heritable Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/403\)](#)
[The Scottish Secure Tenancies \(Proceedings for Possession\) \(Form of Notice\) Amendment](#)

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[Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/404\)](#)

[The Social Security \(Residence in an EEA State or Switzerland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/415\)](#)

5. **Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Justine Riccomini, Commissioner, and Michael Davidson, Head of Social Security and Devolved Taxes, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
6. **Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 5.
7. **Funeral Support Payment:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for debate

***[S6M-20561](#) Anas Sarwar: The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals—**That the Parliament condemns the culture of secrecy and cover-up that has hidden the truth from patients, families and campaigners and denied them justice in many NHS scandals in Scotland in recent years; recognises that, as the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry draws to a close, many serious questions remain regarding the decision-making process and the role of the Scottish Government; considers that political decision making should be considered by the inquiry, and calls for the Scottish Ministers to authorise the immediate full disclosure and preservation of all communications connected to the contaminated water and inadequate ventilation system and the premature opening of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, as well as any subsequent communications relating to the handling of the infection and its cover-up.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie*

***[S6M-20550](#) Jim Fairlie: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 14 May 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 1 to 5, 10, 11(2) to 11(5), 12 to 20 and the schedule, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Supported by: Mairi Gougeon*

***[S6M-20549](#) Gillian Martin: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill—**That the Parliament agrees that the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Mairi Gougeon*, Jim Fairlie*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-20560](#) Clare Haughey: Retiral of Brendan Rooney, Executive Director of Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust —**That the Parliament notes the retirement of Brendan Rooney, who is the executive director of Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust based in Rutherglen; further notes that through Brendan's leadership, Healthy n Happy has developed and delivered a wide portfolio of activities and events to support local people's connections and relationships with their family, friends and wider communities, encouraged people to become more active, get outdoors and get involved in nature-based activities, provided opportunities to develop new skills and learning and

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provided opportunities to get involved with arts, cultural and community radio projects; understands that Brendan was instrumental in setting up Camglen Radio which, for over 10 years, has offered opportunities and training to those interested in broadcasting as well as spotlighting and promoting local organisations and up-and-coming artists; notes that Brendan was invited to the opening ceremony of the current parliamentary session to recognise his extraordinary contribution to local communities during the pandemic as the coordinator of the Camglen Covid Support Group, a network that helped local residents by dropping off shopping, posting mail, having a friendly phone call with them, providing urgent supplies and much more; understands that Brendan is both a champion for the local community and well-respected in the third sector where he has worked for many years, believes he will be greatly missed by all those who have worked with him at Healthy n Happy, and wishes him all the very best for the future.

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

***[S6M-20559](#) Alasdair Allan: Stephen Libby Crowned Traitors' Champion**—That the Parliament congratulates Stephen Libby on winning the BBC television programme, *The Traitors*; notes that he shared this victory with Rachel Duffy from County Down; recognises the notable Celtic connection between the two winners, having been selected as “Traitors” from the outset and demonstrating trust, composure and strategic skill throughout; commends that, when presented with the opportunity to take the full prize for himself, Stephen chose instead to share his winnings, a decision, which was widely praised; further notes what it believes is the widespread public affection for Stephen's distinctive wardrobe choices, which became a much-discussed and memorable feature of the series; acknowledges the immense pride felt across the Isle of Lewis and the wider Western Isles at his success on a national stage, and wishes both winners every success in their future endeavours.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Elena Whitham*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Karen Adam*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Jamie Hepburn*, Annabelle Ewing*

***[S6M-20557](#) Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 25 minutes

Groups 4 to 5: 2 hours 55 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 5 hours

Groups 9 to 11: 7 hours 15 minutes

Groups 12 to 15: 8 hours 50 minutes

Groups 16 to 19: 9 hours 50 minutes

***[S6M-20556](#) Christine Grahame: Welcoming Increased Funding for Scotland's Colleges**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to further education through the allocation of an additional £70 million for colleges across Scotland in its draft Budget 2026-27, representing a 10% increase on the previous year; recognises that this funding will support students and staff, help protect courses and ensure learners can gain the skills needed for work and life; notes the vital role played by local colleges, including Borders College, in supporting communities and local economies, and congratulates the Scottish Government on delivering targeted investment that strengthens education, opportunity and regional economic growth.

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***[S6M-20555](#) Tess White: Lothians Speak Their Name Memorial Quilt Scotland-Wide Tour—**That the Parliament welcomes the Scotland-wide tour of the Lothians Speak Their Name memorial quilt, which is a community project established to commemorate people who have died by suicide in Edinburgh and the Lothians; notes that the tour includes a visit to Aberdeen and provides communities across Scotland with the opportunity to engage with the quilt and the personal stories that it holds; recognises that the quilt is made up of 49 individual squares, each created in memory of a loved one and reflecting their life, love and identity; acknowledges that the project has not only created a powerful and moving memorial, but has also brought people together, helping to build community, support and friendship among those affected by suicide bereavement; notes that, in 2023, 792 people died by suicide in Scotland, 590 of whom were men, and recognises the importance of initiatives that help to humanise these figures and encourage open and compassionate conversations about mental health and suicide; commends the project's aim of inspiring other regions to develop similar community-led memorials and conversations through the Speak Their Name movement; acknowledges evidence that the quilt has already encouraged people to seek help and support and has helped to save lives, and wishes the organisers, contributors and communities involved every success as the tour continues and the Speak Their Name movement aims to grow across Scotland.

***[S6M-20554](#) Tess White: Congratulating Mearns Academy on a Positive Inspection—**That the Parliament congratulates Mearns Academy, which is in Laurencekirk, on its recent positive inspection by Education Scotland; notes that the report highlights very positive and mutually respectful relationships across the school, which supports calm and positive learning environments, ensuring that young people feel valued and ready to learn; acknowledges the report's recognition that Mearns Academy's well-respected headteacher, supported by senior leaders, has fostered a strong culture of leadership at all levels, enabling increasing numbers of staff and young people to take on leadership roles and contribute to positive change within the school community; notes the report's acknowledgement of the school's very nurturing and inclusive ethos, including effective partnership working to support the wellbeing of young people, particularly those who may face barriers to learning and participation; further notes the report's emphasis on the school's strong commitment to equality and diversity; recognises that it identifies areas for improvement to support continued progress, and wishes the pupils, staff and the wider school community every success as they continue to build on these strengths.

***[S6M-20553](#) Tess White: Paws on Plastic Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Services—**That the Parliament congratulates Paws on Plastic, which is a community-led environmental group based in Stonehaven, on receiving The King's Award for Voluntary Service; believes that the award, which is the highest given to volunteer groups across the UK, is equivalent to an MBE and reflects the exceptional commitment, dedication and impact of its volunteers; notes that the founder and current chair of Paws on Plastic received the award on behalf of the group from the Lord-Lieutenant of Kincardineshire; commends Paws on Plastic for its work in dealing with plastic pollution, protecting the environment and promoting responsible waste reduction in communities; acknowledges the organisation's success in engaging volunteers, schools and the wider public in environmental action; believes that this prestigious honour highlights the importance of grassroots initiatives in addressing environmental challenges, and wishes Paws on Plastic, and all involved with it, every success in their continued work.

***[S6M-20552](#) Finlay Carson: John MacMillan Appointed MBE in Honours List—**That the Parliament congratulates John MacMillan, on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in The King's New Year Honours 2026 for services to Community Development, Sports and Social Enterprise; recognises John's leadership as CEO of the Eric Liddell Community in Edinburgh since 2016, which is a care charity and community hub providing specialist day care for people living with dementia, support for unpaid carers, befriending, volunteering opportunities and a community café, alongside a wide programme of activities; notes his role in curating Eric Liddell 100, a year-long centenary tribute marking 100 years since Liddell's Paris Olympic gold, and welcoming HRH The Princess Royal as royal patron to support the charity's work; acknowledges John's long record of

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service to communities across Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway and Ayrshire, and his broader contributions in education and sport; thanks John for his commitment to improving lives, and celebrates this well-deserved national recognition.

Supported by: Martin Whitfield*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Douglas Ross* **R**, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Murdo Fraser*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*

[*S6M-20551](#) Finlay Carson: Kate Kaye Awarded British Empire Medal in Honours List—That the Parliament congratulates Kathleen “Kate” Kaye of Dalbeattie on being awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in The King’s New Year Honours 2026 for services to early years childcare; notes that Kate has dedicated more than five decades to early years education, including 51 years at Kelton Nursery in Castle Douglas, and that she continues to work part-time at Glenlochar Nursery in Crossmichael; recognises her longstanding contribution to celebrating the life and works of Robert Burns, including as a renowned Burnsian with Dumfries Ladies No.1 Burns Club and through delivering the Immortal Memory at community Burns Suppers; understands that Kate has judged local schools’ Burns poetry competitions, encouraging young people to enjoy Scots language and culture; acknowledges that Kate also represented the local area at the state funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II, and commends her outstanding public service to Dumfries and Galloway, offering warmest congratulations on this well-deserved honour.

[*S6M-20548](#) Liam Kerr: Recognising the Contribution of Jon Oakey, Chief Financial Officer for Port of Aberdeen, on his Retirement—That the Parliament acknowledges the significant contribution Jon Oakey has made to Port of Aberdeen, as he prepares to retire in 2026; notes that Jon Oakey became the port’s chief financial officer, and simultaneously a member of the Board of Directors, in 2019; celebrates his instrumental role in securing funding and managing governance for the £420 million Aberdeen South Harbour expansion, one of the biggest marine infrastructure projects within the UK; commends Jon’s pivotal contribution to delivering record revenue of £50.7 million for Port of Aberdeen in 2024, alongside an operating profit of £24.5 million; recognises his distinguished career of over 35 years in financial management, including senior roles in multiple oil and gas businesses, in Bristow Helicopters, in addition to serving as the managing director of Stagecoach’s East Scotland division and his current role as a board member of Energy Transition Zone (ETZ) Ltd, and wishes Jon a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser, Miles Briggs, Annie Wells, Douglas Lumsden, Audrey Nicoll, Douglas Ross*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*

[*S6M-20547](#) Richard Leonard: Recognising Footballing Legend Billy Bremner—That the Parliament welcomes the campaign to recognise the life of Leeds United and Scotland legend Billy Bremner; recognises that from his working-class roots in The Raploch, in Stirling, he rose to become revered in Leeds, Scotland and the wider football and sporting community; notes that he is one of only a few players to be a member of both the Scottish Football Hall of Fame and the English Football Hall of Fame and that he captained Scotland in its undefeated appearance at the 1974 World Cup tournament; supports the campaign by the Scottish Football Supporters Association alongside Raploch Community Council, Leeds United Supporters Groups, the University of Stirling, Stirling Community Enterprise, *Famous Tartan Army Magazine* and Stirling Council to erect a statue in his honour in The Raploch; congratulates Kenny Hunter for being selected as the sculptor and eagerly anticipates the erection of the statue of the captain of Leeds United’s greatest ever team.

Supported by: Elena Whitham*, James Dornan*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Alasdair Allan*, Liam McArthur*, Annabelle Ewing*, Fulton MacGregor*, Bill Kidd*, Monica Lennon*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bob Doris*, Mercedes Villalba*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*, Douglas Ross*, Foyso Choudhury*

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-20546](#) **Kenneth Gibson: 100th Anniversary of John Logie Baird's First Television** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20545](#) **Kenneth Gibson: 250 Year Anniversary of Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Jeremy Balfour*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20544](#) **Kevin Stewart: The Return of NuArt to Aberdeen** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Paul McLennan*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20543](#) **Kevin Stewart: Impact of the Energy Profits Levy on the North East Economy** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20542](#) **Rona Mackay: Clyde Garage Doors Ltd of Kirkintilloch Triumphs at Business Awards** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20540](#) **Roz McCall: Stroke Prevention Day 2026** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20539](#) **Jackson Carlaw: Success of East Renfrewshire Cycling Initiative for Children** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20530](#) **Michelle Thomson: Scottish Musician Jasmin Jet Named on Youth Music's Ones to Watch List for 2026** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20529](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Boys Club Double Celebration** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-20528](#) **Bill Kidd: Worsening Situation in Northern Syria** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*

[S6M-20526](#) **Mercedes Villalba: Public Support for a Just Energy Transition** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

[S6M-20524](#) **Tim Eagle: Erskine Veterans Activity Centre North in Forres Raises £12,400** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-20523](#) **Tim Eagle: Forres Bluefins Secures Community Funding** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

[S6M-20522](#) **Tim Eagle: Epic Tree Care is Most Trusted Trader for Second Year** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tess White*

[S6M-20521](#) **Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Patrick Harvie*

[S6M-20520](#) **Tim Eagle: Celebrating the Careers of Moray Firth Credit Union Manager, Maggie Bell, and Supervisor, Linda Strathdee** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-20517](#) **Evelyn Tweed: Celebrating Local Winners of Sportscotland Scottish Sports Awards 2025** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-20515](#) **Kevin Stewart: Recognising the Efforts of Craig Stirrat** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20514](#) **Alexander Stewart: Welcoming the Return of Central Safe Drive, Stay Alive for 2026** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: Tess White*

[S6M-20512](#) **Emma Harper: Success of Big Burns Supper and Dumfries Carnival** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-20508](#) **Claire Baker: Recognising Iwona Wrobel Being Named as the Latest Recipient of the Adam Smith 300 Enterprise Scholarship** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-20507](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Congratulating the Elders of the Lochside Union for being Awarded Certificates of Long Service** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Tess White*

[S6M-20506](#) **Jamie Greene: All In for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Evelyn Tweed*

[S6M-20488](#) **Bill Kidd: Scottish Hazards' 25th Annual Conference** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

[S6M-20466](#) **Paul McLennan: Celebrating Archerfield Walled Garden's £80,000 Milestone in Support of Reverse Rett** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Evelyn Tweed*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

Oral Questions

Topical Questions selected for answer on 27 January 2026

- 1. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that then health secretary, Shona Robison, u-turned on a promise to carry out an independent audit of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital before it opened to patients. ([S6T-02862](#))
- 2. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to the finding from UKHospitality Scotland that licensed premises face, on average, an 86% increase in non-domestic rates as a result of the current revaluation. ([S6T-02861](#))
- 3. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Information Commissioner taking legal action against it in relation to it missing deadlines to produce documents regarding James Hamilton's investigation into alleged breaches of the Ministerial Code. ([S6T-02866](#))

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 29 January 2026

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04613](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04614](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04615](#))
- 4. Willie Coffey:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government's new national housing agency will support its work to deliver more affordable homes. ([S6F-04631](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to improve transparency and accountability within NHS boards. ([S6F-04616](#))
- 6. Clare Haughey:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government's launch of walk-in GP clinics will support its work to bring down waiting times and ensure everyone gets the care they need. R ([S6F-04626](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 4 February 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 28 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 January 2026.

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. Davy Russell
2. Ruth Maguire
3. Collette Stevenson
4. Sharon Dowey
5. Paul McLennan
6. Michelle Thomson
7. Rona Mackay
8. Daniel Johnson

Finance and Local Government

1. Mark Griffin
2. Jackie Dunbar
3. Clare Adamson
4. Audrey Nicoll
5. Neil Bibby
6. Alexander Burnett
7. Jeremy Balfour
8. Jamie Hepburn

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 5 February 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 28 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 January 2026.

Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

1. George Adam
2. Douglas Lumsden
3. Jamie Halcro Johnston
4. David Torrance
5. Tim Eagle
6. Gordon MacDonald
7. Murdo Fraser
8. Paul Sweeney

Members selected for General Questions on 5 February 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 28 January 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 January 2026.

1. Mark Ruskell
2. Annabelle Ewing
3. Rachael Hamilton
4. Ariane Burgess
5. Sue Webber
6. Maggie Chapman
7. Colin Beattie
8. Stephen Kerr

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 26 January 2026

[S6W-43306](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason Scottish Forestry and Forestry and Land Scotland remain separate entities. **R**

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[S6W-43307](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support Highlands and Islands Airports Limited to upgrade security scanners in its airports, in order to allow passengers to carry liquids of more than 100ml in their hand luggage.

[S6W-43308](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government by what percentage it anticipates Scottish Water's executive leadership team's pay will increase by from 1 April 2026, broken down by banding.

[S6W-43309](#) Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Energy Consents Unit has contacted the Children's Rights Unit to request a consultation or advice regarding any impacts on children.

[S6W-43310](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many retail sector properties will be subject to the (a) Basic, (b) Intermediate and (c) Higher property rates in 2026-27, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-43311](#) Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the introduction in its draft Budget 2026-27 of retail hospitality and leisure sector rates relief, how much it would cost to remove the cap on what can be claimed by retail premises which are (a) Basic and (b) Intermediate ratepayers.

[S6W-43312](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact of HMRC changes to the Wear and Tear allowance for childminders on (a) the number of registered childminders in Scotland and (b) the affordability of childcare provision for families, and what discussions it has had with HMRC or the UK Government regarding the changes.

[S6W-43313](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how any concerns raised by childminders are incorporated into wider workforce strategy planning.

[S6W-43314](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will support increased judicial discretion in the timescales for the making of orders under Regulation 9 of the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011, particularly in cases of admitted, or ongoing instances of, regulatory non-compliance from landlords.

[S6W-43315](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will amend Regulation 9(2) of the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 to allow tribunals to make orders more than three months after the end of a tenancy.

[S6W-43316](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ask Historic Environment Scotland to engage with the interim liquidator of Ballantine Castings Ltd, Johnston Carmichael LLP, to ensure that the foundry's proprietary pattern archive of around 250,000 designs, ranging from manhole covers and bollards to ornate railings and lampposts, is safeguarded for the nation.

[S6W-43317](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in its draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 to provide a smaller business rate discount for retail and hospitality premises than will apply in England from April 2026, what analysis or assessment it has undertaken of the potential risk to fulfilling its Town Centres Action Plan should commercial investment in retail and hospitality shift to England if Scotland does not introduce a commensurate reduction in the business rate.

[S6W-43318](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in its draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 to provide a smaller business rate discount for retail and hospitality premises than will apply in England from April 2026, what analysis or assessment it has undertaken of the potential risk to the funding of Business Improvement Districts should commercial investment in retail and hospitality shift to England if Scotland does not introduce a commensurate reduction in the business rate.

[S6W-43319](#) Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in its draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 to introduce Retail Hospitality and Leisure sectors rates relief, what analysis or assessment it has undertaken of the potential risk to commercial investment in retail, hospitality and

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leisure shifting to England if Scotland does not introduce a commensurate reduction for premises liable for the Higher Property Rate.

[S6W-43320](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with its Tax Advisory Group regarding excluding premises liable for the Higher Property Rate from the new retail, hospitality and leisure sectors rates relief.

[S6W-43321](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the expected total cost is of repairs associated with the MV Glen Sannox's first scheduled drydocking.

[S6W-43322](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government when the MV Glen Sannox is expected to re-enter service following its scheduled drydocking.

[S6W-43323](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any further issues have been identified with the MV Glen Sannox during its first scheduled drydocking.

[S6W-43324](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average length of time is that CalMac ferries spend in scheduled drydocking.

[S6W-43325](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the vibration issues reported on the MV Glen Sannox have now been repaired during its scheduled drydocking.

[S6W-43326](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on efforts made to connect the Golden Jubilee Hospital to the Queens Quay district heating network.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 26 January 2026

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 46A–EN) have been printed. (Member's Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 26 January 2026

Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 1

Siobhian Brown

- 1 In section 1, page 1, line 9, leave out <concluded> and insert <formed>

Section 2

Siobhian Brown

- 2 In section 2, page 1, line 20, leave out <concluded> and insert <formed>

Siobhian Brown

- 3 In section 2, page 2, leave out subsection (2) and insert —
<(2) A contract is formed on the parties coming to an agreement on all but one matter or all but some matters, provided that the agreement is otherwise an agreement within the meaning of subsection (1).>

Siobhian Brown

- 4 In section 2, page 2, line 7, after <party> insert <explicitly>

Siobhian Brown

- 5 In section 2, page 2, line 7, leave out <concluded> and insert <formed>

Section 3

Siobhian Brown

- 6 In section 3, page 2, line 19, leave out <is to conclude> and insert <forms>

Siobhian Brown

- 7 In section 3, page 2, line 21, leave out <concluded> and insert <formed>

Section 6

Siobhian Brown

- 8 In section 6, page 3, line 27, leave out <concluded> and insert <formed>

Siobhian Brown

- 9 In section 6, page 3, line 30, leave out <conclude> and insert <form>

Siobhian Brown

- 10 In section 6, page 3, line 32, leave out <concluded> and insert <formed>

Section 13

Siobhian Brown

- 11 In section 13, page 6, line 8, leave out <11(1)(a)> and insert <11(1)>

Section 16

Siobhian Brown

- 12 In section 16, page 7, line 10, at end insert—
- <() Sections (*Application of contractual retention*) to (*Contractual retention in proceedings*) apply in relation to any breach of contract, or anticipatory breach of contract, except in so far as the parties to the contract have agreed otherwise.>

Section 19

Siobhian Brown

- 13 In section 19, page 8, line 13, leave out <of the obligation>

After section 21

Siobhian Brown

- 14 After section 21, insert—

<Contractual retention

Application of contractual retention

- (1) A party to a contract (“PA”) may temporarily withhold or suspend performance of an obligation that is due to be performed under the contract (“contractual retention”)—
 - (a) following a breach of a counterpart obligation by the other party to the contract (“PB”),
 - (b) in anticipation of a breach of a counterpart obligation by PB (an “anticipatory breach”), or
 - (c) in relation to an obligation subsisting when the contract is ended by PA as a result of PB’s breach or an anticipatory breach.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
 - (a) the contractual obligations of each party are presumed to be counterparts unless it can be shown that the parties do not intend the obligations to be counterparts,
 - (b) counterpart obligations may be contained in separate contracts as long as the contracts form part of the same transaction.
- (3) The breach or anticipatory breach referred to in subsection (1)—
 - (a) must be a material breach in the case of an anticipatory breach,
 - (b) need not be a material breach in any other case.

- (4) The effect of the contractual retention must not be clearly disproportionate to the effects of the breach or anticipatory breach referred to in subsection (1).
- (5) PA may contractually retain part of an obligation in order that the contractual retention is not clearly disproportionate in terms of subsection (4).
- (6) PA may exercise contractual retention until PB has performed the obligation referred to in subsection (1) or has paid damages in lieu of performance.>

Siobhian Brown

15 After section 21, insert—

<Notification of contractual retention for an anticipatory breach of contract

- (1) Where PA exercises contractual retention for an anticipatory breach by PB in accordance with section (*Application of contractual retention*)(1)(b), PA must notify PB of the contractual retention—
 - (a) before the contractual retention begins, or
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after the start of the contractual retention.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a notification must be written or oral.>

Siobhian Brown

16 After section 21, insert—

<Contractual retention in proceedings

- (1) In proceedings disputing a contractual retention on the basis of section (*Application of contractual retention*)(4), it is for the party disputing the contractual retention to show that the contractual retention is clearly disproportionate to the breach or anticipatory breach.
- (2) In proceedings for breach of contract, it is a defence for a party to show that their failure to perform an obligation constitutes contractual retention.>

Siobhian Brown

17 After section 21, insert—

<Interaction of contractual retention with existing law

Sections (*Application of contractual retention*) to (*Contractual retention in proceedings*) are without prejudice to—

- (a) the application of any enactment, or rule of law, including in relation to—
 - (i) lien,
 - (ii) set off, netting, or close out,
 - (iii) compensation,
 - (iv) anticipatory breach of contract (except as specifically provided by this Act),
 - (v) the remedy known as equitable or special retention,
 - (vi) any other circumstances in which the right to retain or abate obligations is conferred, including in relation to retention for reasons other than contractual breach, and

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- (b) the power of a court to refuse the exercise of contractual retention where that retention is, or would be, inequitable.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Not subject to any parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2026 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Bail and Release from Custody \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/24 \(C. 2\)\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 2.30 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

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 27 January 2026

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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (9th Report, 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 completed, 22 January 2026

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 11 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 16 December 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

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

Stage 1 Report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (4th Report, 2026)

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 Report (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee) published, 26 January 2026

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

Stage 1 Report – Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (2nd Report, 2026)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 February 2026

Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice Committee (2nd Report, 2026)

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

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 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 27 January 2026

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (7th Report, 2026)

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 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 27 January 2026
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (10th Report, 2026)

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

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)

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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 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)

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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)

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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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 3 March 2026

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

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)

Subject to annulment by 2 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/17\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Involved Third Party\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/18\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to annulment by 3 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/19\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[National Health Service \(Functions of the Common Services Agency\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/20\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[NHS Education for Scotland and Common Services Agency \(Transfer of Staff\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/23\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 23 March 2026

[Proposed Draft Order: The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 \(SG/2026/33\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Stage 1 report on the Freedom of Information Reform \(Scotland\) Bill \(SP Paper 974\)](#), publication date: 26 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).

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Edinburgh Low Emission Zone Annual Report (LEZAR) Year 1: June 2024 to March 2025 (CEC/2026/01) laid under Section 29 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Meeting of the Education, Children and Young People Committee, 3 December 2025

The Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson) has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 3 December 2025.

Minister for Higher and Further Education

At col 19, para 3, line 6—

Original text—

We are providing a record level of apprenticeships and are seeking to enhance that provision.

Corrected text—

We are supporting over 38,000 modern apprentices in training.

At col 20, para 6, line 1—

Original text—

As was rightly emphasised, the body will be a redesigned institution, which will incorporate many of the staff from SFC.

Corrected text—

As was rightly emphasised, the body will be a redesigned institution, which will incorporate relevant staff from SDS.

At col 96, para 1, line 1—

Original text—

Several students already undertake further and higher education courses that are run by education providers that are not post-16 bodies under the 2005 act.

Corrected text—

Some students already undertake further and higher education courses that are run by education providers that are not post-16 bodies under the 2005 act.

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<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/official-report/corrections-and-changes-to-the-official-report>

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