

Thursday 29 January 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

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Committee Meetings

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

8:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 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](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 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. ([S6F-04626](#)) R

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

S6M-20318 Kenneth Gibson: Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, Bridging Generations—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January is Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD); acknowledges that the Holocaust was the brutal and barbaric murder of six million Jewish men, women and children by

Germany's Nazi regime, and its collaborators, during the Second World War; understands that the date of HMD is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp, where 1.1 million people were murdered, 90% of them Jewish; notes that the official theme for HMD 2026 is "Bridging Generations", as a reminder that the collective responsibility of all to remember does not end with the survivors, it lives on through their children, grandchildren and all people; recognises that this encourages all to engage actively with the past, and to listen, learn and carry those lessons forward to build a bridge between memory and action, and between history and hope for the future; is aware that the Holocaust is a shockingly dark chapter in human history, and considers that HMD is a crucially important event in the calendar, which aims to highlight the reason why its lessons can never be forgotten and why a zero tolerance approach must always be taken against antisemitism and all forms of prejudice.

2:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:15 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Questions 2, 4 and 6.

Education and Skills

1. Martin Whitfield: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05443](#))

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] ([S6O-05450](#))

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

S6M-20519 Daniel Johnson: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill.

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

S6M-20527 Mark Ruskell: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

S6M-20579 Jim Fairlie: Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Michelle Thomson: Building Links with Bhutan

S6M-19514 Michelle Thomson: Building Links with Bhutan—That the Parliament welcomes the financial and administrative support from the Tam O'Shanter Trust for the recent parliamentary visit to Bhutan, and thanks Bhutan Homestay and the Loden Foundation for the additional in-country support, including arranging insightful meetings with entrepreneurs, parliamentarians and others; notes that Bhutan has a population approaching 800,000 and is set amidst the Himalayas, bordered by India and Tibet, and that its culture and governance are very different from Scotland; acknowledges its vibrant Buddhist heritage and magnificent cultural assets, including its numerous fortresses and temples, the best known of which is The Paro Taktsang, also known as the Tiger's Nest, which is a legendary monastery that hangs precariously on the edge of a 3,120m-tall cliff; appreciates that Bhutan is notable for its use of a national happiness index to assess progress and is ranked as one of the top 20 least corrupt countries in the world; understands that its political and institutional development is less mature and very different from Scotland's, but that there are areas where a sharing of innovative practice may prove mutually beneficial, such as on climate change, population retention, entrepreneurship, and education and skills; commends the work undertaken by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh to document and conserve Bhutan's rich plant diversity; notes the view that there are opportunities to further develop relationships with Bhutan and that active consideration should be given to forming a Cross Party Group on Bhutan, with members from both Scotland and Bhutan, and including academic and cultural communities; further notes the view that there could be a useful focus on developing cultural links to enjoy and appreciate the countries' different cultural assets, and notes the invitation for the Loden Foundation to work with friends in Scotland, including those in the Falkirk East constituency.

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

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.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

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 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 January 2026

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: Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector

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: Bill Kidd: The Mental Health Impact of Cell Therapies

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: Clare Haughey: 900th Anniversary of Rutherglen as a Royal Burgh

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.

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Motions for debate

[*S6M-20606 Monica Lennon: Ecocide \(Scotland\) Bill](#)—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

[*S6M-20603 Christine Grahame: Animal Welfare Sentencing and Public Protection](#)—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the serious harm caused by animal cruelty, neglect and illegal breeding; notes concerns raised by animal welfare organisations regarding the consistency and proportionality of sentencing in animal welfare cases; understands that many cases involving the welfare of pets and farm animals are dealt with under summary procedure, limiting the penalties available under the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020; notes what it sees as the lack of specific sentencing guidelines covering these offences; further notes the view that clearer guidance and greater awareness of available powers would support more consistent sentencing that reflects the severity of the crimes; acknowledges calls for stronger monitoring and enforcement of disqualification orders, including consideration of a national animal offenders register to improve information sharing between agencies, and notes the importance of continued partnership working between the Scottish Government, justice partners, the Scottish Sentencing Council, Police Scotland and animal welfare organisations to support effective sentencing and protection for animals and the public in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and across the country.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Rona Mackay*, Jamie Hepburn*, Evelyn Tweed*, Kenneth Gibson*, John Mason*, Jackie Dunbar*, Carol Mochan*

[*S6M-20598 Jeremy Balfour: Recognising Lived Experience and Strengthening Disabled People's Representation in Scottish Democracy](#)—That the Parliament recognises the value of lived experience in informing effective scrutiny and legislation and ensuring that those views are embedded across legislation passed at the Scottish Parliament; commends events such as the Parliament Disability Summit, first held in 2023, which highlighted disability issues and allowed disabled people across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, to be at the forefront of political discussion; welcomes that the Summit will be held again on 21 February 2026 and notes the view that this Summit should continue on a biannual basis; notes with concern reports that disabled people remain significantly underrepresented in elected office in Scotland, with 5% of the current MSPs

declaring a disability compared with 24% of the general population; understands that people from other protected groups also continue to face underrepresentation; acknowledges what it sees as the many barriers that exist in society which discourage or prevent disabled people and others with protected characteristics from standing for election; welcomes initiatives such as the Access to Elected Office Fund run by Inclusion Scotland, which, it understands, helped 14 disabled candidates in the 2021 Scottish Parliament election through assistance with transport, communication and/or personal assistance, and notes the calls on all political parties, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and the Scottish Government to continue to work collaboratively to remove barriers, promote inclusion and strengthen disabled people's representation and participation in Scotland's political institutions, while also taking steps to improve representation and participation for all groups protected under the Equality Act 2010.

Supported by: Elena Whitham*, Liam McArthur*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Paul McLennan*, Annabelle Ewing*, John Mason*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Emma Harper*, Carol Mochan*

***S6M-20595 Marie McNair: 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz**—That the Parliament commemorates the 85th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz on 13 and 14 March 2026; understands that on these days in 1941, 439 Luftwaffe bombers dropped more than 1,000 bombs in their raid over the Clydeside, which killed 528 people from Clydebank and seriously injured 617, with Second Avenue having the highest number of deaths; notes that the bombings resulted in Clydebank experiencing a massive loss of housing, with 12,000 houses in the town damaged and 4,300 completely destroyed; further notes that the main targets were the armaments factory in the Singer Sewing Machine works, John Brown & Company's shipyard and Beardmore's engine works; acknowledges what it sees as the huge impact the Blitz had on Clydebank, causing incomprehensible hardship, anger and sadness; commends the people of Clydebank for their resilience and celebrates the heroes who saved victims on these dark days and helped with the rebuilding efforts; pays tribute to those who lost their lives, and promises to never forget.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-20608 Shona Robison: Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Ivan McKee*

***S6M-20607 Sue Webber: Congratulating School Crossing Patrol Officer Hazel Donaldson on 30 Years of Service**—That the Parliament congratulates Hazel Donaldson, school crossing patrol officer at Currie Primary School in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, on 30 years of dedicated service; understands that Hazel ensures that children and parents are safely escorted across Curriehill Road to Currie Primary School; acknowledges Hazel's engagement with the children and parents and her caring attitude, making her a popular role model for all those who have attended the school during this time; notes that Hazel is held in high esteem among the local community for her kind and cheerful nature; believes that Hazel is a valuable asset to the local community, and thanks her for her decades of service.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20605 Siobhian Brown: Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Angela Constance*

***[S6M-20602 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#)**—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*

***[S6M-20600 Gillian Martin: Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \[draft\]](#)**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***[S6M-20599 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme](#)**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 January 2026—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Update on the MV Bella-1

delete

9.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

***[S6M-20597 Clare Adamson: Celebrating The 60th Anniversary of the Keep Beautiful Scotland](#)**—That the Parliament recognises and celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Keep Beautiful Scotland initiative in 2026, marking six decades of community-led environmental improvement, civic pride and local action across Scotland; notes that 2026 is designated as the United Nations' International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development, with the theme, People Power: Creating a Sustainable Future through Volunteering; acknowledges what it sees as the vital contribution of volunteers in strengthening communities, protecting Scotland's natural and built environment and advancing sustainable development; welcomes the creation of a one-off People Power Award for 2026 to mark this significant dual milestone, and commends projects and initiatives that celebrate both the legacy of Keep Beautiful Scotland and the power of volunteering in creating a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future for Scotland.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Miles Briggs*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jamie Hepburn*, Murdo Fraser*, John Mason*, Monica Lennon*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Elena Whitham*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-20596 Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Marion Stannage on her Retirement from St Margaret's Primary School after 30 Years](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Marion Stannage on her retirement from St Margaret's Primary School in Polmont after 30 years; notes that Marion began working at the school as a support for learning assistant in 1995; further notes that during her time at the school, Marion has worked with many children, helping them to progress in their learning and to overcome barriers, as well as being a constant and supportive member of staff; acknowledges that Marion celebrated her retirement with the children and staff at St Margaret's Primary School in

January 2026, and that she will be greatly missed by the school community; commends Marion for her long and dedicated service, and wishes her a very happy retirement.

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

***S6M-20594 Jackie Dunbar: Celebrating 30 Years of EasyJet at Aberdeen International Airport**

—That the Parliament notes with pride the continued presence of easyJet airlines at Aberdeen International Airport, with the first easyJet flight into Aberdeen occurring on 26 January 1996; recognises that, in the 30 years of easyJet's service at Aberdeen International Airport, 4.7 million passengers have been accommodated by the airline; understands that easyJet recently added a new route flying direct from Aberdeen International Airport to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, allowing travellers to fly directly to Paris without the need for transfers, and wishes both easyJet and Aberdeen International Airport continued success in their partnership with one another.

Supported by: Elena Whitham*, Annabelle Ewing*, Audrey Nicoll*, Jamie Hepburn*, Evelyn Tweed*, Bill Kidd*, Karen Adam*, Stephanie Callaghan*, David Torrance*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20593 Emma Harper: Celebrating the Service of Norrie McIntosh, Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service**

Citizens Advice Service—That the Parliament congratulates Norrie McIntosh on his retirement at the remarkable age of 91 from his role as a volunteer adviser with Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service; notes that Mr McIntosh has dedicated 25 years of voluntary service to the organisation, following an already distinguished career as a draughtsman, trade union representative and regional organiser; recognises that this is Mr McIntosh's second retirement, having first stepped back from full-time work in 1996; acknowledges the profound contribution that he has made to individuals and families across Dumfries and Galloway, particularly through his extensive expertise in employment law; commends the deep respect and gratitude expressed by colleagues, including the Stranraer Bureau Manager, Dan Baillie, who highlighted both his friendship and his exceptional knowledge; notes that Mr McIntosh's commitment to volunteering was inspired by a promise made to his late wife in 2001, reflecting his enduring values of fairness, service and compassion; welcomes that he will continue to support Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service as a member of the Board of Directors; wishes Mr McIntosh a long, healthy and fulfilling retirement, and acknowledges the lasting legacy that he leaves within the Citizens Advice network and the wider community of Dumfries and Galloway.

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Kevin Stewart*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Hepburn*, Kenneth Gibson*, Karen Adam*, Jackie Dunbar*

***S6M-20592 Gillian Martin: Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***S6M-20591 Jenni Minto: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Maree Todd*, Tom Arthur*, Neil Gray*

***S6M-20590 Graeme Dey: Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: John Swinney*

***S6M-20589 Graeme Dey: Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the

Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: John Swinney*

***S6M-20588 Ivan McKee: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Shona Robison*

***S6M-20587 Jackie Dunbar: Asda Foundation Grant for Aberdeen Action On Disability**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Action On Disability on receiving a £1,000 grant from the Asda Foundation; understands that the grant was awarded through the Asda stores at Dyce and Middleton Park, with this project having been nominated by the people and communities that the stores serve; commends Aberdeen Action On Disability for its continued work helping people with physical and sensory disabilities in the city of Aberdeen; recognises the work of the organisation's dedicated volunteers, and welcomes the continued funding provided by the Asda Foundation for third sector organisations.

Supported by: Elena Whitham*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Evelyn Tweed*, Jamie Hepburn*, Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Annabelle Ewing*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*

***S6M-20586 Jackie Dunbar: Asda Foundation Grant for Dyce and Stoneywood Community Association**—That the Parliament congratulates Dyce and Stoneywood Community Association on receiving a £600 grant from the Asda Foundation; understands that the grant was awarded through the Asda stores at Dyce and Middleton Park, with this project having been nominated by the people and communities that the stores serve; commends Dyce and Stoneywood Community Association for its continued work to provide a place to improve community development through educational and recreational activities; recognises the work of the organisation's dedicated volunteers, and welcomes the continued funding provided by the Asda Foundation for third sector organisations.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Jamie Hepburn*, Miles Briggs*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*, Annie Wells*, Annabelle Ewing*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Harper*

***S6M-20566 Marie McNair: A Tribute to David Colraine**—That the Parliament recognises and pays tribute to the late David Colraine, founding member of Clydebank Asbestos Group (CAG), who sadly passed away on 17 January 2026; understands that David and his friends established CAG in 1992 and that he was central to the group's achievements in the fight for truth and justice; further understands that David set up the group after seeing a friend and former colleague at John Brown's shipyard become seriously unwell; notes that CAG is a volunteer organisation that provides support and advice to victims of asbestos and their families, and that in the early days, David and his wife, Jean, kept the group running because of their own generosity, which has helped establish CAG for what it is now; understands that Clydebank has a tragic legacy of asbestos-related illness due to its heavy industrial past; believes that without David establishing CAG, many individuals across Clydebank and further afield, would be far worse off; welcomes that David and the early founders influenced understanding of the consequences of asbestos-related diseases and the legal reforms needed to hold industries responsible; thanks David and other families who have supported debates in the Parliament on this topic; believes that David will be remembered as a driving force behind the pursuit for truth and justice for asbestos victims, and a true giant who's impact has been felt across Clydebank; thanks him for his immense contribution, and believes his legacy will live on through the work of CAG.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***S6M-20563 James Dornan: Assurance for the Safety and Wellbeing of Scotland Football Fans**—That the Parliament congratulates Scotland's achievement, once again, in qualifying for the FIFA 2026 World Cup; notes with concern however, the reported internal violence in the USA highlighted by

the claims of recent killings in Minnesota by federal employees; expresses anxiety over the safety and wellbeing of Scotland fans while visiting the USA to attend Scotland's fixtures; seeks reassurance that the Scottish Government has held discussions with the SFA regarding, not only fan safety, but also the implementation of transparent processes for visa applications, collaborative agreements for fan integration and behaviour management with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that there is a safe environment for Scotland's supporters; asks for a written commitment from the USA that racial profiling will not be deployed by its authorities against Scotland fans and to clarify what resources have been compiled for fans to ensure that they are aware of what behaviour local law enforcement expects of them, and seeks clarification of any discussions between the Scottish Government and SFA about the potential boycott of the World Cup, given the reported recent behaviour by federal officers as well as the USA Government and the potential risk to the reputation of Scotland in being seen to endorse such behaviour by the nation's participation.

Supported by: Maggie Chapman*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-20585 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Walk Run Cycle East Dunbartonshire Awarded National Lottery Funding (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20584 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Bearsden Young Athlete James Alexander Wins ClubSport Glasgow Individual Performance Award (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20583 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Milngavie Ski Racer, Jamie Thomson, Qualifies for European and World Cup Circuits (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20582 Christine Grahame: Young Speakers Scotland Public Speaking Final 2026 (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-20581 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Central's Scottish Edge Awards Winner (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20580 Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen Founders' Week (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20578 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Dementia Heroes Café Opens in Milngavie (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20577 Clare Adamson: Acknowledging the Contributions of Sir Alexander Gibson and Lady Veronica Gibson to Scotland's Musical and Cultural Life (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackson Carlaw*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20565 Craig Hoy: Commending Dumfries High School (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20564 Alexander Stewart: The Hive in Alloa Welcomes Almost £100,000 in National Lottery Funding (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Lumsden*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-20562 Maggie Chapman: A Play for Torry (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S6M-20560 Clare Haughey: Retiral of Brendan Rooney, Executive Director of Healthy n Happy Community Development Trust (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20559 Alasdair Allan: Stephen Libby Crowned Traitors' Champion (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20558 Maggie Chapman: WASPI Women February Campaign (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Gillian Mackay*, Ariane Burgess*, Kevin Stewart*, Evelyn Tweed*, Karen Adam*, John Mason*, Ross Greer*, Colin Beattie*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*

S6M-20556 Christine Grahame: Welcoming Increased Funding for Scotland's Colleges (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20552 Finlay Carson: John MacMillan Appointed MBE in Honours List (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20551 Finlay Carson: Kate Kaye Awarded British Empire Medal in Honours List (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Bill Kidd*, Douglas Lumsden*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

S6M-20548 Liam Kerr: Recognising the Contribution of Jon Oakey, Chief Financial Officer for Port of Aberdeen, on his Retirement (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Kenneth Gibson*, Douglas Lumsden*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

[**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: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20525 Mark Ruskell: European Charter of Local Self-Government \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Bill \(Reconsideration\)**](#) (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Shona Robison*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

[**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: Paul McLennan*, Craig Hoy*

[**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: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20516 Evelyn Tweed: Congratulating Heather Hall on Receipt of a BEM**](#) (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20513 Alexander Stewart: Ten Years of The Ladybird Tea Room in Alloa**](#) (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20511**](#) **Maggie Chapman: Solidarity with University of Dundee Staff Taking Strike Action** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Michael Marra*, Gillian Mackay*, Ariane Burgess*, Katy Clark*, Mercedes Villalba*, Ross Greer*, Carol Mochan*

[**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: Fulton MacGregor*, Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[**S6M-20497**](#) **Brian Whittle: Sport and Activity as a Force for Good** (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20483**](#) **David Torrance: Inaugural Awards at The British Horror Studio in Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20469**](#) **Paul McLennan: Commending the Courage of Palestine Action Hunger Strikers** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Jackie Dunbar*

[**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: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Davy Russell*

Questions

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 4 February 2026

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Davy Russell:** To ask the Scottish Government how its employability programmes support parents of children aged nine months to three years to return to work, in light of the lack of funded childcare for this age group. ([S6O-05451](#))
- 2. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what support will be available for young entrepreneurs alongside the £2.5 million funding announced for the First Minister's Start Up Challenge. ([S6O-05452](#))
- 3. Collette Stevenson:** [Not Lodged]
- 4. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales showing that business confidence in Scotland has fallen for the sixth consecutive quarter and is lower than the UK average. ([S6O-05454](#))
- 5. Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what implications the recent announcement of next steps for its £1.5 billion bonds programme will have for the financing of major capital projects across Scotland. ([S6O-05455](#))
- 6. Michelle Thomson:** [Not Lodged]
- 7. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what the immediate economic outcomes were for Scotland's exporters of its recent trade mission to the United Arab Emirates. ([S6O-05457](#))
- 8. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the *Cities Outlook 2026* report and the performance of Scottish cities. ([S6O-05458](#))

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to COSLA's statement that the draft Budget 2026-27 "represents a very poor settlement for local government which fails to address the financial situation being faced by councils across Scotland". ([S6O-05459](#))
- 2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how it envisages its draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 will support families in the Aberdeen Donside constituency to address cost of living pressures, including childcare costs. ([S6O-05460](#))
- 3. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with COSLA regarding payroll practices in local authorities that can result in two wage payments in a single universal credit assessment period, and can lead to reduced entitlement and rent arrears, including in relation to support available for those affected. ([S6O-05461](#))
- 4. Audrey Nicoll:** [Not Lodged]
- 5. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with COSLA following the publication of its draft Budget 2026-27. ([S6O-05463](#))

6. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work that it is doing to recognise rurality in local government finance settlements. ([S6O-05464](#))

7. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been allocated in its draft Budget 2026-27 to replace the Investing Communities Fund when the current funding ends in March 2026. ([S6O-05465](#))

8. Jamie Hepburn: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated in its draft Budget 2026-27 to support local authorities, including North Lanarkshire Council, to provide universal breakfast clubs from August 2027. ([S6O-05466](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 5 February 2026

Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

1. George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government what interaction it has had with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy. ([S6O-05475](#))

2. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy will engage with community groups affected by new energy projects now that she is no longer responsible for energy consent decisions. ([S6O-05476](#))

3. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with communities, developers and other stakeholders regarding wide loads and any increased traffic movements on the A86, A889, A82 and A87 linked to the Skye Reinforcement Project and the Glen Mor workers' camp at Fort Augustus. ([S6O-05477](#))

4. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to deliver sustainable transport improvements across Fife, including active travel and public transport upgrades, in support of net zero targets. ([S6O-05478](#))

5. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy will meet with campaign groups regarding the Moray FLOW-Park project proposal. ([S6O-05479](#))

6. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government how the draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 aims to invest in and deliver for Scotland's transport sector. ([S6O-05480](#))

7. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress has been made in dealing with the issue of short-formed trains on services between Fife and Edinburgh. ([S6O-05481](#))

8. Paul Sweeney: [Not Lodged]

General Questions selected for answer on 5 February 2026

1. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to ensure the safety of people seeking asylum who are housed in hotels across Perth. ([S6O-05467](#))

2. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what the implications of its draft Budget 2026-27 are for the provision of a new medical centre for Lochgelly. ([S6O-05468](#))

3. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what work it is doing to improve access to thrombectomy services across the Scottish Borders. ([S6O-05469](#))

4. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether voluntary reporting of mortality data in the salmon farming industry provides sufficient transparency and animal

welfare protection. ([S6O-05470](#))

5. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in the current parliamentary session on preventing gender-based violence in relation to non-fatal strangulation. ([S6O-05471](#))

6. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that the local authorities involved with the RAAC Housing Leadership Group are engaging appropriately and are including residents and RAAC campaigners in their activities. ([S6O-05472](#))

7. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Action 20 of the Housing to 2040 strategy to "streamline and accelerate the adaptations system". ([S6O-05473](#))

8. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the culture of whistleblowing in the NHS. R ([S6O-05474](#))

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 28 January 2026

[S6W-43395](#) **Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its response to the Heat in Buildings Bill consultation.

Written Questions lodged on 28 January 2026

[S6W-43247](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Alexander Dennis has met the contractual obligations required for the release of funding through the furlough scheme that was announced to support the retention of jobs at the company.

[S6W-43250](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been formally (a) applied for, (b) approved and (c) distributed to date through the furlough scheme for Alexander Dennis, in each month since the scheme was announced.

[S6W-43251](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Alexander Dennis since September 2025 to establish the reasons for the company reportedly not having applied for any funding through the furlough scheme that was created to support it, and whether any conditions of the scheme have prevented or delayed access to the funding.

[S6W-43252](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the furlough scheme that was announced to support the retention of jobs at the company, whether Alexander Dennis has provided the required evidence of sufficient contracted orders to sustain long-term manufacturing operations in Scotland, and, if so, on what date any such evidence was (a) received and (b) assessed.

[S6W-43253](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the ongoing employment position of shop-floor manufacturing workers at Alexander Dennis's site in (a) Larbert and (b) Falkirk, in light of reports that the company has not applied for any funding through the furlough scheme that was created to support the retention of jobs at the company.

[S6W-43254](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered (a) revising, (b) extending and (c) withdrawing the furlough scheme that it created to support the retention of jobs at Alexander Dennis, in light of reports that the company has not applied for any funding through the scheme, and what criteria it is using to determine the scheme's continued relevance.

S6W-43255 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish Enterprise regarding training provision linked to the furlough scheme that it created to support the retention of jobs at Alexander Dennis, and whether any training support has been accessed in the absence of the company applying for any funding through the scheme.

S6W-43327 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43104 by Fiona Hyslop on 26 January 2026, for what reason it does not hold the information requested and, in light of ScotRail being owned by it through Scottish Rail Holdings Limited (SRH), whether it will ask SRH to provide this detail.

S6W-43366 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how it measures the efficacy of its We are Scotland campaign.

S6W-43367 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on TV advertising slots for its We are Scotland campaign, broken down by broadcaster.

S6W-43368 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on social media boosts for its We are Scotland campaign, broken down by social media platform.

S6W-43369 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on newspaper advertising for its We are Scotland campaign, broken down by newspaper.

S6W-43370 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on billboard advertising for its We are Scotland campaign.

S6W-43371 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on promotion of its We are Scotland campaign through social media influencers.

S6W-43372 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on actors to participate in its We are Scotland campaign.

S6W-43373 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the total budget allocated towards the production of its We are Scotland campaign.

S6W-43374 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many civil servants were involved in delivering its We are Scotland campaign.

S6W-43375 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government who had ministerial oversight for the (a) production and (b) approval of its We are Scotland campaign.

S6W-43376 Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on (a) Food Standards Scotland's guidance permitting the use of alcohol-free labelling on products containing up to 0.5% alcohol by volume (ABV), and whether this adequately protects consumers who are allergic to alcohol, and (b) Alcohol Focus Scotland's calls for all alcohol substitutes and lower strength alcohol products to feature their ABV content plainly on the front-facing part of the label.

S6W-43377 Fergus Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's analysis of its draft Budget 2026-27, as set out in its Post-Scottish Budget submission to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, that Scotland's less competitive retail hospitality and leisure sectors rates relief compared with England is at odds with the commitments on tax competitiveness outlined in its Tax Strategy, New Deal for Business Implementation Plan, and the 2021 Scottish National Party manifesto, and contradicts the Retail Industry Leadership Group's vision of making Scotland the best place in the UK to grow a retail business.

S6W-43379 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the collection of used cooking oil from households.

S6W-43380 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase domestic production of biofuels via used cooking oil.

S6W-43381 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many fires there were in (a) bin lorries and (b) waste facilities in (i) 2022, (ii) 2023 and (iii) 2024.

S6W-43382 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the ban on single-use vapes has been a success.

S6W-43383 Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to divert lithium-ion batteries from the residual waste stream.

S6W-43385 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what work has been done to reduce waiting lists for the treatment of postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) in NHS Lanarkshire.

S6W-43386 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what clinical pathway is currently in place for patients with suspected or confirmed postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) in NHS (a) Lanarkshire, (b) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (c) Forth Valley.

S6W-43387 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure consistent, NHS board-wide referral pathways for postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) patients, in light of reports that some services are declining referrals.

S6W-43388 Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what dedicated services and resources are in place for the (a) diagnosis, (b) treatment and (c) ongoing management of postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) in NHS (i) Lanarkshire, (ii) Greater Glasgow and Clyde and (iii) Forth Valley.

S6W-43389 Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what support is in place for people with postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS).

S6W-43390 Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-41854 by Angela Constance on 25 November 2025, whether it will provide an update on the status of (a) its commitment, which was made in February 2021, to hold an inquiry into the malicious prosecutions relating to Rangers Football Club and (b) all related investigations and proceedings, as referred to in its answer.

S6W-43391 Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any work that it (a) has done and (b) is currently doing to assess how it plans to utilise AI in relation to the delivery of all devolved public services, including the NHS, police service, prison service, transport network, education system and local authorities.

S6W-43392 Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any policy that it (a) is currently developing and (b) has developed in relation to the use of AI by the civil service in all branches of devolved government, including all NHS boards, the Scottish Prison Service, Police Scotland and any other public bodies that are accountable to the Scottish Ministers.

S6W-43393 Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any work that it (a) has done and (b) is currently doing to advise or support the business community in relation to the anticipated opportunities and risks resulting from AI.

S6W-43394 Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any engagement that it (a) has undertaken and (b) is currently undertaking with (i) the UK Government and (ii) any other administration to learn more about the anticipated opportunities and risks resulting from AI in the provision of public services.

S6W-43396 Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of testimony from survivors of grooming gangs, frontline service organisations and justice agencies that child sexual exploitation (CSE) and grooming are core pathways through which vulnerable children are drawn into the commercial sexual exploitation of prostitution, both in childhood and later in adulthood, whether it consulted Professor Alexis Jay, its expert adviser on CSE, including grooming, in relation to the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill, ahead of the stage 1 vote on 3 February 2026.

S6W-43397 Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the Men's Shed movement on the issue of men's health in Scotland, and how it plans to work with the Men's Shed movement and similar groups in the future, including on the introduction of a men's health strategy.

S6W-43398 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what review it will undertake into the use of the newborn heel prick blood test to screen for childhood dementia.

S6W-43399 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how much additional revenue it expects to raise from the new council tax bands, broken down by local authority area.

S6W-43400 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many households will be included in the new council tax bands, broken down by local authority area.

S6W-43401 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many devices have been distributed to young people through the Connecting Scotland programme in 2025-26 to support digital inclusion amongst school-aged children, broken down by local authority area.

S6W-43402 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government further to the answer to question S6W-43029 by Tom Arthur on 27 January 2026, when the webinars for NHS boards on eating disorder self-referral pathways will take place.

S6W-43403 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43029 by Tom Arthur on 27 January 2026, whether ministers will consider encouraging all NHS boards to aspire to accepting self-referrals from people with eating disorders.

S6W-43404 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43029 by Tom Arthur on 27 January 2026, whether ministers will consider collecting data on child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) self-referrals for eating disorders.

S6W-43405 Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43030 by Tom Arthur on 27 January 2026, whether ministers will consider collecting data on the implementation of the pathway for eating disorders and autism developed from clinical experience (PEACE).

S6W-43406 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what the average time, in weeks, is between the first calling and the conclusion of summary criminal cases at Greenock Sheriff Court, in the most recent year for which data is available.

S6W-43407 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many cases scheduled to be heard at Greenock Sheriff Court were adjourned due to court capacity or scheduling issues, in each of the last five years.

S6W-43408 Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government how many people moved into sustained employment following the completion of a Scottish Government funded employability programme in the last five years, broken down by local authority area.

S6W-43409 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how many of Scotland's 356 fire stations have decontamination facilities.

S6W-43410 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set key benchmarks for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to measure response times for the first responding appliance.

S6W-43411 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set key benchmarks for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to record the time taken for the required weight of response to reach recognised categories of incidents.

S6W-43412 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is meeting its legal obligations to protect its staff and to ensure compliance with equalities and health and safety legislation.

S6W-43413 Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report by The Brain Tumour Charity, *The Cost of a Brain Tumour: The Economic Case for Urgent Action*, including the recommendations made.

Amendments to Bills lodged on 28 January 2026**Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2****Before section 1****Sue Webber****87** Before section 1, insert—**<CHAPTER****GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CHILDREN'S CARE SYSTEM****General principles**

- (1) The principles set out in subsection (2) must be given effect to in relation to the delivery of the children's care system.
- (2) The principles mentioned in subsection (1) are—
 - (a) the welfare of the child is paramount,
 - (b) any intervention in a child's life must be—
 - (i) supported by evidence of benefit to the child, and
 - (ii) proportionate,
 - (c) the children's care system should promote the upbringing of children by their families,
 - (d) the child's welfare is presumed to be best protected by ensuring the child remains with the child's parents and siblings, even where residential arrangements are made for a child,
 - (e) preventative measures should be taken to support a child at risk of becoming looked after to remain with their family,
 - (f) at all stages, steps should be taken to support reunification of a looked after child with their family.
- (3) Public bodies have a duty to—
 - (a) promote and give effect to the principles in subsection (2), and
 - (b) record in a child's plan what steps have been taken to give effect to those principles.
- (4) In this section, “child's plan” means a personalised plan prepared under the “Getting it right for every child” framework, or such other equivalent framework as may be in force for the time being.>

Section 1**Roz McCall****88** In section 1, page 1, line 12, after <(aftercare)> insert <—

() in subsection (1), the words “, unless they are satisfied that his welfare does not require it,” are repealed,

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Roz McCall

89 In section 1, page 1, line 18, leave out <, but less than twenty-six, years of age> and insert <years of age, but less than such age as the local authority considers appropriate having regard to the person's individual needs>

Roz McCall

90 In section 1, page 1, line 21, leave out <, but less than twenty-six, years of age> and insert <years of age, but less than such age as the local authority considers appropriate having regard to the person's individual needs>

Roz McCall

91 In section 1, page 2, line 8, leave out <twenty-six> and insert <such age as the local authority considers appropriate having regard to the person's individual needs>

Roz McCall

92 Leave out section 1 and insert—

<Aftercare

- (1) A local authority shall, unless they are satisfied that his welfare does not require it, advise, guide and assist any person in their area who is at least sixteen but not yet nineteen years of age who either—
 - (a) was (on his sixteenth birthday or at any subsequent time) but is no longer looked after by a local authority, or
 - (b) is of such other description of person formerly but no longer looked after by a local authority as the Scottish Ministers may specify by order.
- (2) An order made under subsection (1)(b) above is subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (3) A person within the area of a local authority who falls within subsection (4) may make an application to the authority requesting that the authority provide the person with advice, guidance or assistance.
- (4) A person falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) the person is—
 - (i) at least nineteen, but less than twenty-six, years of age, and
 - (ii) otherwise a person such as is described in subsection (1), or
 - (b) the person—
 - (i) is at least sixteen, but less than twenty-six, years of age,
 - (ii) was looked after by a local authority at any point before the person's sixteenth birthday,
 - (iii) was not so looked after on the person's sixteenth birthday or at any subsequent time, and
 - (iv) is not of a description of person specified by order under subsection (1)(b).
- (5) Subsections (1) and (3) above do not apply to a person during any period when the person is being provided with continuing care under section 26A of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

(6) Subject to section 73(2) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 8), assistance given under subsection (1) above or (9) or (10) below may include assistance in kind or in cash.

(7) Where a person—

- who is at least sixteen years of age ceases to be looked after by a local authority, or
- described in subsection (1) above is being provided with advice, guidance or assistance by a local authority,

they shall, if he proposes to reside in the area of another local authority, inform that other local authority accordingly provided that he consents to their doing so.

(8) It is the duty of each local authority, in relation to any person to whom they have a duty under subsection (1) above or who makes an application under subsection (3) above, to carry out an assessment of the person's needs.

(9) After carrying out an assessment under subsection (8) above in pursuance of an application made by a person under subsection (3) above, the local authority—

- must, if satisfied that the person has any eligible needs which cannot be met other than by taking action under this subsection, provide the person with such advice, guidance and assistance as it considers necessary for the purposes of meeting those needs, and
- may otherwise provide such advice, guidance and assistance as it considers appropriate having regard to the person's welfare.

(10) A local authority may (but is not required to) continue to provide advice, guidance and assistance to a person in pursuance of subsection (9) after the person reaches the age of twenty-six.

(11) Each local authority shall establish a procedure for considering representations (including complaints) made to them by any person mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) above about the discharge of their functions under the provisions of subsections (1) to (10) above.

(12) In subsection (1) (but not in subsection (4)(b)), the references to a person having been looked after by a local authority include reference to a person having been—

- looked after, by a local authority in England, within the meaning of section 22 of the Children Act 1989,
- looked after, by a local authority in Wales, within the meaning of section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014,
- looked after, by an authority in Northern Ireland, within the meaning of article 25 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/755).

(13) For the purposes of subsection (9)(a) above, a person has “eligible needs” if the person needs care, attention or support of such type as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify.

(14) An order made under subsection (13) is subject to the affirmative procedure.

(15) If a local authority becomes aware that a person who is being provided with advice, guidance or assistance by them under this section has died, the local authority must as soon as reasonably practicable notify—

- the Scottish Ministers, and
- Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland.

(16) Section 29 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is repealed.>

After section 1**Roz McCall**

93 After section 1, insert—

<Financial assistance towards expenses of education or training and removal of power to guarantee indentures etc.

- (1) Without prejudice to section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (general social welfare services of local authorities), a local authority may make—
 - (a) grants to any relevant person in their area to enable him to meet expenses connected with his receiving education or training, and
 - (b) contributions to the accommodation and maintenance of any such person in any place near where he may be—
 - (i) employed, or seeking employment, or
 - (ii) receiving education or training.
- (2) A person is a relevant person for the purposes of subsection (1) if—
 - (a) the person is aged sixteen or over but under twenty-six, and
 - (b) the person—
 - (i) is not looked after by a local authority, but
 - (ii) has, at any point in the person's life, been so looked after.
- (3) Section 30 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is repealed.>

Section 2**Roz McCall**

94 Leave out section 2

Section 3**Roz McCall**

95 In section 3, page 2, line 31, leave out <the age of 26> and insert <such age as the local authority considers appropriate having regard to the person's individual needs>

Section 4**Roz McCall**

96 In section 4, page 3, line 14, at end insert—

<() Regulations under subsection (1) must not limit the availability of care experience advocacy services on the basis that other advocacy services are available to the person.>

Roz McCall

97 In section 4, page 4, line 11, at end insert—

<() In subsection (2), “independent services” means services which are structurally, financially and psychologically independent of—

- (a) any local authority,
- (b) any lead children’s services planning body (which is to be construed in accordance with section 7 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014),
- (c) any person providing children’s care or support services commissioned by a local authority.>

After section 4

Roz McCall

98 After section 4, insert—

<Access to housing for care-experienced persons

Access to housing for care-experienced persons

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance to local authorities and relevant housing providers on improving access to secure and suitable housing for care-experienced persons.
- (2) Guidance under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) require care experience to be treated as a priority consideration within housing allocation policies and practices,
 - (b) support timely access to housing for care-experienced persons, including those transitioning from care, and
 - (c) promote housing stability and sustainment for care-experienced persons.
- (3) A local authority or, as the case may be, relevant housing provider, must have regard to guidance issued under this section when exercising functions relating to—
 - (a) housing allocation,
 - (b) housing support.
- (4) In this section, “care-experienced” should be construed in accordance with section 4(6).>

Section 5

Roz McCall

99 In section 5, page 4, line 29, at end insert—

<() Guidance under subsection (1) may also include guidance on decision-making in relation to family time between infants and their parents, addressing in particular—

- (a) developmental needs of the infant,
- (b) risk of trauma to the infant,
- (c) potential impact on attachment, and
- (d) the importance of stability and permanence.>

Roz McCall

100 In section 5, page 4, line 29, at end insert—

<() rights-based, trauma-informed practice in all interactions with persons who are or may be care-experienced.>

Roz McCall

101 In section 5, page 4, line 31, leave out <have> and insert <give due>

After section 6**Sue Webber**

102 After section 6, insert—

<Access to services to prevent family separation

Duty to ensure access to services to prevent family separation

- (1) It is the duty of each local authority to ensure that services that allow an eligible child to continue or resume residing with the child's parent are available to the extent that all children residing in the area of the local authority for whom such services would be appropriate are able to access those services.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an eligible child is a child who—
 - (a) the local authority considers to be at risk of becoming looked after,
 - (b) is looked after by the local authority, or
 - (c) falls within such other description as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.>

After section 10**Roz McCall**

103 After section 10, insert—

<CHAPTER

REPORTING ON HOUSING OUTCOMES FOR CARE-EXPERIENCED PERSONS

Reporting on housing outcomes for care-experienced persons

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must for each reporting period prepare a report on housing outcomes for care-experienced persons.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) information on access to social housing for care-experienced persons,
 - (b) data on housing stability and sustainment, and
 - (c) an assessment of how local authorities and relevant housing providers are giving effect to guidance issued under section (*Access to housing for care-experienced persons*).

- (4) Each report under subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) published,
 - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (6) In this section, “reporting period” means—
 - (a) the period of one year beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of one year.>

Roz McCall

104 After section 10, insert—

<CHAPTER**REPORTING ON CARE EXPERIENCE SPENDING, PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES****Reporting on care experience spending, priorities and outcomes**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must for each reporting period prepare a report on—
 - (a) public expenditure on services and support for care-experienced children and young people,
 - (b) priority areas for investment to support the delivery of the Independent Care Review’s report, “the promise”, published on 5 February 2020, and
 - (c) outcomes being achieved for care-experienced children and young people.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) information on expenditure at national and local authority level,
 - (b) an explanation of how spending aligns with the priority areas identified under subsection (1)(b), and
 - (c) outcome indicators relating to the wellbeing and life experiences of care-experienced children and young people.
- (3) Outcome indicators under subsection (2)(c) may, in particular, include indicators relating to—
 - (a) stability of care and placement,
 - (b) time taken to reach permanence,
 - (c) health and wellbeing (including mental health),
 - (d) educational engagement and attainment,
 - (e) participation and voice, and
 - (f) transitions from care.
- (4) Each report under subsection (1) must be—
 - (a) published,
 - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about—
 - (a) the form and content of reports under subsection (1),

(b) the outcome indicators to be used, including provision for different indicators for different age groups or circumstances, and

(c) the persons or bodies from whom information is to be obtained.

(6) In this section, “reporting period” means—

(a) the period of one year beginning with the day of Royal Assent,

(b) each subsequent period of one year.>

Section 11

Roz McCall

105 In section 11, page 16, line 41, at end insert—

<() In section 30 (children’s hearing: duty to consider appointing safeguarder), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) When a children’s hearing is considering whether to appoint a safeguarder under subsection (1), that hearing must consist of three members of the Children’s Panel.”.>

Roz McCall

106 In section 11, page 18, leave out subsection (13)

After section 11

Roz McCall

107 After section 11, insert—

<Continuity of children’s hearing chair

(1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 6, after subsection (4B) insert—

“(4C) The National Convener must, so far as reasonably practicable, have regard to the desirability of the same chairing member chairing all children’s hearings relating to the same child, where the National Convener considers it would be in the best interests of the child.”.>

Section 13

Roz McCall

108 In section 13, page 20, line 6, at end insert—

<(3B) The Scottish Ministers must publish guidance relating to the attendance of children of different ages and stages of development at children’s hearings.

(3C) In deciding whether to require a child to attend all or part of a children’s hearing, the children’s hearing must have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers under subsection (3B).”.>

Section 14

Roz McCall

109 In section 14, page 24, line 21, leave out from <Where> to <must> in line 23 and insert <Unless the Principal Reporter is satisfied that the child is capable of forming a view on the matter, and the child has intimated that they do not wish to be referred to children's advocacy services, the Principal Reporter must, as soon as reasonably practicable—

- (a) refer the child to a provider of such services, and
- (b)>

After section 16

Roz McCall

110 After section 16, insert—

<Children's hearings in relation to infants

Children's hearings in relation to infants

- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 9, insert—

“9A Children's hearings in relation to infants

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for a specialised children's hearing process in relation to infants.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision about—
 - (a) the composition of children's hearings relating to infants,
 - (b) timescales for decision-making in such hearings,
 - (c) training or experience that panel members should have before participating in such hearings,
 - (d) arrangements for evaluation of the operation of the specialised process.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1)—
 - (a) may make different provision for different cases or circumstances,
 - (b) may amend this Act,
 - (c) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (4) In this section, “infants” means children under the age of 3.”>

Roz McCall

111 After section 16, insert—

<Accreditation of solicitors representing children and relevant persons

Accreditation of solicitors representing children and relevant persons

- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 190 (effect of orders made outwith Scotland) insert—

“Accreditation of solicitors representing children and relevant persons

190A Accreditation of solicitors representing children and relevant persons

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision about the accreditation of solicitors who represent children or relevant persons in children's hearings.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may include provision about—
 - (a) training and standards to be met for accreditation,
 - (b) the establishment and maintenance of registers of accredited solicitors, and
 - (c) the suspension or removal of accreditation.
- (3) Before making regulations under this section, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Jeremy Balfour

112 After section 16, insert—

<Rights of audience

Children's hearings: rights of audience

- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 128, insert—

“128A Children's hearings: rights of audience

- (1) A solicitor has a right of audience in the children's hearing only if the solicitor meets the requirement set out in subsection (2).
- (2) The requirement is that the solicitor has completed (whether before this section comes into force or otherwise) an approved course of training on child centred trauma-informed practice.
- (3) The Council of the Law Society of Scotland must keep, and make publicly available, a record of the solicitors who have a right of audience in the children's hearings in accordance with this section.
- (4) In this section, an “approved course of training” means a training course which is approved by the National Convener for the purpose of acquiring rights of audience in the children's hearings.
- (5) Nothing in this section affects the right of the Principal Reporter to appear in the children's hearings.”.>

Jeremy Balfour

113 After section 16, insert—

<Legal aid

Legal aid

- (1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 28C (circumstances where children's legal aid automatically available)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (d) insert—

“(da) a children’s hearing is arranged in relation to a child on the basis of the ground mentioned in section 67(2)(j) of the 2011 Act,”,

(b) in subsection (2), in paragraph (b) for “or (d)” substitute “, (d) or (da)”.>

Jeremy Balfour

114 After section 16, insert—

<Legal aid

Legal aid

- (1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 28C (circumstances where children's legal aid automatically available)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for paragraphs (b) to (d) substitute—

“(b) a children’s hearing is arranged in relation to a child by virtue of the 2011 Act,”,
 - (c) in subsection (2), in paragraph (b) the words “or, as the case may be, (c) or (d)” are repealed.>

Section 18**Jeremy Balfour**

115 In section 18, page 44, line 22, at end insert—

<(d) the availability of child centred legal advice and representation.”>

After section 21**Sue Webber**

116 After section 21, insert—

<Pre-conditions for removal of child

Pre-conditions for removal of child

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 29, insert—

“29ZA Pre-condition for making certain orders for removal of a child

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) a children’s hearing is considering whether to—
 - (i) make, vary or continue a compulsory supervision order,
 - (ii) make an interim compulsory supervision order,
 - (iii) make an interim variation of a compulsory supervision order, or
 - (b) a sheriff is considering whether to—
 - (i) make or vary a child protection order,

(ii) vary or continue a compulsory supervision order,

(iii) make, vary, or extend an interim compulsory supervision order,

(iv) make or vary an interim variation of a compulsory supervision order, and

(c) the order would result in the child not residing with the child's parent or primary care-giver.

(2) The children's hearing or the sheriff, as the case may be, may make, vary, continue, or extend the order only if satisfied that no reasonable alternative measures are available or would be appropriate to allow the child to continue to reside with a child's parent or primary care-giver.

(3) The consideration of alternative measures must be recorded in the child's plan.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "alternative measures" may include—

- (a) domiciliary and residential support services (including parent and baby units),
- (b) out of hours support,
- (c) family residential services,
- (d) personalised budgets,
- (e) services in an order made under section 68 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014,
- (f) parent and child foster or kinship care,
- (g) any other measures that the children's hearing or sheriff, as the case may be, considers appropriate.

(5) In this section—

"child's plan" means a personalised plan prepared under the "Getting it right for every child" framework, or such other equivalent framework as may be in force for the time being,

"primary care-giver" means the person for the time being providing the main source of care to the child.">

Roz McCall

117 After section 21, insert—

<Child in need of nurture or support

- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 60 (local authority's duty to provide information to Principal Reporter), in subsection (2)(a) for "treatment or control" substitute "nurture or support".
- (3) In section 61 (constable's duty to provide information to Principal Reporter), in subsection (1)(a) for "treatment or control" substitute "nurture or support".
- (4) In section 64 (provision of information by other persons), in subsection (1)(a) for "treatment or control" substitute "nurture or support".
- (5) In section 66 (investigation and determination by Principal Reporter), in subsection (1)(b) for "treatment or control" substitute "nurture or support".

- (6) In section 91 (grounds accepted: powers of grounds hearing), in subsection (3)(a) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (7) In section 92 (powers of grounds hearing on deferral), in subsection (2) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (8) In section 93 (grounds not accepted: application to sheriff or discharge), in subsection (5) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (9) In section 95 (child fails to attend grounds hearing), in subsection (4) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (10) In section 96 (children's hearing to consider need for further interim compulsory supervision order), in subsection (3) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (11) In section 98 (application for extension or variation of interim compulsory supervision order), in subsection (4) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (12) In section 99 (further extension or variation of interim compulsory supervision order), in subsection (4) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (13) In section 100 (sheriff's power to make interim compulsory supervision order), in subsection (2) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (14) In section 109 (determination: power to make interim compulsory supervision order etc.)—
 - (a) in subsection (3) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”,
 - (b) in subsection (5) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (15) In section 115 (recall: power to refer other grounds), in subsection (3) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (16) In section 117 (new section 67 ground established: sheriff to refer to children's hearing), in subsection (3) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (17) In section 119 (children's hearing following deferral or proceedings under Part 10), in subsection (3)(a) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (18) In section 120 (powers of children's hearing on deferral under section 110)—
 - (a) in subsection (3) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”,
 - (b) in subsection (5) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (19) In section 138 (powers of children's hearing on review), in subsection (4) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.
- (20) In section 139 (powers of children's hearing on deferral under section 138), in subsection (3) for “treatment or control” substitute “nurture or support”.>

Roz McCall

118 After section 21, insert—

<PART**FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING****National standards and practice guidance for family group decision making**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations establish national standards and practice guidance on family group decision making.

(2) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

- (a) the National Family Group Decision Making Steering Group,
- (b) each local authority,
- (c) third sector providers of family group decision making services,
- (d) the Principal Reporter,
- (e) the National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland,
- (f) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(3) Regulations under subsection (1) must be made no later than 3 years after the day this section comes into force.

(4) In this section—

“family group decision making” should be construed in accordance with article 2 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Services in relation to Children at Risk of Becoming Looked After etc.) Order 2016,

“third sector providers” means providers who are bodies (whether or not formally constituted) established for purposes which consist of, or consist mainly of, providing benefits for society (but does not include a body established under an enactment).>

Sue Webber

119 After section 21, insert—

<Child protection orders: evidence on oath

(1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 38 (consideration by sheriff: application by local authority only), in subsection (2), in the opening words after “satisfied” insert “by evidence on oath”.

(3) In section 39 (consideration by sheriff: application by local authority or other person), in subsection (2), in the opening words after “satisfied” insert “by evidence on oath”.>

Sue Webber

120 After section 21, insert—

<Child protection orders: evidence on oath

(1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 38 (consideration by sheriff: application by local authority only), after subsection (2) insert—

“(3) Any evidence provided by a social worker to the sheriff for the purposes of the sheriff's consideration of whether to make the order must be given under oath.”.

(3) In section 39 (consideration by sheriff: application by local authority or other person), after subsection (2) insert—

“(3) Any evidence provided by a social worker to the sheriff for the purposes of the sheriff's consideration of whether to make the order must be given under oath.”.>

After section 22**Roz McCall**

121 After section 22, insert—

<Children's services planning: sunset and review

- (1) The modifications made by section 22 of this Act cease to have effect at the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day that section 22 comes into force.
- (2) Before the end of the period mentioned in subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) review the operation and effectiveness of the functions conferred on integration joint boards by virtue of section 22, and
 - (b) lay a report on that review before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations continue the provision made in section 22 if the review under subsection (2) concludes that those changes have been successful.>

Sue Webber

122 After section 22, insert—

<Aims of children's services planning: prevention of separation of families

- (1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 9(2) (aims of children's services plan), after paragraph (b) insert—
 - “(c) to ensure that children's care services that allow a child to continue or resume residing with the child's parent are available to the extent that all children for whom such services would be appropriate are able to access those services.”>

Section 24**Roz McCall**

123 In section 24, page 49, line 36, after <4> insert <and section (*Children's services planning: sunset and review*)>

Sue Webber

124 In section 24, page 49, line 36, after <under> insert <section (*Duty to ensure access to services to prevent family separation*) and>

Roz McCall

125 In section 24, page 49, line 36, after <4> insert <and section (*National standards and practice guidance for family group decision making*)>

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3**Section 1****Stephen Kerr**

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

<(3) Where a pupil is withdrawn from religious observance, the education authority or, in the case of a grant-aided school, the managers, must ensure that the pupil is provided with suitable and purposeful educational activity during that period.”.>

Stephen Kerr

2 In section 1, page 2, line 22, leave out <The pupil> and insert <A pupil 16 years of age or older>

Stephen Kerr

3 In section 1, page 2, line 22, leave out <be capable of forming> and insert <have the maturity to form>

Stephen Kerr

4 In section 1, page 2, line 22, at end insert—

<(4A) A pupil under 16 years of age is presumed not to have the maturity to form a view unless the contrary is shown.>

Stephen Kerr

5 In section 1, page 2, line 29, at end insert—

<(6A) In carrying out its functions under this section, an operator must—

- (a) act impartially, and
- (b) not seek to influence the views of the pupil in relation to a request for withdrawal.>

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill — Stage 2**Section 1****Ariane Burgess**

132 In section 1, page 2, line 21, leave out <does not adversely affect the use of adjacent land> and insert <is intentionally designed and systematically managed to deliver environmental outcomes, and which does not adversely affect the use of adjacent land, be detrimental to the croft or undermine the public interest>

Section 3**Ariane Burgess**

133 In section 3, page 4, line 11, at end insert—

<() Before section 26A (Commission's duty to investigate suspected breach of duty) insert—

“26ZA Duty to report suspected breach of duty

(1) This section applies where a person mentioned in subsection (2) reasonably believes that—

- (a) a crofter is not complying with a duty mentioned in section 5AA, 5B or 5C, or
- (b) a owner-occupier crofter is not complying with a duty mentioned in section 19C(2).

(2) A person referred to in subsection (1) is—

- (a) a person who is registered with the Land Matching Service seeking to become a crofter,
- (b) a local community council,
- (c) the Scottish Ministers.

(3) The person must report the matter in writing to the Commission.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), “community council” means a body established in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.”.

() The cross-heading before section 26A becomes “*Suspected breach of duty*”.>

Ariane Burgess

134 In section 3, page 4, line 19, leave out <township> and insert <parish>

Ariane Burgess

135 In section 3, page 4, line 23, at end insert—

- <(g) a person who is registered with the Land Matching Service seeking to become a crofter,
- (h) a local community council,

(i) the Scottish Ministers.”,>

Ariane Burgess

136 In section 3, page 4, line 23, at end insert—

<() after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of subsection (3)(h), “community council” means a body established in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.”,>

Section 4**Ariane Burgess**

137 In section 4, page 7, line 39, at end insert—

<() In section 52 (miscellaneous provisions as to common grazings, as to lands held runrig, and as to use by crofters of peat bogs, etc.), after subsection (1D), insert—

“(1DA) Where a requirement is imposed on a person under subsection (1C) or (1D)(a)(ii), the Commission may decline to do anything in relation to any application made under this Act in which the person has an interest (whether the requirement imposed relates to the application or otherwise) until the Commission are satisfied either that the requirement has been complied with or that it is not practicable to comply with the requirement.

(1DB) Subsection (1DA) has effect despite any duty imposed on the Commission under this Act to do anything in relation to an application made to them before the end of a specified period.

(1DC) Where subsection (1DA) applies, the period mentioned in subsection (1DB) is to be treated as beginning on the occurrence of the Commission becoming satisfied either that the requirement has been complied with or that it is not practicable to comply with the requirement.

(1DD) Where a requirement is imposed on a person under subsection (1C) or (1D)(a)(ii), and the Commission decline to do anything in relation to an application by virtue of subsection (1DA)—

(a) the Commission must (as soon as reasonably practicable) notify the applicant of their decision to decline to do anything in relation to the application (and the reason for that decision),

(b) section 52A applies as if the decision to decline to do anything with the application were a decision of the Commission on an application to them under this Act.”,>

After section 9**Ariane Burgess**

138 After section 9, insert—

<Limit on number of owner-occupied crofts owned by one crofter

(1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 19B insert—

“19BZA Limit on number of owner-occupied crofts owned by one crofter

- (1) An owner-occupier crofter may not own more than the number of crofts to be prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may include provision on the steps to be taken where an owner-occupier crofter exceeds the number of crofts prescribed in the regulations.
- (3) The number of crofts prescribed in regulations under subsection (1) may be different for different purposes.
- (4) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Commission.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) may modify any enactment (including this Act). ”.

(3) In section 60 (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 19BZA(1),”.

Section 13

Ariane Burgess

139 In section 13, page 13, line 17, at end insert—

<() in subsection (1), after paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) where the applicant has applied for the direction for residential purposes, the land is subject to a rural housing burden under section 43 of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003.”,

After section 14

Ariane Burgess

140 After section 14, insert—

<*Financial assistance*

Financial assistance: woodland crofts

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 42 (financial assistance to crofters), after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) For the purposes of subsection (1), “any reasonable use which promotes sustainable development” may include planting trees on, or using as woodlands, any part of the croft.”,

After section 17

Ariane Burgess

141 After section 17, insert—

<Grazing committees: dispute resolution process

(1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 48 (powers and duties of grazings committees) insert—

“48A Grazings committees: dispute resolution process

The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision for a dispute resolution process to enable the Commission to intervene in, and seek to resolve, any cases of disagreement between a grazings committee and the owner of a common grazing.”.

(3) In section 60, (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 48A.”.>

Section 18**Ariane Burgess**

142 In section 18, page 20, line 33, leave out from <would—> to end of line 5 on page 21 and insert <would be substantially detrimental to—

() the community of the locality in which the land is situated, or
() the public interest.”.>

Tim Eagle

143 In section 18, page 20, line 37, leave out <substantially>

Tim Eagle

144 In section 18, page 21, line 2, leave out <undue>

Tim Eagle

145 In section 18, page 21, line 3, leave out <significantly>

Ariane Burgess

146 In section 18, page 21, line 5, at end insert—

<(3A) An owner may rely on the ground mentioned in subsection (3)(b)(ii) only if the owner can demonstrate that resumption is for some reasonable purpose which would benefit the local crofting community, the wider local community and the public interest.>

Tim Eagle

147 In section 18, page 21, line 15, leave out <6> and insert <8>

Ariane Burgess

148 In section 18, page 21, line 26, at end insert—

<(e) selling carbon or other ecosystem credits.>

Tim Eagle

149 In section 18, page 23, line 16, leave out <must be> and insert <takes effect on being>

Tim Eagle

150 In section 18, page 23, line 22, leave out <7> and insert <5>

Ariane Burgess

151 In section 18, page 23, line 37, at end insert—

<50ZB Use of common grazings for forestry or environmental purposes: role of Scottish Ministers

The Scottish Ministers must, in providing agricultural support payments or grants in respect of grazings committees under section 42, encourage—

- (a) the use of common grazings for forestry or environmental purposes, and
- (b) the sustainable agricultural use of common grazings.”.>

Ariane Burgess

152 In section 18, page 23, line 37, at end insert—

<50ZB Use of common grazings for forestry or environmental purposes: advice etc.

The Scottish Ministers must make provision for advising grazings committees on the use of common grazings for forestry or environmental purposes.”.>

Tim Eagle

153 In section 18, page 24, line 23, at end insert—

<() after subsection (6), insert—

“(6A) An approval given in respect of an application made under subsection (6)—

- (a) takes effect on being entered in the Register of Crofts, and
- (b) on being entered is binding on the successors to the owner’s interest.

(6B) But any approval given by the Commission ceases to have effect if the use of the part of the common grazing to which the approval relates has not commenced on the expiry of the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the approval is entered in the Register of Crofts.”.>

After section 20**Ariane Burgess**

154 After section 20, insert—

<*New crofts*

Reporting on new crofts on public land

(1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report setting out how it intends to increase the number of crofts on public land situated in and outwith the crofting counties.

- (2) The report under subsection (1) must be laid before the Scottish Parliament no later than 12 months after Royal Assent.
- (3) Within 12 months of a report being laid under subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a further report setting out any changes in the number of crofts on public land since the first report was laid.>

Section 30

Tim Eagle

155 In section 30, page 35, line 8, leave out <Crofting census notices> and insert <Duties notice>

Schedule 1

Ariane Burgess

156 In schedule 1, page 40, line 32, at end insert—

<() In recommending persons for appointment as members of the Court, the First Minister is to have regard to the desirability of including persons who have experience and knowledge of matters relating to access rights (within the meaning given by section 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003) in urban and rural settings.>

Ariane Burgess

157 In schedule 1, page 44, line 17, at end insert—

<*Environmental rights*

- (1) All matters, whether of fact or law, which arise under Article 6 of the Aarhus Convention.
- (2) All matters, whether of fact or law, arising from an act or omission on the grounds that it contravenes the law relating to the environment.
- (3) All matters, whether of fact or law, which arise under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
- (4) All matters, whether of fact or law, which arise under Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- (5) Any question arising under common law nuisance actions.>

Ariane Burgess

158 In schedule 1, page 46, line 33, at end insert—

<*Expenses in environmental rights actions*

- (1) This paragraph applies to proceedings where—
 - (a) the person bringing the proceedings raises an environmental rights action under paragraph (*Environmental rights*), and
 - (b) the person conducts the proceedings in an appropriate manner.
- (2) The Court must not make an award of expenses against the person in respect of any expenses which relate to—
 - (a) the environmental rights action, or

(b) any appeal in respect of the environmental rights action.

(3) Subsection (2) does not prevent the Court from making an award in respect of expenses which relate to any other type of claim in the proceedings.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b), a person conducts civil proceedings in an appropriate manner unless the person or the person's legal representative—

- (a) makes a fraudulent representation or otherwise acts fraudulently in connection with the action or proceedings,
- (b) behaves in a manner which is manifestly unreasonable in connection with the action or proceedings, or
- (c) otherwise, conducts the proceedings in a manner that the Court considers amounts to an abuse of process.

(5) For the purpose of subsection (4)(a), the standard of proof is the balance of probabilities.>

Ariane Burgess

159 In schedule 1, page 47, line 8, at end insert—

<“Aarhus Convention” means the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters signed at Aarhus on 25th June 1998.>

After section 39**Ariane Burgess**

160 After section 39, insert—

<*Guidance on matters relating to jurisdiction of the Court*

Guidance on matters relating to jurisdiction of the Court: access rights

The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 12 months after section 35 comes into force, update any guidance given under section 27 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to reflect the Court assuming the competence and jurisdiction conferred on it by paragraph 16 of schedule 1 of this Act.>

Ariane Burgess

161 After section 39, insert—

<*Review of Scottish Land Court jurisdiction*

Review of impact of changes in jurisdiction of the Court: access rights

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 3 years after section 35 comes into force, undertake a review on the impact of the Court assuming the competence and jurisdiction conferred on it by paragraph 16 of schedule 1.
- (2) On completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must publish and lay a report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) The report laid under subsection (2) must, in particular, include an assessment of the extent of changes, if any, in the volume and nature of proceedings brought under the provisions

mentioned in that paragraph arising from the Court assuming such competence and jurisdiction.>

Ariane Burgess

162 After section 39, insert—

<Review of Scottish Land Court jurisdiction

Review of Scottish Land Court jurisdiction: environmental matters

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of 6 months beginning with the day after Royal Assent, establish an expert working group to review the environmental jurisdiction of the Court.
- (2) The expert working group established under subsection (1) must be comprised of no fewer than 7 nor more than 12 members including—
 - (a) an independent chair with expertise in environmental law,
 - (b) at least one person nominated by the Law Society of Scotland,
 - (c) at least one person nominated by the Faculty of Advocates,
 - (d) at least one person representing the interests and concerns of business,
 - (e) at least one person representing the interests and concerns of land management,
 - (f) at least two persons representing the interests and concerns of environmental non-governmental organisations.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must provide the expert working group with appropriate administrative support.
- (4) The expert working group established under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) review the case for and against establishing a specialist environmental court, including by way of expanding the environmental jurisdiction of the Scottish Land Court,
 - (b) prepare a report to be provided to the Scottish Ministers with recommendations on the matters mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (5) The report under subsection (4)(b) must be provided to the Scottish Ministers within 12 months of the expert working group being established.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) on receipt of the report under subsection (4)(b), lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament,
 - (b) within 6 months of the report being laid before the Scottish Parliament, publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament—
 - (i) a statement setting out their response to each of the recommendations made in the report under subsection (4)(b), and
 - (ii) a timetable for implementing the recommendations, if any, accepted by the Scottish Ministers.>

Schedule 2**Ariane Burgess**

163 In schedule 2, page 51, line 35, leave out <after “(a)” insert “or (aa)”> and insert <for “an apportionment made as mentioned in paragraph (a) above to an end” substitute “to an end (in whole or in part) an apportionment made as mentioned in paragraph (a) or (aa)”>

Ariane Burgess

164 In schedule 2, page 53, line 11, at end insert—

<Environmental Protection Act 1990

- (1) The Environmental Protection Act 1990 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 80(3) (summary proceedings for statutory nuisances), for “sheriff” substitute “Scottish Land Court”.
- (3) In section 81 (supplementary provisions)—
 - (a) in subsection (2), for “sheriff having jurisdiction where the act or default is alleged to have taken place” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (b) in subsection (4), the words “or sheriff” and “or sheriff considers” are repealed,
 - (c) in subsection (5), for “any court of competent jurisdiction” substitute “the Scottish Land Court”.
- (4) In section 82 (summary proceedings by persons aggrieved by statutory nuisances)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for “sheriff may act under this section on a summary application” substitute “Scottish Land Court may act under this section on an application”,
 - (b) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “sheriff” where it first appears substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (ii) the words “or the sheriff” are repealed,
 - (c) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) for “sheriff” where it first appears substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (ii) the words “or of the sheriff” in each place where they occur are repealed,
 - (d) in subsection (11), for “sheriff” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (e) in subsection (12), the words “or the sheriff” in each place where they occur are repealed,
 - (f) in subsection (13)—
 - (i) for “sheriff” where it first appears substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (ii) the words “or the sheriff” in each place where they occur are repealed.

Ariane Burgess

165 In schedule 2, page 53, line 13, at end insert—

<Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is modified as follows.

- (2) In section 146(3) (interdicts restraining breaches of planning control), for “Court of Session or the sheriff” substitute “Scottish Land Court”.
- (3) In section 235(2)(a) (procedure for assessing compensation), for “Lord President of the Court of Session” substitute “Chair of the Scottish Land Court”.
- (4) In section 238 (proceedings for questioning validity of development plans and certain schemes and orders)—
 - (a) in subsection (A1), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (b) in subsection (1), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (c) in subsection (2), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”.
- (5) In section 239 (proceedings for questioning the validity of other orders, decisions and directions)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (b) in subsection (2), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (c) in subsection (5), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”,
 - (d) in subsection (7), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”.
- (6) In section 245A(1) (enforcement in relation to the Crown), for “Court of Session” substitute “Scottish Land Court”.
- (7) In schedule 15 (general vesting declarations), paragraph 13, for “any court of competent jurisdiction” substitute “the Scottish Land Court”.
- (8) In schedule 17 (enforcement as respects war-time breaches by the Crown of planning control), paragraph 7(2), for “Court of Session” in each place where it occurs substitute “Scottish Land Court”.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 28 January 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 33(6) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

[Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Characteristic of Sex\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 12(4)(c) of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Fees\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989.

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

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

Progress of Legislation

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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

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 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), 28 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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 February 2026

Stage 1 Report – Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (2nd Report, 2026)

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:

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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

Lead committee - Health, Social Care and Sport

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)

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 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)

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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 7 March 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 8 March 2026

[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Characteristic of Sex\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Fees\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Negative instruments

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

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

Subject to annulment by 27 February 2026
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[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/13\)](#) (19 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment by 2 March 2026
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[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)

Subject to annulment by 7 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/30\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

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[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, 4th Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Standing Order Rule changes - Related to Gender Sensitive Audit recommendations on Parliamentary Bureau Membership, Election of Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding Officers and SPCB Membership \(SP Paper 978\)](#), publication date: 28 January 2026

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 January 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Social Security Assistance in Scotland - Up-rating for Inflation in 2026-27 (SG/2026/39) laid under section 86A(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The Scottish Ministers response to the report by the Scottish Commission on Social Security on the draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/40) laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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