

Monday 10 August 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
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## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 June 2026

### Tuesday 1 September 2026

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** General Questions

**followed by** First Minister’s Questions (Backbench Members)

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members’ Business

### Wednesday 2 September 2026

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members’ Business

### Thursday 3 September 2026

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm** General Questions

**2:00 pm** First Minister’s Questions (Party Leaders)

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

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**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:00 pm** Decision Time

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## Tuesday 8 September 2026

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

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**followed by** General Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## Wednesday 9 September 2026

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:30 pm** Decision Time

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## Future Committee Meetings

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

## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

## Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**[\\*S7M-00815](#) Patricia Gibson: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026**—That the Parliament supports Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place from 9 to 15 October 2026 and has the theme, *Together, we care*, focusing on nurturing mental and physical wellbeing and supporting one another; recognises that the week provides a safe and supportive opportunity for those affected by pregnancy and baby loss to share their experiences and to feel that they are not alone; recognises the devastating impact that baby loss can have on parents and the wider family; notes official statistics showing that there were 318 baby deaths including 159 stillbirths in Scotland and 4,477 baby deaths including 2,552 stillbirths across the UK in 2024; further notes research by the charity *Tommy's* indicating that half of adults in the UK have been affected directly, or through someone they know, by pregnancy or baby loss; acknowledges the significance of the global *#WaveOfLight* on 15 October, during which families around the world light a candle at 7PM local time in remembrance of babies who have died; pays tribute to the charities and organisations that support bereaved parents and families; commends the work of pregnancy and baby loss charities across Scotland and the UK, including Ayrshire Baby Loss Support, a non-profit organisation that supports anyone affected by baby loss and is a member of the Baby Loss Awareness Alliance, a group of more than 80 charities and organisations from across the UK that collaborate during Baby Loss Awareness Week to raise awareness of pregnancy and baby loss and to improve support for those affected, and recognises the valuable contribution that such organisations make in raising awareness and helping families through the painful experience of pregnancy and baby loss.

**[\\*S7M-00788](#) Lloyd Melville: Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland’s Soft Fruit Sector**—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland’s soft fruit sector and its important contribution to the rural economy, food and drink industry and the country’s reputation for high-quality produce; recognises Angus as one of Scotland’s leading berry-growing areas and applauds the growers, seasonal workers, packers, processors and retailers who bring Scottish strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries to consumers; notes that almost 2,000 hectares of land in Scotland are devoted to soft fruit production, including around 1,000 hectares for strawberries; welcomes the contribution of Angus Growers, the Arbroath-based grower-owned producer organisation, and its members; commends the family-run Balhungie Berry Farm, near Monifieth, which Lloyd Melville MSP recently visited, for growing and selling fresh local berries and connecting people with Angus agriculture; welcomes initiatives such as the Angus Berry Trail, which link berry production with farm shops, hospitality and tourism; acknowledges what it sees as the challenges facing growers, including rising costs, unpredictable weather and access to seasonal labour; notes the belief that more should be done to



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promote the quality, provenance and nutritional benefits of Scottish berries; further notes the calls for governments, tourism bodies, retailers and public sector caterers to work with growers to promote Scottish berries at home and abroad, including through greater use of seasonal berries in public sector menus, and wishes everyone involved in Scotland's berry sector continued success.

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**\*[S7M-00786](#) Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Secures the Future of the Commonwealth Games**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow on successfully hosting the XXIII Commonwealth Games; further congratulates Commonwealth Games Scotland on its successful organisation of the Games, which saw over 3,000 athletes compete for 645 medals across 10 sports; notes that Glasgow stepped in at short notice to host the Games after the original host, the state of Victoria in Australia, withdrew in July 2023 due to cost concerns; recognises that, following a sustained campaign by Commonwealth Games Scotland and with support from Glasgow parliamentarians, Glasgow agreed in September 2024 to take over the hosting rights for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, allowing the Games to continue uninterrupted, as they have done since the Second World War; further recognises that the Games received financial support from Victoria, Australia; notes that the Games made extensive use of four venues that were originally built or upgraded for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the Scottish Event Campus, Glasgow International Arena, Scotstoun Stadium and Tollcross International Swimming Centre, demonstrating a lower-cost and more sustainable model that allowed the Games to proceed on a leaner budget than originally planned; welcomes the full integration of para-sport across six of the 10 disciplines on offer, which is a record number of para medal events for the Commonwealth Games; celebrates Scotland's performances as host nation, including Josh Kerr's Gold in the Commonwealth Mile, marking the first time the mile has featured at the Games in 60 years; commends the thousands of staff and volunteers whose work across the 11 days of competition was instrumental to the success of the Games; celebrates the fact that Amdavad, India, will host the centennial edition of the Commonwealth Games in 2030, securing the longer-term future of the Games; wishes every athlete, volunteer and spectator involved in the Games the very best, thanks them for making it such a success, and celebrates Glasgow's willingness to step in to ensure that the Commonwealth Games were neither postponed nor cancelled.

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## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S7M-00820](#) Julie MacDougall: Recognising Crafty Grannies Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament recognises the group “Crafty Grannies”, based in Kirkcaldy, which is made up of roughly 20 people from the local area who, for 18 months, have been running an intergenerational community club focused on combatting social isolation; commends the fact that the group have contributed a huge amount to the local community, for example, by making 1,500 poppies to represent every name on the Kirkcaldy War Memorial, running knitting and crochet clubs for senior residents, cooking food for locals in need, and making handcrafted hearts for local funeral directors in cases where a young child has passed away; wishes the group well for their upcoming play “Inspirational Women” which tells the story of how the group was formed; celebrates their continued good work in the community and wishes the club and its members every possible success going forward.

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**\*[S7M-00819](#) Thomas Kerr: Evaluation of the Safer Drug Consumption Facility Pilot**—That the Parliament notes the operation of the Safer Drug Consumption Facility pilot in Glasgow; further notes

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reports of concerns expressed by members of the public and stakeholders regarding the level of usage, the cost of the facility, and its impact on reducing drug-related deaths, public drug use and drug-related crime; believes that, to date, the pilot has not demonstrated sufficient evidence of success to justify wider expansion; calls on the Scottish Government to publish a comprehensive, independent evaluation of the pilot, including data on attendance, health outcomes, referrals into treatment and rehabilitation, community impact, value for money and any effect on public safety; and further calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise investment in prevention, recovery services, residential rehabilitation, mental health support and community-based addiction treatment to reduce what it considers to be Scotland's unacceptable level of drug-related harm.

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**\*[S7M-00818](#) Colin Beattie: Y2K Awarded Funding to Deliver Wellbeing Matters Project**—That the Parliament congratulates Y2K on securing £10,022 in funding from Tyne Esk; notes that this funding will be used to deliver their brand new *Wellbeing Matters* project, providing a weekly safe space for young people to learn more about wellbeing while spending time with their peers, building confidence and resilience; thanks Y2K and all their staff and volunteers for their invaluable work and dedication to improving the lives of young people in Midlothian.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-00817](#) David Torrance: Voluntary Service of Graham Meacher**—That the Parliament honours Graham Meacher for receiving the Sir James Gildea Global Award in recognition of more than 25 years of exceptional voluntary service as the chairman of the armed forces charity *The Soldiers and Sailors Families Association*; notes that, after joining the Corps of Royal Engineers in 1971, his service took him to West Germany, then the unified Germany, as well as other short overseas deployments, before being awarded an MBE in 1994 in recognition of his service to the Ministry of Defence; understands that, following his retirement in 2000, he went on to become a volunteer in multiple roles, including as a caseworker, fundraising and awareness officer, branch vice-chair and chair, regional chair, and convener of the Scottish Resource Committee; recognises Graham's dedication and hard work and the real difference he has made to the lives of veterans and their families.

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**\*[S7M-00816](#) David Torrance: 5 Years of the Rapid Cancer Diagnostic Service**—That the Parliament congratulates the RCDS (Rapid Cancer Diagnostic Service), based at Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy, on its five-year anniversary; understands that this service provides a fast-track, nurse-led diagnostic pathway for people presenting non-specific symptoms that could indicate cancer but who do not meet the traditional urgent suspected cancer referral criteria; believes that the service helps to provide earlier diagnosis and reassurance for patients who are concerned about their symptoms; notes that the service has now accumulated more than 5,000 referrals since it was launched in 2021, providing timely investigations and quick diagnosis to identify the cancerous or non-cancerous treatment or care that patients need and enable them to access the correct service; recognises the RCDS for achieving this milestone, congratulates the team for successfully delivering one of Scotland's first pilot services in this area, and wishes them all success in the future.

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**\*[S7M-00814](#) Victor Currie: Improving access to GP services in Scotland's Highlands and Islands**—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that General Practitioners and primary care teams play in supporting the health and wellbeing of communities across Scotland; highlights the particular challenges that it believes are faced by people living in the Highlands and Islands due to geographic isolation, long travel distances, limited transport links and the dispersed nature of rural

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populations; further believes that many residents in remote and island communities experience additional difficulties accessing timely GP appointments and essential healthcare services; recognises the pressures faced by rural GP practices, which, it believes, include challenges in recruiting and retaining nurses and wider healthcare professionals; commends the dedication of GP practice staff and healthcare workers who continue to provide essential services in what it considers to be some of Scotland's most challenging locations; believes that people living in rural and island communities should have equitable access to high quality healthcare regardless of their postcode; calls on the Scottish Government, NHS Boards and partners to develop sustainable solutions for rural healthcare, including improved workforce planning, support for rural GP practices, expanded use of appropriate digital healthcare and investment in services that reflect the unique needs of Highlands and Islands communities.

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**\*[S7M-00813](#) Paul McLennan: East of Scotland Strut Celebrates 80th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates the East of Scotland Strut of the Light Aircraft Association on celebrating its 80th anniversary; recognises the success of the charity fly-in held at East Fortune Airfield to mark this milestone; notes that the event attracted 27 aircraft from across Scotland and further afield and raised £838.23 for St Columba's Hospice in memory of Pauline Jaffray; commends the efforts of organiser Keith Griggs, the volunteers, pilots, sponsors and supporters who contributed to the event's success; acknowledges the important role that aviation enthusiasts and community groups play in preserving Scotland's aviation heritage and bringing people together; and wishes the East of Scotland Strut every success for the future as it continues to promote recreational flying and to support charitable causes.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-00812](#) Paul McLennan: Congratulations to East Lothian Businesses for Great Taste Awards Success—**That the Parliament congratulates five East Lothian food and drink producers on achieving the highest three-star accolade at the 2026 Great Taste Awards, which are reportedly widely regarded as the "Oscars of the food world"; recognises the success of Brose Oats of East Linton for its original gluten-free Scottish oat milk, Belhaven Smokehouse of Dunbar for its smoked butter, Dodger Jam near Morham for its Loganberry Jam, Wild & Wonder of Haddington for its Silvertear Vintage Birch Vodka, and Yester Farm Dairies near Gifford for its award-winning soft cheese; notes that these five producers account for almost a quarter of Scotland's three-star winners at this year's awards; praises the dedication, innovation and craftsmanship that have contributed to East Lothian's growing reputation as a centre of excellence in food and drink production; welcomes the positive impact that such achievements have on the local economy, tourism and Scotland's international food and drink reputation, and wishes all those involved continued success in the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-00811](#) Paul McLennan: Congratulating East Lothian Pupils on Strong SQA Results—**That the Parliament congratulates pupils across East Lothian on their achievements in the 2026 examinations; notes reports that East Lothian has recorded its highest proportion of pupils achieving five or more National 5 qualifications since 2022; recognises that 79% of National 5 candidates in East Lothian reportedly achieved A-C grades, exceeding the national average, and that Higher pass rates in East Lothian are reported to have remained above the national average for the second consecutive year; commends the commitment, determination and resilience shown by young people in attaining these results; acknowledges the vital contribution of teachers, support staff, parents, carers and wider school communities in supporting learners to achieve their potential; welcomes the increased number of qualifications achieved across the county; notes the importance of continuing efforts to address the attainment gap and ensure that all young people, regardless of background or circumstance, have equal opportunities to succeed, and wishes all pupils every success in their future education, training and career pathways.

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Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-00810](#) Patricia Gibson: Recognising the Importance of Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls**—That the Parliament believes that violence against women and girls is a fundamental violation of human rights and encompasses a range of behaviours, including domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking, forced marriage and female genital mutilation; notes concerns regarding reported evidence that violence against women and girls remains prevalent across Scotland and that, over the last decade, recorded sexual crimes and domestic abuse incidents have increased; is concerned that women and girls are disproportionately affected by such violence and abuse, and that the majority of victims know the perpetrator; considers that violence against women and girls is rooted in gender inequality and that effective primary prevention requires long-term action to address harmful attitudes, behaviours and structures that enable such abuse to occur; believes that promoting gender equality, challenging harmful gender stereotypes and encouraging respectful relationships can contribute to preventing violence before it occurs; commends the work of Zero Tolerance, the Scottish charity established in 1992 to end men's violence against women by tackling its root cause, namely gender inequality, and recognises the impact of its pioneering public awareness campaigns in bringing the issue of violence against women into public consciousness and promoting the message that such violence is never acceptable.

Supported by: Liam McArthur\*, Paul McLennan\*, Jamie Langan\*, Stuart McMillan\*, David Smith\*, Alyn Smith\*, Max Bannerman\*, Angela Ross\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Duncan Massey\*, Gary Bouse\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-00809](#) Thomas Kerr: Congratulating FOUR PAWS on its 20th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates FOUR PAWS on celebrating its 20th anniversary of international animal welfare work; recognises the significant contribution that the organisation has made over the past two decades to protecting vulnerable animals and improving animal welfare standards across the UK and internationally; recognises FOUR PAWS' role in securing what it considers to be important animal welfare reforms in the UK, including stronger regulation of primate ownership through licensing, improved safeguards for pets sold online, commitments from major retailers to use cruelty-free feather and down, successful campaigns encouraging fashion brands to abandon fur, and measures to tackle the illegal importation of puppies, kittens and ferrets; notes that, between June 2006 and June 2026, FOUR PAWS has reportedly rescued 572 wild animals globally, providing them with lifelong sanctuary and specialist care; commends the dedication of the charity's staff, volunteers, campaigners, veterinarians, supporters and donors whose commitment has transformed the lives of countless animals over the past 20 years; welcomes the organisation's continued ambition to strengthen animal welfare through campaigns to end illegal puppy smuggling, the fur trade, and the global dog and cat meat trade; and wishes FOUR PAWS every success as it continues its work over the next 20 years.

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**\*[S7M-00808](#) Julie MacDougall: Recognising the urgent need for operational defibrillators** — That the Parliament recognises an urgent need to address the issue of malfunctioned or incorrectly stocked defibrillators across Scotland; understands that this can cause life-threatening danger to people using the machines who may do so believing they are in good order; notes that senior figures in the Scottish Ambulance Service have reportedly recommended improvement to registration and general maintenance of defibrillators; supports the ongoing campaign work the British Heart Foundation undertakes to raise awareness of this issue and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the relevant healthcare bodies, emergency services and charities in order to resolve it.

Supported by: Victor Currie\*, Duncan Massey\*, Max Bannerman\*, David Smith\*, Thomas Kerr\*, Amanda Lindsay\*, Angela Ross\*, Helen McDade\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Senga Beresford\*, Miles Briggs\*, Tim Eagle\*

**\*[S7M-00807](#) Patricia Gibson: Suicide Prevention Week 2026 and World Suicide Prevention Day** —That the Parliament notes that Suicide Prevention Week will take place from 7 to 13 September



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2026, centred on World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2026; recognises that World Suicide Prevention Day was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the World Health Organisation to promote the core message that suicide can be prevented; notes that the theme for 2024 to 2026 is *Changing the Narrative on Suicide*; considers that reducing stigma and encouraging openness, understanding and support are important elements of suicide prevention; notes that, according to National Records of Scotland, there were 704 probable suicide deaths in Scotland in 2024 and that significant inequalities remain, including higher rates among males and in areas experiencing deprivation; further notes that the gap between rates of probable suicide mortality in the most and least deprived areas has decreased since 2001, driven by lower rates in the most deprived areas, and that age-specific rates of probable suicide mortality in 2024 were highest among those aged between 25 and 64; commends the work of *United to Prevent Suicide*, a social movement supported by *Suicide Prevention Scotland* and hosted by *Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH)*, in empowering communities to take action to prevent suicide and in promoting *The Declaration* which seeks to build communities based on compassion, connection and hope; believes that everyone has a role to play in suicide prevention, and encourages anyone affected by suicidal thoughts or concerned about another person to seek support from available services, including NHS inform and the Samaritans.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*, Alyn Smith\*

**\*[S7M-00806](#) Maggie Chapman: Congratulating Montrose LandxSea Film Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of Scotland's environmental film festival, Montrose LandxSea Film Fest, on its annual festival held at Montrose Playhouse; notes that the programme for the festival's fourth year, which will take place between 11 to 13 September 2026, has been launched; further notes that this year's programme includes 22 new films, a range of inspiring speakers and the opportunity for thought provoking discussion and activity; understands that LandxSea continues to be funded by Screen Scotland, part of Creative Scotland, delivering services and support with funding from the Scottish Government and The National Lottery, and wishes Montrose LandxSea Film Festival every success with this festival and its ongoing activities.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess\*, Heather Anderson\*, Kristopher Leask\*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Dawn Black\*, Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Laura Moodie\*, Kate Nevens\*

**\*[S7M-00805](#) Pauline McNeill: Support for the Srebrenica Memorial Centre**—That the Parliament notes with deep concern reports that 26 staff members and associates of the Srebrenica Memorial Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been summoned for questioning by Republika Srpska police in Zvornik; recognises what it sees as the vital role of the Srebrenica Memorial Centre in preserving the memory of the 1995 Srebrenica genocide through education, research, commemoration and public engagement; believes that many of those affected are themselves survivors of the genocide and continue to work in challenging circumstances marked by genocide denial, historical revisionism and the glorification of convicted war criminals; further believes that any intimidation of survivors, educators, researchers and memorial workers undermines efforts to uphold truth, justice and remembrance; reaffirms Scotland's longstanding commitment to genocide education and to challenging hatred and intolerance in all its forms, including through support for the work of Beyond Srebrenica; expresses solidarity with the staff, associates and supporters of the Srebrenica Memorial Centre; condemns any actions that seek to intimidate those working to preserve historical truth and the memory of the victims of genocide; and calls on the Scottish Government to raise these concerns with the UK Government and international partners, while continuing to support initiatives that promote genocide education, remembrance and the defence of human rights.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-00804](#) James Adams: Celebrating the Glorious Twelfth**—That the Parliament celebrates, on the 12th of August, the Glorious Twelfth; believes that grouse moor management makes a vital contribution to Scotland's rural economy, biodiversity and wildfire resilience; further believes that the North East region has some of Scotland's best grouse moors; understands that Scotland's shooting

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sector is believed to contribute £780 million in gross added value to the Scottish economy; celebrates the culmination of what it considers to be a year of hard work undertaken by gamekeepers and land managers in promoting sustainable grouse moor management; takes the view that grouse moors boost biodiversity, providing important refuges and mosaic landscapes for many endangered ground-nesting birds, including lapwing, curlew and golden plover; further believes that, without careful management and predator control, the result would be biodiversity loss and harm to Scotland's natural environment; further takes the view that active grouse moor management, including practices such as muirburn, and the management of vegetation, plays an important role in reducing fuel loads across Scotland's moorlands, helping to reduce the build-up and continuity of combustible vegetation, thus mitigating wildfire risk; appreciates organisations such as BASC and its members in promoting the work of those who manage Scotland's grouse moors and the benefits it considers they bring to Scotland's countryside; and wishes all those involved in grouse moor management in Scotland and the North East region, the very best for the season ahead.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Duncan Massey\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Russell Findlay\*, Tim Eagle\* **R**, Jamie Langan\*

**\*[S7M-00803](#) Clare Adamson: Supporting Community Access to Defibrillators in Newmains—**

That the Parliament welcomes the installation of a new public-access defibrillator cabinet on the exterior wall of Robins Bar in Newmains; understands that the defibrillator was secured through the collaborative efforts of local elected members, the wider community, and both the outgoing and incoming Newmains Gala Day Committees, in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation's initiative to expand access to life-saving defibrillators across communities; recognises what it sees as the generosity of Brian Jordan Electrics in carrying out the installation free of charge; commends everyone involved for their commitment to improving community safety and resilience; acknowledges what it considers to be the vital role that publicly accessible defibrillators play in improving survival rates following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; celebrates the contribution of local businesses, volunteers and community organisations in increasing access to this life-saving equipment and encourages communities across Scotland to support the installation, maintenance and promotion of public-access defibrillators. **R**

Supported by: Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Haughey\*, Miles Briggs\*, Heather Anderson\*, Amanda Lindsay\*, Kim Schmulian\*, Julie MacDougall\*, Gary Bouse\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Tim Eagle\*

**\*[S7M-00802](#) Jackie Dunbar: CFINE's Pantry+ Official Opening—**That the Parliament celebrates the official opening of CFINE's Pantry+ due to take place on 27 August; understands that Pantry+ is a food service that operates to help families in Aberdeen access affordable and healthy foods, toiletries, and baby products at a low cost, costing £5 annually for a membership and £3 per visit, at which point Pantry members can choose up to 10 items per shop, which have an estimated value of around £15-£20; notes that CFINE secured funding through the Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Fund, distributed by Aberdeen City Council, to refurbish their existing pantry space; recognises what it considers to be this important service in tackling cost of living pressures and wishes CFINE all the best ahead of the Pantry+ opening.

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**\*[S7M-00801](#) Clare Adamson: Heading: Restoration of the Japanese Garden at Dalzell Estate—**

That the Parliament welcomes the ongoing restoration of the historic Japanese Garden at Dalzell Estate, Motherwell; commends the dedication of Kenny Ritchie, who, it understands, has led the restoration project over the past three years through his work with the Scottish charity Phoenix Futures; acknowledges the significant contribution that Phoenix Futures makes in supporting individuals, families and communities across Scotland through volunteering, community engagement and personal development programmes; further commends Kenny Ritchie's efforts to secure additional support from local businesses to advance the restoration project; applauds volunteers from Kwik Fit and North Lanarkshire Council for generously giving their time, skills and expertise to help

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preserve this important local heritage asset for future generations; recognises the value of partnership working and community volunteering in protecting and enhancing Scotland's historic environment; and wishes everyone involved every success as the restoration of the Japanese Garden continues.

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**\*[S7M-00800](#) Clare Adamson: Veterans Community Lanarkshire Open Day Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Veterans Community Lanarkshire on the success of its Open Day, held in Craigneuk; recognises what it sees as the tremendous community spirit shown by everyone who attended, volunteered and supported the event; notes that the Open Day raised over £3,000, with every penny reportedly going towards Veterans Community Lanarkshire's invaluable work supporting veterans and their families across Lanarkshire; commends the organisation for its ongoing dedication to improving the wellbeing of the veteran community through practical support, friendship and advocacy; thanks all those whose generosity made the event such a success and wishes Veterans Community Lanarkshire every continued success in its important work.

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**\*[S7M-00799](#) Michelle Campbell: Congratulating Pipe Band Competition Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the Renfrewshire Schools Development Pipe Band and the Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band on their success at the Renfrew Pipe Band Competition; notes that the Renfrewshire Schools Development Pipe Band were placed first in the Grade Novice B competition, and that the Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band were placed second in the Grade Novice A competition; understands that the Renfrewshire Schools Development Pipe Band also placed twelfth in the Grade Novice B competition at the Scottish Pipe Band Championships, with the Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band placing forth in the Grade Novice A competition at the same championships; commends each and every person taking part in the bands on their efforts during these competitions, and wishes them well going forward. **R**

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**\*[S7M-00798](#) Pauline McNeill: Welcoming the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill in Ireland**—That the Parliament welcomes the passage through the Irish Parliament of the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2026 and its signature into law by President Catherine Connolly on July 23, 2026; recognises the Bill as a significant effort to ensure that goods produced in Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory are not imported into Ireland; notes reports that the settlements have been consistently found to be illegal under international law, including by the International Court of Justice and in numerous United Nations resolutions; believes that trade with illegal settlements contributes to the maintenance and expansion of those settlements; considers that states have a responsibility to ensure that their trade policies are consistent with international law and the protection of human rights; welcomes legislative initiatives that seek to uphold these principles through peaceful and lawful means, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to examine measures that would ensure that trade policy does not support or facilitate economic activity arising from illegal settlements in occupied territories, in accordance with international law.

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**\*[S7M-00797](#) Pauline McNeill: Death of John Douglas** —That the Parliament notes with deep sadness the death of John Douglas, founder, songwriter and guitarist of the Trashcan Sinatras; recognises that his exceptional songwriting abilities and musical talent were widely admired by audiences, fellow musicians and critics alike; notes that the band released six acclaimed studio albums, beginning with *Cake*, originally issued in 1990 and re-released in 2023, when it finally reached the UK Top 10 some 33 years after its debut; further notes his recent performances as a solo artist and alongside his wife, the love of his life, Eddi Reader; recognises that, at the opening of the

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Scottish Parliament in 1999, Eddi Reader famously performed *Wild Mountainside*, written by John Douglas; believes that his music has made an enduring contribution to Scotland's cultural life and international musical reputation; expresses its sincere condolences to Eddi Reader, his family, friends, bandmates and all who knew and loved him; considers that his passing is a profound loss to the Scottish and wider music industry, and further believes that, while he will be sorely missed, his remarkable songs and musical legacy will continue to inspire and be cherished for generations to come.

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**\*[S7M-00796](#) Clare Haughey: 30th Anniversary of the Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre**

—That the Parliament celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre; understands that the Resource Centre, affectionately then known as the ‘Bonus Ball’, opened in the 1990s after local people worked together to create a much-needed facility in their own community; recognises that the venue was one of the first in Scotland to receive support from the National Lottery, having obtained funding of over £800,000 to convert the disused Loch Primary on Belmont Road into a space for the people of Whitlawburn; further recognises that, 30 years on, Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre is a facility that is still well utilised by local organisations and local people; pays tribute to past and present committee members, volunteers, third sector organisations and local residents who have supported the Centre over the decades, and wishes the Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre all the best in the years ahead.

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**\*[S7M-00795](#) Jackie Dunbar: Charities Fund Scotland-wide Testing Project to Identify Inherited Cancer Risk in People with Westray and Whalsay Ancestry**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that eight charities are set to fund a two-year project, which will cost more than £365,000 and will offer genetic testing to thousands of people with ancestral links to Westray in Orkney and Whalsay in Shetland, helping to identify those who have a higher inherited risk of developing certain cancers; understands that the project will be led by researchers from the University of Aberdeen and the NHS North of Scotland Genetics Services, which are based in NHS Grampian, and will offer testing for the specific BRCA gene variants that are more common in people with Westray and Whalsay ancestry; notes that the project will be funded by a unique partnership of NHS charities across Scotland, including NHS Grampian Charity and Friends of ANCHOR; believes that it is the first time that NHS charities have come together to fund a Scotland-wide project, with each charity funding the costs associated with its own geographic region, while Friends of ANCHOR will fund costs associated with the roll-out in Orkney and Shetland; notes that it is anticipated that around 5,000 tests will be carried out across Orkney, Shetland, Grampian, Highland, Tayside, Lothian and Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS areas; understands that, at present, BRCA testing in Scotland is only available to people who know of a direct family connection to a variant or who have a history of breast, ovarian and/or prostate cancer in their family; commends the efforts of all involved in delivering this project, and wishes them all the best going forward.

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**\*[S7M-00794](#) Keith Brown: Recognising the University of Stirling as Scottish University of the Year 2027**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Stirling on being named *Daily Mail* University Guide's Scottish University of the Year 2027 and UK Sports University of the Year 2027; understands that the university is recognised for its award-winning student experience, ranking first in the UK and top 10 globally for campus environment in the International Student Barometer, and for achieving 90% overall satisfaction in the 2026 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey; further understands that more than 94% of Stirling graduates are in employment or further study 15 months after graduating; acknowledges that the university is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence,



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leading the UK in sports performance, participation, education and research, and is home to national high performance programmes in swimming, tennis, triathlon and golf; notes that it is a key partner in the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal, receiving more than £46 million of UK Government and Scottish Government investment in research infrastructure, and is a founding partner in the innovative Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership, pioneering regional responses to healthcare needs; further notes the continued growth of its international partnerships, including in China, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates; acknowledges that the University of Stirling ranks among the world's top 200 institutions for contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals; welcomes its leadership on gender equality, with 44% of professors and 60% of senior managers being women; further welcomes the fact that it holds an institutional Athena Silver Award in recognition of its inclusive working culture, and commends the university community for its ongoing contribution to Scotland's academic, sporting, civic and international reputation.

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**\*[S7M-00793](#) Jack Middleton: Supporting Scottish Golf at the Home Internationals—**That the Parliament sends its best wishes to the Scotland Men's and Women's teams at the 2026 Golf Home Internationals, which are taking place in County Wicklow, Ireland; understands that the annual golf championship is contested by amateur teams representing Scotland, Wales, Ireland and England; congratulates all players selected to represent Scotland, including Aberdeen's own Ben Murray of Portlethen Golf Club; believes that it is a remarkable achievement to represent your country, and wishes both Scotland teams the very best.

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**\*[S7M-00792](#) Duncan Dunlop: Honouring Archie Goodburn for His Dedication to Brain Cancer Advocacy—**That the Parliament congratulates Archie Goodburn on his outstanding achievement of reaching the 50m breaststroke final in the Commonwealth Games; commends Archie's heartfelt and direct appeal to Downing Street to help ease the unbearable suffering of brain cancer patients and their families; supports his direct plea to Prime Minister Andy Burnham to invest more money and resources into brain cancer research; understands that there are clinical trials around the world, including in the US, Australia and China, that could change lives and yet are not available in the UK; pays tribute to Archie, his best friends and those that are affected with brain cancer around the country; acknowledges Archie's passionate advocacy and fight for increased brain cancer research; believes that, although the Rare Cancers Act 2026 is a step in the right direction, it does not go far enough, and thanks Archie for his continued campaigning, advocacy and fight for a better future for people with brain cancer.

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**\*[S7M-00791](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team Sponsored Walk 2026—**That the Parliament notes that Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team is due to host a sponsored walk on 12 September 2026; understands that the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team is seeking to raise vital funds for the organisation; believes that there will be a number of activities taking place on the day, including a short walk, a long walk and a ranger-led walk around Bennachie; understands that Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team provides a volunteer rescue service for walkers, climbers and other people who enjoy outdoor activities in the Cairngorms and the hills of lower Donside and Deeside and can be called out to search for missing persons anywhere in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire; commends the continuous hard work and efforts of the team, and wishes them all the best for their sponsored walk when it comes.

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**\*[S7M-00790 Jackie Dunbar: Moira Weatherstone Becomes First Female Chair of Scottish Mountain Rescue](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Moira Weatherstone on her recent appointment as chair of Scottish Mountain Rescue, becoming the first female to chair the organisation in its 60-year history; notes that Moira was first invited to join Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team in 1990 after moving to the area, which presented her with the opportunity to combine her experience of the outdoors with a love of Scotland's mountains, while giving something back to people in need; understands that when Moira first joined, very few women were involved in mountain rescue in Scotland, with numbers steadily increasing since then; recognises that, in 1992, Moira qualified as a dog handler with the Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA) Scotland, becoming one of only two qualified female dog handlers in Scotland at the time, with her fourth search dog just recently retiring; believes that Moira is the longest-serving female dog handler in SARDA Scotland's history and continues to support their work as a trainer and assessor, helping to develop the next generation; commends the vital work carried out on a day-to-day basis by the Scottish Mountain Rescue teams, and wishes Moira every success going forward in her tenure as chair.

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**\*[S7M-00789 Maggie Chapman: Welcoming Progress on Dundee's Public Diner](#)**—That the Parliament welcomes the appointment of Dundee University Students' Association (DUSA) as the catering provider for the co-Designing Innovative infrastructure for Sustainable Healthy & Equitable Diets (DISHED) one-year public diner pilot in Dundee; further welcomes that a High Street location has been secured for the diner following public consultation; understands that public diners are state-supported restaurants which, alongside public libraries and parks, form part of public infrastructure; believes that food system transformation is a key method for achieving Scotland's sustainable development goals and notes that the Nourish Scotland report, *Public Diners: The Idea Whose Time Has Come*, identifies public diners as a means of improving nutrition and public health, providing accessible communal and social spaces and removing barriers to good food; further believes that public diners can play a role in creating a sustainable food system and building healthier communities, and pays tribute to the work of Nourish Scotland in engaging with communities across Dundee to build support for the pilot. **R**

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**\*[S7M-00787 Victor Currie: Recognising and Celebrating Community Volunteers](#)**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution made by community volunteers throughout the Highlands and Islands; acknowledges that the volunteers are at the heart of many rural and island communities, providing essential support where public services are often limited by geography and distance; commends the dedication of those who give their time to support charities, community councils, youth organisations, foodbanks, churches, emergency response teams, mountain rescue teams, carers groups, cultural organisations and local events; recognises the invaluable role that volunteers play in addressing loneliness and social isolation, supporting older people and vulnerable residents, strengthening community resilience during emergencies and preserving the unique heritage, language and culture of the Highlands and Islands; thanks every volunteer for their selfless commitment and service; believes that volunteering strengthens communities, improves wellbeing and promotes civic pride, and calls on the Scottish Government, local authorities and public bodies to continue supporting, promoting and investing in volunteering so that individuals and organisations across the Highlands and Islands have the resources needed to continue this invaluable work for future generations.

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**\*[S7M-00785](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Men's Shed Celebrates 10th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Clydebank Men's Shed on its 10 year anniversary; understands that the Men's Shed relies on the dedication of its members to ensure the continued running of the charity; praises generous donations from the wider community, including tools, equipment, transport and baked goods, that allow the Men's shed to continue to offer a social outlet for men; understands the important role that Men's Shed organisations play in tackling social isolation and the positive impact that they have on men's mental health across Scotland; recognises the Scottish Men's Shed Association for providing guidance to Clydebank Men's Shed, and wishes the club well for its next 10th year.

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**\*[S7M-00784](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Volunteer Retires from Girlguiding After 44 Years**—That the Parliament congratulates Ann Tasker from Clydebank upon her retirement after 44 years of service and volunteering with the Girl Guides; notes that Ann began volunteering for the Guides in 1982 and went on to become leader of the 6th Clydebank Rainbows in 1993; understands that across four decades of service, Ann has dedicated many hours to helping deliver opportunities for girls to build new skills and confidence and make new friends; thanks Ann for her service to Girl Guiding, and wishes her the very best for her retirement.

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**\*[S7M-00783](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Man Completes 100 Mile Ultramarathon**—That the Parliament congratulates prostate cancer survivor, John Dryburgh of Kirkcaldy, for completing a 100 mile rat race ultramarathon from Edinburgh Castle to Glamis Castle, including 75 miles within Fife, to raise over £1,100 for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation; notes that John, who is a UESCA-certified ultra-running endurance coach and is now in remission having undergone radiotherapy and hormone therapy after being diagnosed with cancer seven years ago, defied the odds to finish 94th overall out of 538 starters in 29 hours, four minutes and 44 seconds, when 144 rival runners failed to finish; recognises that the 62 year old, who was formerly in the Scots Guards, is now a successful running coach with Kirkcaldy RunSum Running Group, and wishes John all the best in the future after signing up for the 2027 race and leading by example to prove what an individual can accomplish when they put their mind to it.

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**\*[S7M-00781](#) Clare Haughey: R:evolve Recycle's Top Secret Commonwealth Disco Capes Project**—That the Parliament congratulates R:evolve Recycle, based in Cambuslang and Rutherglen, on its involvement in making wonderful upcycled and heavily decorated and embellished disco capes for performers in the opening ceremony of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow; notes that many individuals, artists and organisations came together to produce the capes for dancers in the Barrowlands-themed finale; understands that, R:evolve Recycle, whose work is centred around saving textiles from going to landfill and working towards a circular economy, managed to keep the project top-secret despite its busy summer schedule of craft cafés, children's activities, upcycling, and sewing workshops, as well as its clothes swap and pre-loved shops; notes that the organisation is currently undertaking another secret mission to open a new location, and wishes R:evolve Recycle, all the very best for its continued success.

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**\*[S7M-00779](#) Clare Adamson: Recognising the Importance of First Aid Through Jordan**

**Nicholson's Actions**—That the Parliament congratulates Jordan Nicholson, a 21-year-old employee at Asda in Newmains, on his exemplary response during a workplace medical emergency; notes that Jordan acted swiftly when his colleague, Martin Moroney, began choking during a lunch break, successfully applying the Heimlich manoeuvre to dislodge the obstruction; understands that he drew upon first aid knowledge gained through his involvement in basketball coaching, demonstrating the value of practical lifesaving training; commends his calmness, confidence and professionalism in a highly pressured situation; acknowledges the gratitude expressed by Martin and his family, who believe that Jordan's actions saved his life; recognises what it sees as the importance of first aid education in workplaces, sports clubs, schools and communities, ensuring that people have the skills and confidence to respond effectively in emergencies; believes that timely intervention can make the difference between life and death, and praises Jordan for setting an outstanding example of how first aid knowledge can be used to protect and save lives.

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**\*[S7M-00778](#) Katherine Sangster: Establishment of a Scottish Local News Fund**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role of local journalism and the growing financial pressures facing local news providers across Scotland; notes reports that, while the UK Government's Local Media Action Plan includes a £12 million Local News Fund, no equivalent scheme has yet been established in Scotland; recognises the Scottish Beacon's campaign for the establishment of a Scottish Local News Fund, and calls on the Scottish Government to establish such a fund to support the long-term sustainability of local journalism in Scotland.

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## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S7M-00776](#) David Green: Congratulations to Stephen Mackenzie on Commonwealth Games Medal** (lodged on 31 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Andrew Baxter\*, Miles Briggs\*, Alyn Smith\*, Heather Anderson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Dawn Black\*, Helen McDade\*, Tim Eagle\*

**[S7M-00775](#) Finlay Carson: Recognising Jackie Brown's Remarkable Return to Stranraer Show** (lodged on 31 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S7M-00774](#) Rachael Hamilton: Lewis Ralston Named Supreme Champion at the Border Union Show** (lodged on 31 July 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

**[S7M-00773](#) Jackie Dunbar: National Year of Reading 2026, It's Time to Go All In** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse\*, Jenni Minto\*, Alyn Smith\*

**[S7M-00772](#) Kate Nevens: EHRC Code of Practice Enforcement Risks Violations of Human Rights** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black\*, Q Manivannan\*, Patrick Harvie\*, Ariane Burgess\*

**[S7M-00771](#) Paul McLennan: Farewell to Belhaven Hill School Headmaster** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

**[S7M-00770](#) David Linden: Over 350 years of Staff Experience at Muirhead Road Day Centre** (lodged on 30 July 2026)



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New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00769](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Charity Finance Group's Charity Banking Report 2026 Findings** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Duncan Dunlop\*, Alyn Smith\*

[S7M-00768](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Head of Operations David Adam Retires from First Bus After 47 years** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00767](#) **Jack Middleton: Stop the FIFA World Cup Sell Off** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00766](#) **Steven Bonnar: Bellshill Sharks ASC Volunteers Congratulated for Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Contribution** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Alyn Smith\*

[S7M-00765](#) **Mark Simpson: Supporting Historic Places of Worship and Vital Local Community Services** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford\*

[S7M-00764](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Rachel Corsie Appointed to Aberdeen FC Board of Directors** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00763](#) **Max Bannerman: Lossiemouth Raft Race Returns** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford\*

[S7M-00762](#) **Paul McLennan: Walking Scotland's 30th Anniversary** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00761](#) **Maggie Chapman: Angus Upcycling Project** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00760](#) **Julie MacDougall: Recognising Heather Stuart's 14 years as Chief Executive of OnFife** (lodged on 30 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford\*, Thomas Kerr\*

[S7M-00759](#) **Julie MacDougall: Expressing Concern Over the Potential Closure of Innovate Foods in Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford\*, Thomas Kerr\*

[S7M-00758](#) **David Torrance: Congratulating Ben Sandilands and Steven Bryce on Commonwealth Games Success** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Maggie Chapman\*, Patricia Gibson\*

[S7M-00757](#) **Maggie Chapman: Celebrating Sustainable Kirriemuir** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00756](#) **Martyn Day: Celebration of the Second Anniversary of the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00755](#) **Victor Currie: Addressing the Unique Challenges Facing Scotland's Highlands and Islands** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford\*, Thomas Kerr\*

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[S7M-00754](#) **Katie Hagmann: The Kings Arms Community Pub and Hub Wins the Plunkett UK Team Spirt Award** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00753](#) **Liam Kerr: Denis Law Legacy Trust Volunteer Marcus Crooks to Represent Scotland as Part of Global Youth Creative Collective** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00752](#) **Dawn Black: Recognising the Exporting Success of North East Businesses** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Alyn Smith\*

[S7M-00751](#) **Thomas Kerr: Ensuring Scotland's Taxpayers' Money Supports Scotland's Public Services** (lodged on 28 July 2026)

New Support: Angela Ross\*

[S7M-00747](#) **Gary Bouse: World Stroke Day 2026** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00746](#) **Alyn Smith: Scotland's First Gold Medal at the 2026 Commonwealth Games** (lodged on 28 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00745](#) **Zen Ghani: Recognising the Achievement and Dedication of Aisha Sarwar** (lodged on 27 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00744](#) **Thomas Kerr: Action on Homelessness in Scotland** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford\*

[S7M-00743](#) **Senga Beresford: Recognising the Work of SSAFA Across Scotland** (lodged on 24 July 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson\*, Angela Ross\*

[S7M-00742](#) **Ariane Burgess: Celebrating the Ocean's Seat on the Scottish Association for Marine Science Board** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto\*

[S7M-00739](#) **Marie McNair: Clydesider Magazine Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary** (lodged on 24 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00734](#) **Marie McNair: Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed Compete for Shed of the Year** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00730](#) **Finlay Carson: Congratulations to Johnston Nursery on its Early Years Scotland Awards 2026 Finalist Nomination** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr\*

[S7M-00729](#) **Keith Brown: University of Stirling Sends a Record 22 Athletes to Compete at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*

[S7M-00727](#) **Steven Bonnar: Supporting the Bellshill Community Through Utheo Ltd** (lodged on 23 July 2026)



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New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00726](#) **Steven Bonnar: Clyde FC Community Foundation Champions Literacy and Sport** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*, Patricia Gibson\*

[S7M-00724](#) **Steven Bonnar: Family Service Unit Scotland, Supporting Families** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00723](#) **Steven Bonnar: The Fair Play Foundation, Supporting Health and Wellbeing in Lanarkshire** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00721](#) **Maggie Chapman: Project Slingshot** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*

[S7M-00708](#) **Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00707](#) **Katy Clark: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*

[S7M-00703](#) **Iris Duane: Congratulating Sister's Against Cuts in Support of the Murrays Initiative Women's Service** (lodged on 21 July 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*

[S7M-00699](#) **Clare Adamson: Wellness in Wishaw Returns for a Second Year** (lodged on 21 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00696](#) **Paul Sweeney: Platform in Easterhouse Celebrates 20th Anniversary at the Bridge Family Festival** (lodged on 21 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00693](#) **Marie McNair: Former Bankie Mike Larnach Passes Away** (lodged on 20 July 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Heather Anderson\*, David Torrance\*, Amanda Lindsay\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Bob Doris\*

[S7M-00674](#) **Neil Bibby: Congratulating Renfrewshire Carers Centre on Being Given the Investing in Volunteers Award** (lodged on 17 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00671](#) **David Torrance: Mandy Hunter's 30 Years of Service to the Linton Lane Centre** (lodged on 17 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00662](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Chryston High School Pupil Amy Brown** (lodged on 16 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00661](#) **Neil Bibby: Congratulating Paisley-based Charity the Art Department on its Funding Award** (lodged on 15 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

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[S7M-00658](#) **Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Alyth Parish Church's Annual Kirk Shop on Another Record-breaking Year** (lodged on 15 July 2026)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*

[S7M-00642](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognising National Playlist Day 2026** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00640](#) **Clare Adamson: Commemorating the Legacy of Sir Alexander Gibson** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00639](#) **Mark Simpson: University Of Aberdeen** (lodged on 15 July 2026)

New Support: Angela Ross\*

[S7M-00638](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognising the Launch of Because She Was Here by Catherine McAllister** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00635](#) **Dawn Black: St Cyrus Beach Recognised as One of the UK's Best Beaches** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00634](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulats to Borrowfield Primary School on Receiving RHET's Prestigious 2026 Charles Brown Trophy** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00632](#) **Clare Adamson: Murray Landscapes Achieves Gold Employer Charter Accreditation** (lodged on 13 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00628](#) **Colin Beattie: St Matthew's Catholic Church in Rosewell Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant** (lodged on 13 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00627](#) **Colin Beattie: Newtongrange Development Trust Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant** (lodged on 13 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00626](#) **Colin Beattie: Roslin Community Development Trust Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant** (lodged on 13 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00625](#) **Colin Beattie: Bright Sparks SCIO Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant** (lodged on 13 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00624](#) **Colin Beattie: Ploughing Championships Scotland Limited Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant** (lodged on 13 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00615](#) **Paul Sweeney: Future of the Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA) in Glasgow** (lodged on 10 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00614](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Glencadam Distillery on its outstanding success at the prestigious World Spirit Awards** (lodged on 10 July 2026)

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New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00610](#) **Jack Middleton: Departure of Norman Macleod from STV** (lodged on 10 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00609](#) **Patricia Gibson: Jim Heaney's 50 Years of Service to Karate in Irvine** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00608](#) **Patricia Gibson: Irvine Newtown Men's Shed Named Regional Winner in Scottish Men's Shed of the Year Awards 2026** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00604](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to The FitNest Fife** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00603](#) **Laura Mitchell: Keith Grammar School Team at MATE ROV World Championship** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00602](#) **Holly Bruce: UNESCO Status for the Scottish Morning Roll** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00599](#) **Patricia Gibson: Ayrshire College, UK Training Provider Skills Champion 2026** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00597](#) **Clare Adamson: St Aidan's Primary School Achieves 10th Eco-Schools Green Flag Award** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00593](#) **Clare Adamson: The Legacy of Ava and Poppy Calderwood** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00592](#) **Colin Beattie: Redwood 40th Anniversary** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00591](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Riverside School on Triple Award Achievement** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00586](#) **Rachael Hamilton: World Arthritis Day** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Steven Bonnar\*

[S7M-00584](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Brynn MacDonald on British Open Figure Skating Success** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00583](#) **Michelle Campbell: Caremark Opens In Cardonald** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00578](#) **David Torrance: Wild Meadow Eco Cemetery** (lodged on 6 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00577](#) **David Torrance: The Big Green Market** (lodged on 6 July 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00570](#) **Michelle Campbell: Glasgow's First Walk-In GP Clinic** (lodged on 3 July 2026)

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New Support: Heather Anderson\*

[S7M-00565](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Celebrating Long Covid Kids Community Champion** (lodged on 3 July 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00507](#) **Iris Duane: Support for Striking Staff at Glasgow Caledonian University** (lodged on 26 June 2026)

New Support: Mark Griffin\*

[S7M-00445](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Protecting Vulnerable Consumers Following Termination of Family Protection Plan Insurance Scheme** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00435](#) **Jackie Baillie: Recognising that the Loch Lomond Swim Event Will Help Pupils Build Lifesaving Skills** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00430](#) **Paul Sweeney: Celebrating Glasgow's Twinning with Boston, Massachusetts** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00353](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Buchan Peterson Pipe Band Winners at British Pipe Band Championship** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00347](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Congratulations to The Mainstreet Trading Company on National Recognition** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman\*

[S7M-00255](#) **Lorna Slater: A Wool Strategy for Scotland** (lodged on 3 June 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville\*

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## Questions

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

## Written Questions

### Written Questions lodged on 3 August 2026

[S7W-02198](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that a small proportion of total responses to the *Scottish building regulations: fire safety review and compliance - call for evidence* expressed support for BS 8414 (large-scale testing).

[S7W-02209](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what the final amount spent on the proposed National Care Service is, broken down by category of expenditure.

[S7W-02210](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider increasing the level of reimbursement that jurors are entitled to claim.

[S7W-02211](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the introduction of the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025, what action it is taking to restrict contaminants of concern in treated sewage sludge (biosolids) applied to agricultural land, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), microplastics, bisphenols and pharmaceutical residues.

[S7W-02212](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will establish a comprehensive framework for monitoring and assessing soil health and, if so, what consideration it has given to the 2025 EU's Soil Monitoring Law in developing its approach.

[S7W-02213](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the long-term environmental and public health risks arising from contaminants in biosolids and other waste materials that are applied to farmland as fertilisers or soil amendments and are not currently subject to regulations, beyond pathogens and potentially toxic elements such as lead, zinc and cadmium.

[S7W-02214](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the recommendation by the Competition and Markets Authority to develop a heating oil price checker for Scotland, based on the model operated by the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, and whether it will commit to introducing such a service to improve price transparency for consumers.

[S7W-02215](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has made to the UK Government regarding any impact of its recent tax changes on the cost of the Motability Scheme, and what action it is taking to protect disabled people in Scotland from any resulting increases in costs and more restrictive lease conditions under the Accessible Vehicles and Equipment Scheme.

[S7W-02216](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the adoption and commercial application of research undertaken in Scotland, what action it is taking to increase collaboration between universities, NHS Scotland, businesses and other research organisations.

[S7W-02217](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government how its investment in homelessness prevention and alcohol and drug services will improve access to integrated mental health and addiction support for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including during evenings and weekends, and what action it is taking to ensure that any such support is provided consistently across all local authority areas.

[S7W-02218](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the findings from SEPA's expanded per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) monitoring programme, which detected PFAS at almost 90% of monitored surface water sites and around 60% of monitored groundwater sites,



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whether PFAS monitoring, source protection measures and treatment requirements will be explicitly provided for in its investment objectives for Scottish Water under the Strategic Review of Charges 2027 (SR27) to ensure that PFAS levels do not contravene environmental standards.

[S7W-02219](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), what action SEPA will take at the locations where elevated concentrations have been identified, whether the planned expansion of monitoring from around 300 to 500 samples in 2026 is fully funded, and when it anticipates that environmental standards will be reviewed in light of developing evidence in the UK and EU.

[S7W-02220](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the findings from SEPA's expanded per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) monitoring programme, the EU's increased protections and the UK Government's plans to consult in 2026 on the introduction of a statutory limit covering a wider list of PFAS compounds in England's public supply regulations, whether it will review the current drinking water standard, which is based on the sum of 20 named PFAS compounds.

[S7W-02221](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a consolidated timetable for implementing the devolved provisions of the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026, including the extension of the existing retailer register to nicotine products and herbal smoking products from 29 October 2026, the commencement of the related registration offences from 29 April 2027 and any subsequent regulations relating to the retail display of such products.

[S7W-02222](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the finalisation of regulations on the display of vaping and nicotine products, how it will assess the potential impact of any proposed restrictions on (a) the appeal and accessibility of such products to children and young people, (b) adults using regulated vaping products as a means to move away from smoking and (c) compliant businesses, including specialist vape retailers, and whether it will publish the results of any such assessment as part of the final Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment.

[S7W-02223](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the additional staffing, training, systems and financial costs that local authority trading standards services will incur in implementing and enforcing the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026, and whether it plans to provide dedicated implementation funding or national guidance to support local authorities in meeting those responsibilities.

[S7W-02224](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the introduction of Vaping Products Duty and the Vaping Duty Stamps Scheme on 1 October 2026, what discussions it has had with (a) HM Revenue and Customs, (b) Border Force, (c) Police Scotland, (d) Trading Standards Scotland and (e) COSLA regarding arrangements for sharing intelligence on and coordinating enforcement against illicit and non-compliant vaping products.

[S7W-02225](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that there is consistent access to gambling harm treatment and support services across all parts of Scotland.

[S7W-02226](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase public awareness of the support available to people experiencing gambling-related harm, including the National Gambling Helpline.

[S7W-02227](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with third sector organisations to ensure that people affected by gambling-related harm can access timely and appropriate treatment and support.

[S7W-02228](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of gambling-related harm on people's mental health, financial wellbeing and family relationships.

[S7W-02229](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any (a) Police Scotland officers, (b) members of police staff and (c) personnel working within the wider criminal justice system have had their personal or professional information compromised as a result of the recent cyberattack on the Police National Legal Database, and, if so, what remedial action is being taken.

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[S7W-02230](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any funding received as a consequence of the UK Government's Local News Fund will be allocated to support local journalism, public interest reporting and community news provision in Scotland.

[S7W-02231](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to establishing a local news fund to provide financial support for local, independent and hyperlocal news publishers.

[S7W-02232](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people in the NHS Orkney area currently have (a) sight loss and (b) severe sight loss.

[S7W-02233](#) **Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many projects across (i) the West Scotland region and (ii) Scotland as a whole that were originally awarded funding through the Places for Everyone programme have subsequently been terminated as a result of the transition to distributing funding through the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund and (b) how much public money has been spent to date on these terminated projects.

[S7W-02234](#) **Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the proposed Neilston-Uplawmoor link, for what reason Transport Scotland has decided not to provide additional support to the project.

[S7W-02235](#) **Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what involvement Transport Scotland has had to date in the decision-making process regarding the termination of the proposed Neilston to Uplawmoor link.

[S7W-02236](#) **Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £200,000 provided by Sustrans for the proposed Neilston to Uplawmoor link, whether it will provide a breakdown of how those funds were spent and whether any consideration has been given to recovering or repurposing them following the project's termination.

[S7W-02237](#) **Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with East Renfrewshire Council regarding the funding of the proposed Neilston to Uplawmoor link through the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund.

[S7W-02238](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will increase the support it provides to local authorities and Police Scotland to help address increased reports of antisocial behaviour and better support local communities, in light of the duty under section 1 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, which requires local authorities and the chief constable to maintain a strategy for dealing with antisocial behaviour in their area.

[S7W-02239](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with NHS boards regarding how they will use the £4.5 million funding provided in its Budget 2025-26 for myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and long COVID services.

[S7W-02240](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the 2025-26 Budget deal secured with the Scottish Liberal Democrats of £4.5 million for myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and long COVID services.

[S7W-02241](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what measurable increases in the take-up of benefits by older people have been recorded each year since 2019, broken down by benefit where such information is available.

[S7W-02242](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific actions it has taken since 2019 to increase benefit take-up, including Pension Credit, among older people.

[S7W-02244](#) **Amanda Lindsay:** To ask the Scottish Government, whether it will reconsider its proposal to centralise Level 3 neonatal intensive care services, in light of the impact such a proposal could have on families living across West Lothian who currently rely on these services.

## Written Questions lodged on 4 August 2026

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**[S7W-02243](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the answer to question S7W-01397 by Jenny Gilruth on 3 August 2026, regarding the selection of financial institutions to advise on and support its forthcoming bond-issuance scheme and motion S6M-18686, does not make reference to either Barclays Bank or motion S6M-18686, and whether it will now address the relevant point raised in the initial question.

**[S7W-02245](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01870 by Jenny Gilruth on 28 July 2026, what assessment it has made of any impact that the removal of the Digital, Data and Technology (DDAT) pay supplement could have on the recruitment and retention of civil servants within the DDAT profession, in light of the reported challenges in attracting staff with the relevant expertise due to higher salaries offered in the private sector.

**[S7W-02246](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support and increase horticulture training and education provision in the west of Scotland and Greater Glasgow areas.

**[S7W-02247](#) Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to fulfil the recommendation in its report, *Best Start Five-Year Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care 2017–2024*, regarding the three units that will provide neonatal intensive care, and on what date it plans to remove level 3 neonatal provision from (a) Ninewells Hospital, (b) University Hospital Wishaw, (c) University Hospital Crosshouse, (d) Victoria Hospital and (e) the Princess Royal Maternity Unit.

**[S7W-02248](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the uptake of the second dose of the MMR vaccine by age five, what assessment it has made of the latest Public Health Scotland data, which indicates uptake rates of 85.0% in Dundee City and 87.1% in Aberdeen City in the year ending 31 March 2026, compared with 89.7% across Scotland and the World Health Organization's recommended level of at least 95%, and what targeted action it is taking in these areas in response to this data.

**[S7W-02249](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children residing in (a) Dundee City, (b) Aberdeen City, (c) Angus and (d) Aberdeenshire are currently recorded as having received (i) no dose, (ii) one dose and (iii) two doses of the MMR or MMRV vaccine, broken down by the latest available age groups.

**[S7W-02250](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding MMR or MMRV catch-up vaccination, how many invitations have been issued since 1 January 2026 by (a) NHS Tayside and (b) NHS Grampian, how many of those invited have subsequently attended an appointment and received a vaccination, and what targets have been set to increase uptake in each of these NHS board areas.

**[S7W-02251](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will work with NHS Tayside and NHS Grampian to publish targeted plans for improving MMR and MMRV vaccination uptake in Dundee City and Aberdeen City, including consideration of direct reminders, evening and weekend appointments, drop-in clinics and community or school-based vaccination opportunities, and, if so, what timescales and improvement targets it will set.

**[S7W-02252](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that schools, nurseries, colleges and universities in the North East are suitably prepared to respond to suspected or confirmed cases of measles when pupils and students return following the summer break, including in relation to guidance, contact tracing, communications with families and additional vaccination capacity.

**[S7W-02253](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to publishing regular NHS board-level information regarding confirmed measles cases, including hospital admissions and whether infections were imported or locally acquired, as well as information on MMR and MMRV catch-up vaccination activity, where such information can be published without compromising patient confidentiality.

**[S7W-02254](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the review of measles preparedness in the North East, whether the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care or the Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs will convene a meeting with Public Health

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Scotland, NHS Grampian, NHS Tayside and relevant local authorities and subsequently publish an update setting out agreed actions, responsible organisations and timescales.

[S7W-02255](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the names of all current standing or ad hoc (a) boards, (b) committees, (c) working groups, (d) subgroups, (e) taskforces, (f) advisory groups, (g) forums and (h) other governance arrangements that it is involved in and consider (i) measles, (ii) vaccination and immunisation, (iii) infectious-disease outbreaks and (iv) wider health-protection and outbreak preparedness, and whether it will provide, for each one, information on the (A) remit, (B) chair, (C) participating organisations, (D) date of establishment and (E) dates of meetings since 1 January 2025.

[S7W-02256](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding the reduction of the reported nine-month waiting time for responses to Subject Access Requests from members of the public, including requests for access to video footage from body-worn filming devices.

[S7W-02258](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported increase in video recordings by police officers using body-worn filming devices, what additional resources it is providing to Police Scotland to ensure that members of the public can access such footage through Subject Access Requests, in line with their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018.

[S7W-02259](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm the exact date on which funding payments under the Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme (CAGS) will be released to crofters.

[S7W-02260](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to a targeted approach to alleviating cost of living pressures, including the enhancement of the Best Start Foods and Scottish Welfare Fund schemes or the introduction of shopping vouchers, similar to those implemented by Glasgow City Council in 2022.

[S7W-02261](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its proposed mandatory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to the reported concern raised by the Scottish Retail Consortium that a food price cap policy in Hungary led to shortages of some food products, an increase in abuse towards shop workers and food domestically produced losing out to imports.

[S7W-02262](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements it plans to put in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of More Homes Scotland, including any plans for independent scrutiny of its impact on housing supply, affordability and homelessness.

[S7W-02263](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an annual breakdown of the allocation of funding to each theme of the Strategic Research Programme 2022-27.

[S7W-02264](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the number of applications for support through the Strategic Research Programme 2022-27 that it has (a) received and (b) accepted.

[S7W-02265](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it expects to deliver annually to the Strategic Research Programme in 2027-32

[S7W-02266](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much was spent annually on the Strategic Research Programme 2016-22.

[S7W-02271](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of NatureScot's refusal to grant a license for the 2026 Guga Hunt, what action is being taken to safeguard Scotland's rural cultural heritage and what assessment it has made of any impact that this decision may have on this longstanding tradition in the Western Isles.

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**[S7W-02272 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had during the current parliamentary session with SSE Renewables regarding any impact on seabirds of the Berwick Bank offshore windfarm.

**[S7W-02273 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects a Seabird Compensation Plan to be submitted by the developer of Berwick Bank offshore windfarm to Scottish Ministers for approval as required by the section 36 consent, and what consultation will be carried out as part of the consideration of any such plan.

**[S7W-02274 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Seabird Compensation Plan, which the developer of Berwick Bank offshore windfarm is required to prepare as a condition of its section 36 consent, whether it expects compensation activities set out in the plan to be delivered in Scotland and the UK, and whether it would consider activities delivered elsewhere in Europe and around the world to be eligible for inclusion in the plan.

**[S7W-02275 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether the reforms proposed as part of its Strategic Compensation Policy will apply to the Seabird Compensation Plan required from the developer of the Berwick Bank offshore windfarm, giving the developer wider access to compensatory measures.

**[S7W-02276 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of electricity generated by Berwick Bank offshore windfarm is expected to be (a) exported outwith Scotland and (b) purchased by data centres, such as the proposed QTS data centre at Cambois, Northumberland, where Berwick Bank offshore windfarm is planned to connect to the grid.

**[S7W-02277 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported concerns regarding the health impact of increasing temperatures in Scotland during the summer months and the higher prevalence of wildfires affecting local air quality, what (a) preparedness plans are in place and (b) engagement has been had with (i) NHS Scotland and (ii) third sector organisation partners. **R**

**[S7W-02278 Joe Fagan:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01437 by Angela Constance on 20 July 2026, which potential GP walk-in centre sites are affected by staffing challenges.

**[S7W-02279 Maggie Chapman:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing in response to local patients' reported concerns that cancer and other services have been and are being removed from Stracathro hospital.

**[S7W-02280 Maggie Chapman:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment it has made of the reported removal of cancer and other services from Stracathro hospital.

**[S7W-02281 Maggie Chapman:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on delivering the commitment made by the First Minister in January 2025 to introduce a new Centre of Excellence at Stracathro hospital.

**[S7W-02282 Martyn Day:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43953 by Jenni Minto on 9 March 2026, what processes are in place to assess the impact that the new funding will have on reducing waiting times for gender-affirming care at Glasgow's Sandyford Gender Identity Clinic.

**[S7W-02283 Ariane Burgess:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the consultation on proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas and Priority Marine Features, and whether it will provide stakeholders with advance sight of the consultation documents before publication.

**[S7W-02284 Jackie Baillie:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding commercial fishing activity in Scottish inshore waters, whether it will provide the name and membership information of all the fishery (a) working groups, (b) co-management groups, (c) research groups and (d) management bodies, which are both informal or formally constituted, whose membership includes representatives of



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commercial fishing industry, scientists and/or Scottish Government officials and which are currently operating or have operated since 2020.

**[S7W-02285 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme, for what reason the Clyde Fishermen's Association was the only stakeholder to be party to a memorandum of understanding with Scottish Ministers.

**[S7W-02286 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme, for what reason a memorandum of understanding was entered into that guarantees the Clyde Fishermen's Association a position on the Working Group, and for what reason no equivalent position was provided for any other stakeholder.

**[S7W-02287 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme, for what reason a memorandum of understanding was entered into that allows one stakeholder, the Clyde Fishermen's Association, to formalise a preference regarding the marine scientists appointed to the programme.

**[S7W-02288 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme, for what reason a memorandum of understanding was entered into that allows one stakeholder, the Clyde Fishermen's Association, to prevent other stakeholders from attending meetings of the Working Group.

**[S7W-02289 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme, for what reason the Clyde Fishermen's Association is the only stakeholder with guaranteed access to the resulting data.

**[S7W-02290 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme, when the memorandum of understanding with the Clyde Fishermen's Association was signed by Scottish Ministers, in light of the published document being dated 1 April 2026, which was during the election purdah period.

**[S7W-02291 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Clyde Cod Targeted Science Programme Working Group, what issues were discussed and recorded in the minutes at the inception meeting held before the end of February 2026, as referred to in the memorandum of understanding.

**[S7W-02292 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the £10 million Travel Fund for children and young people with cancer being introduced in England in 2027, and the Welsh Government's announcement that work has begun on an equivalent fund in Wales, whether it will ensure that equivalent support regarding the costs of travelling to treatment is available for children and young people with cancer in Scotland, whether by expanding the eligibility criteria of the Young Patients Family Fund or through a separate scheme.

**[S7W-02293 Jackie Baillie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to a dedicated cancer strategy for children and young people, to follow the *Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care* strategy and how it will ensure the continued delivery of the strategy's aims, once it reaches the end of its lifecycle in 2026.

**[S7W-02295 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest estimate is of the total number of jobs that have been created in Scotland's supply chain as a direct result of the ScotWind programme, and how this compares with the estimates made when the programme was launched in 2022.

**[S7W-02296 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest estimate is of the total value of ScotWind project expenditure that will be spent in Scotland over the lifetime of the programme, and how this compares with the estimates it has previously provided.

**[S7W-02297 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie](#):** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reports that only £25.6 billion of the projected £88.6 billion expenditure associated with ScotWind

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developments is currently expected to be spent in Scotland, and what action it is taking to increase the proportion of project expenditure retained within Scotland.

[S7W-02298](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards establishing a publicly owned national energy company, as first announced in 2017, and whether it remains committed to creating such a company.

[S7W-02299](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the commitment in the 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to the comments reportedly made by the Scottish Retail Consortium and published in *The Herald* on 3 August 2026 that such a policy would not address the root cause of food price inflation and could lead to a wider range of products, and indeed sectors, being similarly targeted.

[S7W-02300](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it receives from the UK Government's Animals in Science Regulation Unit (ASRU) regarding licensed establishments carrying out procedures under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in Scotland, including whether it has received any information relating to investigations, compliance concerns or enforcement action.

[S7W-02301](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of UK Government statistics showing that 2.54 million scientific procedures involving living animals were carried out in Great Britain in 2025, what information it holds on the number of such procedures that took place in Scotland.

[S7W-02302](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S6W-26978 by Paul McLennan on 7 May 2024 and S6W-42254 by Mairi McAllan on 15 December 2025, how (a) much funding has been spent through the National Acquisition Programme and (b) many social homes have been delivered in each local authority area in the year 2025-26.

[S7W-02303](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards the establishment of the Gaza Student Scholarship.

[S7W-02304](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the use of animals in scientific research and testing.

[S7W-02305](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding animal use in scientific research, what assessment it has made of the alignment between its publication, *Life Sciences Strategy for Scotland 2035 Vision*, and the guiding 3Rs ethical framework principles of replacement, reduction and refinement.

[S7W-02306](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding animal use in scientific research, what assessment it has made of whether public funding associated with delivery of the *Life Sciences Strategy for Scotland 2035 Vision* aligns with the guiding 3Rs ethical framework principles of replacement, reduction and refinement.

[S7W-02307](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the acquisitions and voids funding package that it announced to reduce homelessness, how much funding was (a) allocated and (b) spent on voids activity in each local authority area in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26, and how many social rented homes were brought back into use through that funding, broken down by (A) local authority area and (B) year.

## Written Questions lodged on 6 August 2026

[S7W-02308](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a timeline for the release of funding through the Crofting Agriculture Grant Scheme.

[S7W-02309](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that nearly 90% of sewage spills in Scotland may be illegal.

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[S7W-02310](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, for the purposes of assessing the legality of sewage overflows, it will publish a definition of "heavy rainfall".

[S7W-02311](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Peter Hammond of Windrush Against Sewage Pollution has described Scottish Water as the "least transparent" water company in the UK.

[S7W-02312](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to identify the scale of dry weather sewage spills in Scotland.

[S7W-02313](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the remedial action plan recommended by Environmental Standards Scotland as part of its report *Protecting Scotland's seafloor*, and whether this plan will include named responsible bodies, measurable outcomes, funding commitments and deadlines.

[S7W-02314](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will make a statement to the Parliament on its response to Environmental Standards Scotland's finding that Scottish Ministers have not effectively discharged their duties under Regulations 4 and 14 and have failed to comply with Regulation 13 of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010.

[S7W-02315](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reasons why Good Environmental Status was not achieved for seafloor integrity by the statutory deadline of 2020, and by what revised date it expects this status to be achieved in Scottish waters.

[S7W-02316](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the timetable for implementing outstanding seafloor integrity measures from the 2015 Programme of Measures and the relevant measures in the 2025 Programme of Measures, as recommended by Environmental Standards Scotland in its report *Protecting Scotland's seafloor*.

[S7W-02317](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will complete and publish a quantitative and spatially specific assessment of the contribution that measures in the 2025 Programme of Measures under the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010 are expected to make towards Scotland's agreed share of UK-wide seafloor integrity targets.

[S7W-02318](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to the question S7W-01610 by Maree Todd on 5th August 2026, whether, and on what timeline, it will publish the recommendations provided by the six Long Term Conditions Advisory Groups.

[S7W-02319](#) **Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of the process to update the Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments, what (a) regional discussion events and (b) targeted engagement have taken place with (i) community groups and (ii) developers.

[S7W-02320](#) **Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish updated Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments.

[S7W-02321](#) **Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its working paper on refreshing the Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy, published on 18 February 2026, when it expects the recommended community benefit fund level for solar developments to take effect.

[S7W-02322](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has provided any funding to (a) NHS health boards and (b) local authorities in order to carry out remedial works on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) found in buildings.

[S7W-02323](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Glasgow School of Art in its effort to restore the Macintosh Building.

[S7W-02324](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to help rectify recent pressures at University Hospital Crosshouse as a result of reported unsustainable demand on the hospital's A&E department.

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**[S7W-02325 Julie MacDougall:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government for a progress update on the National Hospital Flow Plan which it committed to producing within the first 100 days of the 7th Session of the Scottish Parliament.

**[S7W-02326 Julie MacDougall:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to the recent wildfire in the Cairngorms National Park, for what reason it (a) made a request for vehicles from the Ministry of Defence, specifically water bombing helicopters, that the Ministry does not possess, and (b) turned down an offer from the Ministry of Boeing CH-47 Chinook helicopters as part of efforts to combat the fire.

**[S7W-02327 Julie MacDougall:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, in response to reports that supply chain spending on offshore wind farms has fallen by 29%, and overall projected wind farm spending has reduced from 45.9% to 26.1%, what it is doing to ensure security of the electricity grid.

**[S7W-02328 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many housing adaptations have been approved through the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in 2026-27 so far, broken down by registered social landlord, and (b) what proportion this represents of the estimated 8,500 adaptations associated with the programme that were budgeted for as part of its Budget for 2026/27.

**[S7W-02329 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how much of the funding allocated to the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in its Budget for 2026-27 has, so far, been (i) committed and (ii) spent, and (b) how much of this funding remains unallocated.

**[S7W-02330 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what allocation each registered social landlord has so far received through the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in 2026-27 .

**[S7W-02331 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many applications for funding have been submitted to the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in 2026-27, and (b) what is the total value of funding requested through these applications.

**[S7W-02332 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many applications for funding have been approved through the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in 2026-27, and (b) what percentage this is of the total number of applications submitted.

**[S7W-02333 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence, data, assumptions and modelling were used to arrive at its estimate that funding allocated to the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in its Budget for 2026-27 would support approximately 8,500 housing adaptations, and whether it will publish the methodology used to make that estimate.

**[S7W-02334 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it made of the level of need for housing adaptations among disabled tenants before determining that provision for approximately 8,500 adaptations in its Budget for 2026-27 would be an appropriate level of support.

**[S7W-02335 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has estimated the total unmet need for housing adaptations among disabled tenants in Scotland and, if so, what that estimate is.

**[S7W-02336 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects national data on waiting lists, waiting times and unmet demand for housing adaptations and, if not, what consideration it has given to collecting such data in the future.

**[S7W-02337 Mark Griffin:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how much, by (a) percentage and (b) value, of the increase in funding allocated to the Registered Social Landlord Adaptations Programme in its Budget for 2026-27 is new investment, and how much has been provided through reductions, transfers or reprofiling of expenditure elsewhere in the Scottish Budget.

**[S7W-02338 Martyn Day:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to offering retail bonds to (a) the Scottish public, (b) credit unions or (c), exclusively, Scottish Local Government Pension Funds.



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[S7W-02339](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to issuing Scottish Government Green Bonds (SGGB) in the future.

[S7W-02340](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what it estimates to be the total value of assets held in Scottish Local Government Pension Funds

[S7W-02341](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of funds in Scottish Local Government Pension Funds has been invested in social and affordable housing in Scotland over the past 10 years.

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[S7W-02342](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of individuals being advised that they face a wait of 50 weeks for such treatment, whether it is satisfied with the current waiting times for audiology treatment in NHS Lothian, and what action it is taking to reduce waiting times and improve access to treatment.

[S7W-02343](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government to provide an update on the roll-out of the digital app *MyCare.scot*, and whether it will provide a timeline for the development of additional services as part of the app, including the facility for patients to view, book and manage appointments, to order repeat prescriptions, and to access test results.

[S7W-02344](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01921 by Angela Constance on 3 August 2026, how many individual buildings within the NHS estate in the Highlands and Islands region have been assessed as category C or D in relation to (a) Condition and (b) Functional Suitability, broken down by health board.

[S7W-02345](#) **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many families in each local authority have received support through the Scottish Child Payment each year since it was introduced, and what the current level of uptake is.

[S7W-02346](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish an analysis of its public consultation on the future of council tax in Scotland.

[S7W-02347](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to question S6W-43333, answered by Shona Robison on 29 January 2026, when it will begin the review of council tax arrears for victims of domestic abuse, as required by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025.

[S7W-02348](#) **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) young people have now received a free bus pass through the Young Persons' (under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme and (b) journeys have been made through the scheme, broken down by local authority area.

[S7W-02349](#) **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government, for each local authority, (a) how many businesses received non-domestic rates relief and (b) the total value of relief awarded, in (i) 2024-25 and (ii) 2025-26.

[S7W-02350](#) **Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a timescale for the Scottish Land Court taking on jurisdiction for outdoor access cases under sections 14 and 28 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, as provided for in the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026.

[S7W-02353](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the response to question S6W-35719, what engagement has taken place in the last two years in the Bearsden and Milngavie area with "Local Authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships, Housing Developers and the wider Business community to understand current and future markets which may inform varying the frequency of rail services." **R**

[S7W-02354](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of recent YouGov polling conducted on behalf of the Nuclear Industry Association which reportedly found that a



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higher percentage of people in Scotland identify nuclear power generation as the most important energy source for maintaining a reliable electricity supply than offshore wind or solar.

[S7W-02355](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the compatibility of the proposed Halfway Energy Park solar farm in the Carse of Gowrie with its policies on protecting prime agricultural land and strengthening Scotland's food security.

[S7W-02356](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01822 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 23 July 2026, what steps it will take to engage homeowners and tenants in its planned review of the property factoring system.

[S7W-02357](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take in response to recommendations 29 to 32 of the Session 6 Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's report, *ADHD and autism pathways and support*, particularly in relation to making it easier for those with a private diagnosis to receive timely, ongoing ADHD treatment on the NHS.

[S7W-02358](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for diagnosis and treatment of children and young people with ADHD.

[S7W-02359](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how many newly qualified educational psychologists have secured permanent employment in each of the last five years.

[S7W-02360](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of educational psychologists employed by local authorities are on temporary or fixed-term contracts.

[S7W-02361](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken workforce planning for educational psychology services.

[S7W-02362](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of future demand for educational psychologists.

[S7W-02363](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action it is taking to enable local authorities to improve employment opportunities and pathways for people with autism.

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### 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.*

## Legislative Consent Memorandums

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### Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

*Lead committee - Criminal Justice*

### Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

Lodged on 6 August 2026

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

Lodged on 6 January 2026

*Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (3rd Report, 2026)*

**Financial Services and Markets Bill LCM-S7-8**  
Lodged on 25 June 2026

**Health Bill LCM-S7-6**  
Lodged on 23 June 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)*

**Immigration and Asylum Bill LCM-S7-9**  
Lodged on 14 July 2026

**Northern Ireland Troubles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-68a**  
Lodged on 20 February 2026  
*Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (14th Report, 2026)*  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2026)*

**Public Office (Accountability) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-10**  
Lodged on 28 July 2026

**Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a**  
Lodged on 20 February 2026  
Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026  
*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2026)*  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)*

**Representation of the People Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-7**  
Lodged on 24 June 2026

**Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1a**  
Lodged on 22 July 2026

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## Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

### Affirmative Instruments

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 September 2026**

[Visitor Levy \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 June 2026)  
(Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

### Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment by 23 September 2026**

**Lead Committee report due by 21 September 2026**

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/204\)](#) (11 June 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026**

**Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026**

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/208\)](#) (18 June 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026**

**Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026**

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/212\)](#) (26 June 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/213\)](#) (26 June 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

## Petitions

- The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 4 August 2026:
- PE2239: Convene a Parliamentary Inquiry into Pre-Establishing Scotland's Statehood Infrastructure
  - PE2240: Improve Gynaecology, Fertility, Early Pregnancy and Maternity Care in Scotland
  - PE2241: Introduce Legal Services Payment Orders to improve access to justice in Scottish family law
  - PE2242: Repeal the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
  - PE2243: Refund legal expenses for those acquitted of a crime

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>



New Documents

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 6 August 2026—

Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Commercial Payments Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-5a)

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