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Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

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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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 8 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 Debate

followed by Committee Announcements

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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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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-00862](#) Clare Haughey: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi**—That the Parliament congratulates Blantyre, in Malawi, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, to be celebrated in October 2026; understands that the city was founded on 23 October 1876 by Scottish missionaries, and was named after Blantyre in Scotland, the birthplace of the explorer David Livingstone; recognises that Scotland and Malawi share a deep historical friendship dating back to Livingstone's explorations in the region; highlights the publication of the book by Jonathan Waters, *Blantyre: Urban Evolution – A Photographic History*, which chronicles the city's people, places and transformation since 1876, and pays tribute to the many individuals, businesses, third sector organisations, including the Scotland Malawi Partnership and Rutherglen-based Classrooms for Malawi, schools and universities and governments that have maintained the links between the two countries over the past century and a half.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Langan*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00832](#) Keith Brown: Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes with concern the experiences of learners and families across the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency regarding continuing difficulties in accessing practical driving tests through the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA); believes that these experiences are reflected across communities in Scotland, where what was initially presented as a temporary backlog has become a longstanding problem affecting learner drivers; understands that many learners report logging on before 6.00am only to find themselves behind tens of thousands of others in online booking queues, often waiting hours without securing a test appointment; further understands that some learners have incurred significant additional costs through extended periods of driving lessons and, in some cases, the expiry of theory test certificates before they have been able to obtain a practical driving test, requiring them to pay to sit the theory test again through no fault of their own; recognises the importance of access to driving as a means of supporting employment, apprenticeships, education, caring responsibilities and social mobility, particularly in rural and semi-rural communities where public transport options may be limited; believes that urgent measures are needed to reduce waiting times, improve access to driving tests and extend the validity of theory test certificates for learners affected by excessive delays; is concerned that recent reforms to the booking system have failed to deliver their intended objectives; and concludes that, should the UK Government prove unable to deliver a driving test system that meets Scotland's needs, serious consideration should be given to devolving responsibility for driver testing to the Scottish Parliament.

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Supported by: Lloyd Melville*, Clare Haughey*, Alyn Smith*, Paul McLennan*, Gary Bouse*, Heather Anderson*, Laura Mitchell*, Dawn Black*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Kim Schmulian*, Colm Merrick*

***[S7M-00822](#) Rachael Hamilton: Protecting the Safety of Women by Condemning the Use of Misleading Language by Elected Members that Undermines the Severity of Sexual Violence—**That the Parliament recognises that women have the right to feel safe, respected and protected from intimidation or harassment, including within the Scottish Parliament; notes with concern comments attributed to a Scottish Green MSP that rape exists “on a spectrum”; believes that any suggestion that rape can be understood in terms that diminish its seriousness is wholly inappropriate and deeply distressing to survivors of sexual violence; further believes that the gravity of rape must never be trivialised by those holding public office or responsible for upholding the law; recognises an official response from Rape Crisis Scotland which states: "If anything, rape is not demonised enough. These comments are deeply irresponsible and reinforce harmful rape myths that organisations like ours have fought hard against for decades. The trauma and seriousness of rape should never be minimised."; acknowledges the work of organisations supporting survivors of sexual violence across Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; considers that women serving as elected representatives must be able to participate fully in parliamentary life without feeling intimidated or unsafe as a result of the views or conduct of another elected member; and believes that public discourse in this area must adhere to the highest standards of conduct and protect women's safety, and should never diminish the seriousness of sexual violence.

Supported by: Patricia Gibson*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Langan*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Bland*, Julie MacDougall*, Gary Bouse*, Amanda Lindsay*, Craig Hoy*, Max Bannerman*, Thomas Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Stephen Kerr*, Liam Kerr*, Alexander Burnett*, Miles Briggs*, James Adams*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-00865](#) Clare Haughey: Welcoming Rutherglen's Inaugural Book Festival —**That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of the inaugural Rutherglen Book Festival, which is due to take place in autumn 2026 and will showcase a packed programme of free events for book lovers of all ages; understands that events at the festival will be free to attend thanks to funding from the principal Rutherglen 900 sponsor, Specsavers, and will be organised in collaboration with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Libraries and Rutherglen 900 as part of the wider celebrations to mark the 900th anniversary of the town becoming a Royal Burgh; notes that the festival is due to open with the 900 Years of People and Place event, hosted by the Rutherglen Heritage Society, and will include contributions from the renowned comic artist Frank Quitely, crime writers Denise Mina and Callum McSorely, poet Michael Mullen and children's author Clare Leonard; believes that the festival will provide a fantastic opportunity for people to come together and celebrate the stories, memories and creative talent linked to the town, and wishes the festival organisers all the very best for its success.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00864](#) David Torrance: Celebrating the Kirkcaldy Lottery's Support of the Adam Smith Global Foundation and Local Artists—**That the Parliament congratulates the Adam Smith Global Foundation on being supported by the Kirkcaldy Lottery to transform the landscape of Kirkcaldy's town centre by commissioning murals that celebrate Kirkcaldy's history, to be painted on gable ends in the town; notes that several frontages of empty buildings and shops have so far been decorated, creating a trail that extends the length of the High Street and showcases the work of a number of outstanding Fife artists, including Kerry Wilson, Lisa Graef, Vanessa Gibson, Catherine Lindow, Lauren Morsley and Susan McGill; recognises the important role that the murals play in highlighting the history of the town's world famous linoleum industry, as well as celebrating its most famous son, Adam Smith, who wrote *The Wealth of Nations*, in what is the biggest mural, created by the renowned artist Kerry

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Wilson, and commends all the artists for their efforts and for adding a splash of colour to the town while stimulating an interest in local history amongst locals and visitors alike.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Marie McNair*

***[S7M-00863](#) Colm Merrick: Celebrating 21 Years of Yoker Community Campus Development Company**—That the Parliament celebrates the 21st anniversary of Yoker Community Campus Development Company, in Glasgow Anniesland; notes the valuable work that the organisation does to support a broad range of individuals within the local area; further notes that services include a carer's pop-in café, a walking group and the Chance to Change mental health programme; acknowledges the essential role of third sector organisations such as Yoker Community Campus Development Company in building resilient communities.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00861](#) Laura Moodie: Monklands Replacement Project's Summer Schools**—That the Parliament welcomes the success of the 2026 Summer School programme delivered by the Monklands Replacement Project; notes that more than 60 S4 to S6 pupils from across Lanarkshire participated in three programmes covering construction, clinical care and facilities management; understands that pupils attending the construction programme learned about project management, quantity surveying, building surveying, cost control and workplace safety, and also visited the site of the proposed new hospital; further understands that the clinical programme introduced pupils to nursing, occupational therapy, orthoptics, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy through the care journey of a patient who had experienced a stroke; welcomes the introduction of an additional off-site programme for pupils unable to attend the hospital-based events, which explored how facilities management roles support safe patient care; believes that practical learning of this kind can build confidence, widen young people's understanding of the careers available to them and connect classroom learning with real workplaces; commends everyone involved in delivering the programme, and wishes the participating pupils well for the future.

Supported by: Kate Nevens*, Ross Greer*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Ariane Burgess*

***[S7M-00860](#) Finlay Carson: Celebrating 150 Years of Service by Dumfries YMCA**—That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries YMCA on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in 2026; notes that the organisation was founded in 1876 and has served generations of people across Dumfries for a century and a half; recognises the significant contribution that it has made, and continues to make, through youth work, community development, volunteering, training, mentoring and support services; acknowledges the dedication and commitment of its staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters, past and present, whose efforts have helped countless young people and families to realise their potential and overcome challenges; notes that Dumfries YMCA forms part of the wider YMCA Scotland movement, one of the world's oldest and largest youth organisations, which supports young people and communities through its Vision 2030 priorities of community wellbeing, meaningful work, a sustainable planet and a just world; commends Dumfries YMCA's work in empowering young people, strengthening communities, promoting inclusion and creating opportunities for those facing social or economic disadvantage; thanks all those associated with the organisation for 150 years of dedicated service to the people of Dumfries and Galloway, and wishes Dumfries YMCA every success as it continues to build brighter futures for generations to come.

Supported by: Laura Moodie*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00859](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating the Stonehaven Fireballs on Reaching the Finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Stonehaven Fireballs on being named a finalist in the Outstanding Cultural Event or Festival category at the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards; recognises the dedication of the organising committee, volunteers and participants who work throughout the year to deliver this iconic Hogmanay celebration; notes that the Stonehaven Fireballs is one of Scotland's most distinctive and internationally recognised cultural traditions; acknowledges its contribution to promoting

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Aberdeenshire as a visitor destination and supporting the local economy, and wishes all those involved every success at the awards ceremony and for the future.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, Mark Simpson*, James Adams*

***[S7M-00858](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating The Harbour Bar in Gourdon on Reaching the Finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates The Harbour Bar in Gourdon on reaching the finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards in the Best Bar or Pub category; recognises this achievement as a testament to the dedication and professionalism of its owners and staff; acknowledges its role as a valued local business serving residents and visitors alike; notes its contribution to the local economy and tourism industry in the north east, and wishes The Harbour Bar every success at the awards ceremony and in the years ahead.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Mark Simpson*

***[S7M-00857](#) Michelle Campbell: Celebrating the Work of Turf Youth and Community Project—**That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Turf Youth and Community Project, a community-led charity supporting young people, adults and families in Cardonald and in communities across Glasgow's southside; understands that Turf creates inclusive and welcoming spaces in which people can connect, learn and grow through youth work, community learning, wellbeing activities and practical support; believes that, by shaping its services around the needs and experiences of local people, Turf fosters a strong sense of belonging, strengthens relationships, reduces social isolation and enables members to build skills and confidence; welcomes Turf's collaborative approach to working with other agencies and community partners, including local schools that seek its expertise in developing and delivering training programmes in response to issues affecting pupils and school communities; considers that these partnerships demonstrate the value of trusted, community-based organisations in identifying emerging needs and providing responsive and preventative support; recognises, in particular, the contribution of Turf's girls group in providing a supportive space where girls and young women can discuss the issues that matter to them, develop their sense of identity and feel empowered to express their views; commends chief executive officer Stacey Quinn, project manager Josh Clarke, and Turf's staff, trustees and volunteers for their leadership, dedication and commitment to empowering people of all ages; believes that their sustained, relationship-based work has made a positive difference to individuals, families and the wider community, and wishes everyone involved with Turf Youth and Community Project continued success in the future.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00856](#) Michelle Campbell: Celebrating the Work of Erskine Veterans Charity—**That the Parliament celebrates the outstanding work of Erskine Veterans Charity in providing dedicated care, compassion and support to veterans and their families across Scotland; recognises that Erskine supports more than 1,200 veterans each year through its specialist care homes, activity centres, regional home support service and Veterans Village, which provides a range of accommodation and support; commends its person-centred approach and the companionship, social activities, recreation, training and employment opportunities that it provides to veterans of all ages; welcomes in particular the charity's continued transition towards a community model of care and support, including the work of its activity centres in Bishopton and Forres and its free home support service, which brings companionship and practical assistance directly to veterans and their spouses in their own homes; acknowledges the vital contribution of these services in supporting veterans to live independently and with dignity, tackling loneliness and social isolation, improving mental and emotional wellbeing and fostering a renewed sense of purpose, community and belonging; recognises the important preventative and early intervention role that accessible, flexible and trusted support can play in addressing needs and helping veterans remain connected to their communities; acknowledges the leadership of its chief executive, Wing Commander Ian Cumming MBE MA FCMI, in guiding the

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charity through its continuing development; pays tribute to Erskine's staff, volunteers, supporters and partners for their commitment to Scotland's veteran community, and wishes the charity every success as it expands its community care and support services and helps veterans begin the next chapter of their lives.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, David Smith*, Paul Sweeney*, Laura Mitchell*, Jackie Baillie*, Miles Briggs*, Julie MacDougall*, Dawn Black*, Kim Schmulian*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00855](#) Laura Mitchell: Celebrating Alan Winchester's Contribution to Scotch Whisky—**That the Parliament warmly congratulates Alan Winchester on what it sees as his exceptional contribution to Scotch Whisky, including his role in supporting The Cabrach Trust and The Cabrach Distillery CIC; recognises that, over a distinguished career spanning more than 50 years, Alan has established himself as one of Scotland's most respected master distillers and leading experts on Scotch whisky and its heritage; appreciates that Alan, who began his career with a summer job as a distillery guide in 1975, has now been involved with more than 21 distilleries, was named Master Distiller of the Year in the Scottish regional round of the Icons of Whisky Awards in 2017, and remains a Master of the Quaich and Fellow of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling; notes Alan's longstanding support for The Cabrach Trust and his instrumental role in helping to revive whisky making in The Cabrach after a 170-year absence through the establishment of The Cabrach Distillery, a community-owned Single Malt Scotch Whisky distillery and social enterprise at Inverharroch Farm, in the Cabrach region of Speyside; understands that a celebratory event will be hosted by The Cabrach Trust at The Acorn, Lower Cabrach, on 17 September 2026, to mark Alan's remarkable contribution to Scotch Whisky, his longstanding friendship with The Cabrach, and the exciting future of The Cabrach Distillery, and wishes Alan and everyone in The Cabrach every success.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00854](#) Laura Mitchell: World Organ Donation Day 2026—**That the Parliament marks World Organ Donation Day on 13 August 2026 and celebrates the life-saving impact of organ donations; pays tribute to the generosity of organ donors and their families, whose decisions give others the chance of a longer and healthier life; recognises that the NHS Organ Donor Register and National Transplant Register enable the NHS to identify and fairly match donors with people waiting for a transplant, helping facilitate almost 4,700 transplants in 2025-26; acknowledges that, despite this progress, there is still more to do, with donor and transplant numbers having fallen across the UK while more people than ever are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; notes that, at any given time in Scotland, around 500 to 650 people are on the active organ transplant waiting list; recognises the importance of people making and recording their decision on organ donations, so that their wishes are known and can be respected, and encourages everyone to take the two minutes needed to confirm or update their decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register as a simple action that could help save up to nine lives.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*, Liam McArthur*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Pauline McNeill*, Gary Bouse*, Heather Anderson*, Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00853](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating West College Scotland on its Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review—**That the Parliament congratulates West College Scotland on the publication of its highly positive Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER) by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA); understands that the review recognised the strengths of the college and highlighted the commitment of staff, students and partners to delivering high-quality learning, teaching and support; notes that the review highlighted the college's ongoing focus on quality, continuous improvement and achieving positive outcomes for learners; acknowledges that West College Scotland plays an important role in providing educational opportunities and developing skills across the west of Scotland; commends the dedication and professionalism of all staff and stakeholders whose contributions were

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reflected in the review's findings, and wishes West College Scotland every success as it continues to support learners and contribute to what it sees as the economic and social wellbeing of local communities.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00852](#) Patricia Gibson: Public Sector Contract Awards to Fujitsu** —That the Parliament notes reported continuing public concern regarding Fujitsu and its role in the Post Office Horizon scandal, which it considers to be one of the gravest miscarriages of justice in modern British history; understands that public funds have been used to support redress schemes, with £1.44 billion having been distributed to over 11,300 claimants; recognises the pain and suffering caused to the victims of the Horizon scandal through wrongful convictions, loss of livelihoods and reputations, financial hardship and devastating impacts on their lives and families; considers that Fujitsu has a moral responsibility to contribute towards compensation and redress for those affected, and notes concerns that to date it has reportedly made no financial contribution; further notes that the Home Office awarded Fujitsu a contract worth £31.1 million for police network software in June 2026; believes that no new public sector work should be awarded to Fujitsu until it makes a financial contribution to redress schemes.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00851](#) Dawn Black: Calling on the Scottish Government to Review its Position on Disposable Barbecues** —That the Parliament notes reports that the UK Government is considering a ban on disposable barbecues; recognises concerns regarding the fire risk, litter and environmental damage associated with their use; notes that byelaws restricting the use of barbecues are already in place in some areas, including the Cairngorms National Park and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park; acknowledges that a number of retailers have taken voluntary action to restrict or suspend the sale of disposable barbecues in response to these concerns, and calls on the Scottish Government to review its opposition to a ban on disposable barbecues and to bring forward proposals, in consultation with the UK Government where necessary, to implement such a ban in Scotland.

Supported by: Gary Bouse*, Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*

***[S7M-00850](#) Clare Haughey: The Newton Arms Named Community Venue of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the Newton Arms, in Newton, Cambuslang, on being named Community Venue of the Year at the 2026 OnTrade Magazine Awards, which were held in Glasgow on 10 August 2026; notes that the Newton Arms is a much-loved local pub that regularly hosts family and community events, including fun days, tribute nights, quizzes and live music showcases; further notes that the pub has a history of offering a warm welcome and hospitality to local groups, including the Newton Road Runners club, which has gone from strength to strength since its first meeting in the Newton Arms, and regularly hosts fundraising events there; commends the incredible efforts of the pub's resident band, The Beatsons, for raising over £26,000 for Beatson Cancer Care through a series of live shows; commends the Newton Arms' commitment to the wider community and charitable causes, and wishes all of the Newton Arms' team all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Thomas Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00849](#) Colm Merrick: Celebrating 10 Years of Anyiso**—That the Parliament celebrates the 10th anniversary of Anyiso in Glasgow Anniesland; notes that Anyiso, based in Blairdardie supports a wide range of individuals through meaningful interventions such as food parcels, ESOL classes and youth employment initiatives; further notes the important role the organisation plays in helping those from ethnic minority communities to engage with services, and recognises the important role that organisations such as Anyiso play in building strong cohesive communities.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Bob Doris*, Zen Ghani* R, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*

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***[S7M-00848](#) David Green: Sutherland Women FC Secures ScottishPower Funding**—That the Parliament welcomes the award of £1,000 to Sutherland Women Football Club through ScottishPower's annual grassroots funding competition for women's and girls' football clubs across the Highlands and Islands; understands that the funding will support the installation of new dugout facilities at Golspie; notes that ScottishPower has awarded a total of £5,000 to five women's and girls' football clubs across the Highlands and Islands in the latest round of the competition, supporting investment in facilities, equipment and travel; further notes that the initiative is now in its third year and forms part of ScottishPower's support for the Highlands and Islands League through its partnership with Scottish Women's Football; recognises what it sees as the importance of investment in grassroots women's and girls' sport, particularly in rural and island communities where clubs can face additional challenges relating to facilities and travel; congratulates Sutherland Women FC on securing this funding, and wishes everyone associated with Sutherland Women FC every success in its continued development.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Laura Mitchell*

***[S7M-00847](#) Martyn Day: Congratulations to Murdoch Kennedy**—That the Parliament recognises Murdoch Kennedy's achievement of establishing and running the George Allan Football Tournament for the last 35 years; acknowledges that this Tournament is in remembrance of prolific goal scorer George Allan, born in Linlithgow and selected to play for Scotland and Liverpool FC, who sadly died from tuberculosis at the age of 22; further recognises the contribution this Tournament makes to the community by bringing pupils from the schools in the Linlithgow catchment area together; thanks Linlithgow Rose Football Park for hosting this annual event, and congratulates Murdoch for his outstanding commitment.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00846](#) Laura Mitchell: Moray Girls FC Receives ScottishPower Grassroots Football Funding** —That the Parliament congratulates Moray Girls Football Club on being awarded £1,000 through ScottishPower's annual grassroots funding competition for women's and girls' football across the Highlands and Islands; understands that the funding will enable Moray Girls FC to purchase additional equipment to support training sessions; celebrates the club's successful season, during which both its U14 and U16 squads competed in the ScottishPower Youth Challenge Cup; recognises the vital role that investment in grassroots women's and girls' sport plays in encouraging participation, developing young talent and creating opportunities to enjoy football; notes that the funding competition forms part of ScottishPower's wider support for the Highlands and Islands League, following its partnership with Scottish Women's Football as the league's first ever title sponsor; further notes that ScottishPower's sponsorship of Scottish Women's football has recently been renewed for a further three years, enabling the partnership and funding to continue into the future, and wishes Moray Girls FC and all the clubs benefiting from the programme continued success in the seasons ahead.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Heather Anderson*, Ariane Burgess*

***[S7M-00845](#) Amanda Bland: Police Custody Suite Closures**—That the Parliament notes with concern the closure and reduction of police custody suites across Scotland; recognises the reported impact that this has on frontline policing, with officers required to spend increasing amounts of time transporting detainees to more distant facilities; believes that reduced custody capacity places additional pressure on remaining suites, contributes to delays, reduces officer availability and increases risks to officer safety, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that Police Scotland has the resources necessary to provide sufficient and geographically accessible custody capacity across Scotland.

Supported by: David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Max Bannerman*, Victor Currie*, Duncan Massey*, Julie MacDougall*, Thomas Kerr*, Angela Ross*, Jamie Langan*, Kim Schmulian*, Mark Simpson*

***[S7M-00844](#) Amanda Bland: Crime and Anti-social Behaviour**—That the Parliament recognises the reported concerns of residents across Central Scotland and Lothians West regarding crime and anti-social behaviour within their communities; acknowledges that everyone should be able to live,

work and raise their families without the fear of, or experience of, crime; notes the reported concerns of communities regarding the lack of visible policing and the delays in police officers being able to respond promptly and effectively to local incidents, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that Police Scotland has the resources necessary for effective neighbourhood policing and a visible presence in communities.

Supported by: Julie MacDougall*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Max Bannerman*, Victor Currie*, Duncan Massey*, Angela Ross*, Thomas Kerr*, Jamie Langan*, Kim Schmulian*, Mark Simpson*

***S7M-00843 David Linden: Baillieston Main Street Pavement Festival Raises Over £3,000 for Charity**—That the Parliament warmly thanks Natalie Lightfoot and her staff team at Solo Londis in Baillieston for their generosity in organising the Main Street Pavement Festival on 8 August 2026; congratulates members of the community who came together in an incredible display of community spirit to raise £3,055 for the Beatson Cancer Charity and the Daffodil Club; understands that this is the highest total to date that the Main Street Pavement Festival has raised for charity; commends everyone involved in organising such a successful event, and believes that the actions of Solo Londis and the wider community represent the very best values of East End community service, generosity and solidarity.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*

***S7M-00842 Paul Sweeney: Success and Ongoing Evaluation of Glasgow's Overdose Prevention Centre**—That the Parliament welcomes the operation of the Overdose Prevention Centre pilot, known as The Thistle, in Glasgow; notes that safer drug consumption facilities have operated internationally for four decades, since the first opened in Berne, Switzerland, in 1986, with well over 100 facilities now operating across more than a dozen countries, including Sydney’s Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, operational since 2001, and around 40 facilities in Canada; recalls that such a facility was first recommended for Glasgow in 2016, in response to the largest HIV outbreak among people who inject drugs seen in the UK in decades, meaning that almost 10 years passed before The Thistle finally opened in January 2025; notes that what it considers to be a vital public health intervention builds upon the pioneering, activist-led overdose prevention pilot previously operated by Peter Krykant, who sadly died in 2025 and that, with the support of volunteers, this pilot supervised 894 recorded injecting episodes and successfully reversed nine overdoses over a nine-month period from August 2020, as independently verified by Dr Gillian Shorter, co-director of the Drug and Alcohol Research Network at Queen’s University Belfast; believes that this was instrumental in demonstrating the need for such a facility in Glasgow; understands that, during its first year of operation, The Thistle significantly exceeded initial expectations, recording 11,348 visits by 575 registered individuals and supervising 7,827 injecting episodes, without a single death occurring within the facility; considers that, since most fatal overdoses occur when people use drugs alone and unwitnessed, each of the 93 medical emergencies managed on site represents a life at acute risk to which trained staff could respond within seconds; welcomes that 78 of these emergencies were resolved by Thistle staff without any further assistance, that ambulances were required on only 15 occasions and that transfer to A&E was only needed on nine occasions; notes that no death has ever been recorded inside a sanctioned safer drug consumption facility anywhere in the world; further notes that the facility made 612 onward referrals in its first year, most commonly to housing services, followed by drug recovery services, demonstrating the centre's role as a gateway into treatment and care for a population largely disconnected from services; highlights evidence provided by local stakeholders regarding the positive impact on the surrounding community, including reports from Morrisons supermarket of a 94% reduction in discarded needles and drug-related litter in the vicinity of its Barrack Street store; further recognises parallel developments in the United States, where the first two government-supported overdose prevention centres opened in New York City in November 2021, operated by OnPoint NYC, which has since recorded more than 250,000 visits and over 2,100 overdose interventions without a single fatality, and where Rhode Island became the first US state to legislate for such a facility in 2021, with the country’s first state-sanctioned centre opening in Providence in December 2024, reportedly recording over 8,000 visits and 92 overdoses safely

managed in its first year, under an independent evaluation led by Brown University with funding from National Institutes of Health; acknowledges the sustained calls from the academic and medical communities for this intervention, including the recommendations of the House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee in 2019 and the Home Affairs Committee in 2023, and the support expressed by bodies, including the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and the Faculty of Public Health; welcomes that the three-year pilot programme includes a comprehensive and independent evaluation that is fully funded, mandatory and currently being undertaken by Public Health Scotland, Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of Stirling; believes that these early indicators provide strong evidence that the facility is fulfilling its primary objectives of reducing drug-related deaths, mitigating public drug consumption and alleviating pressure on emergency services; welcomes the UK Government's approval of a licence for a drug-checking service at The Thistle in October 2025 and also welcomes the service's plans to develop a supervised smoking/inhalation space, subject to Scottish Government legislative amendment; notes reports that Rhode Island requires its centres to include smoking provision given the changing patterns of drug use; encourages consideration of extended opening hours at The Thistle beyond the current 9am to 9pm; regrets that the facility currently operates only by virtue of the Lord Advocate's statement of prosecution policy of September 2023, rather than on a statutory basis; urges the Scottish and UK governments to collaborate to place safer drug consumption facilities on a secure statutory footing; calls on the Scottish Government to strongly support the continued operation of this evidence-based public health pilot, alongside sustained investment across the wider spectrum of prevention, recovery services, residential rehabilitation and community-based treatment to effectively tackle Scotland's drug deaths crisis, which, it believes, remains the country's biggest public health emergency.

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[*S7M-00841](#) **Duncan Dunlop: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire's UNESCO Biosphere**—That the Parliament celebrates the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere, which is Scotland's first UNESCO Biosphere, and its guiding principle that farming, land management and environmental stewardship are not in competition with one another but instead work best together; believes that this partnership model brings together farmers, land managers, conservationists and rural communities across Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire, and shows that a thriving rural economy and a thriving natural environment can go hand in hand; welcomes the Biosphere's community-led tourism work and its recognition in *National Geographic Traveller's* Cool List for 2024, and calls on the Scottish Government to back the Biosphere's principle by providing greater funding for Scotland's two UNESCO Biospheres, which have adopted an innovative approach to addressing integrated rural development, bringing together rural communities, businesses and the people who farm and manage the land.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Laura Moodie*

[*S7M-00840](#) **David Linden: Glasgow's Big Hearted Sandmyle Hotel**—That the Parliament recognises and extends its sincere thanks to the staff team at the Sandmyle Hotel in Tollcross, Glasgow, for its considerable generosity in organising a gala day and fundraiser in aid of the Bluevale Community Club in Glasgow's East End; congratulates residents who came together in a mammoth display of community spirit to raise funds for such a good cause; commends everyone involved in organising such a successful and well attended event, and believes that the actions of the Sandmyle Hotel and the wider community represent the very best values of East End generosity and care.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*

[*S7M-00839](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating NHS Golden Jubilee Hospital for Performing the Most Heart Transplants in the UK**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Golden Jubilee Hospital in Clydebank on performing the highest number of adult heart transplants in the UK during the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026; notes that the Scottish National Advanced Heart Failure Service (SNAHFS), based at the hospital, carried out 40 life-saving heart transplants during this period; recognises the skill, dedication and compassion of the multidisciplinary team involved in delivering

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transplant services, including surgeons, cardiologists, nurses, transplant coordinators and support staff; acknowledges the life-changing impact that organ transplantation has on patients and their families; pays tribute to the generosity of organ donors and their loved ones, whose selfless decisions make transplantation possible; notes that almost 600 patients have benefited from Scotland's national heart transplant service since the first heart transplant was carried out in Scotland in 1992; recognises NHS Golden Jubilee's role as Scotland's national heart transplant centre; and encourages continued action to raise public awareness of the importance of organ donation and discussions with family members about donation decisions.

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***[S7M-00838](#) Heather Anderson: Mark Stewart Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist—**That the Parliament congratulates Dundee cyclist Mark Stewart on his silver medal in the men's elimination race at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games; recognises that Mark has had previous success at the Commonwealth Games, securing gold in the men's point race at the 2018 Gold Coast Games; notes that Stewart's silver medal was earned as part of a successful games for Team Scotland, who secured 13 gold medals, 9 silver medals and 17 bronze medals over the span of the games; hopes that Commonwealth Games successes such as Mark's will inspire a new generation to take up sports such as competitive cycling; and wishes Mark all the best for his sporting future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00837](#) Heather Anderson: Dundee and the Green Flag and Green Flag Community Awards—**That the Parliament welcomes that eight parks and green spaces in Dundee have received awards at the annual Green Flag and Green Flag Community Awards; congratulates Dundee City Council and all community groups and volunteers across Dundee involved in securing these awards for their success; recognises the hard work and dedication involved in maintaining green spaces; notes that Barnhill Rock Garden, Baxter Park, Dundee Law, Ninewells Community Garden, Riverside Nature Park, Slessor Gardens and Waterfront Place, Templeton Woods, and Trottick Ponds Nature Reserve were all either awarded Green Flag or Green Flag Community status; further recognises the importance of parks and green spaces for the people of Dundee; and thanks everyone involved in securing these successes. **R**

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***[S7M-00836](#) Heather Anderson: Dundee and Orléans: 80 Years of Friendship—**That the Parliament celebrates the eightieth anniversary of the twinning of the cities of Dundee and Orléans; recognises that the relationship between the two cities began during World War 2, when Dundee was home to three submarines and their crews from the French Free Navy; notes the generous hospitality of the people of Dundee in this time period, who supported the French submariners by establishing and running a club for them in the city's Nethergate; further recognises the importance of the twinning relationship, which has supported school exchanges, cultural and political visits, and seen thousands of citizens of Dundee and Orléans travel to each other's cities; in particular, commemorates the work of Clovis Duveau, a native of Orléans who did so much in the early years of the twinning to foster relations and support Dundonians visiting Orléans; pays testament to the many members of the Dundee-Orléans Twinning Association, both past and present, who have worked to maintain links and foster relationships; and wishes the association all the best, ahead of its anniversary celebrations in September.

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***[S7M-00835](#) Clare Adamson: Sir Alexander Gibson – Legacy of a Scottish Musical Pioneer—**That the Parliament acknowledges the legacy of Sir Alexander Gibson, the celebrated conductor and founder of Scottish Opera from Motherwell, whose remarkable contribution to Scotland's musical and cultural heritage is being celebrated in the latest episode of the Carnegie Education Fund's *In their*

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footsteps: Carnegie Pioneers podcast series; notes that the series marks the 125th anniversary of the Carnegie Education Fund and tells the stories of its grantees who went on to make significant contributions in their chosen fields; recognises that Sir Alexander Gibson followed his passion for music from childhood, studied English and music at the University of Glasgow from 1943 with support from the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland; notes that his studies were interrupted by military service with the Royal Corps of Signals in 1944; further recognises his rise to prominence with the Scottish National Orchestra and his appointment as the first Scottish principal conductor and music director of what is now the Royal Scottish National Orchestra; celebrates his vision in founding Scottish Opera in 1962 with the aim of making opera accessible to audiences across Scotland; acknowledges his considerable influence beyond Scotland, including bringing Scottish artists to international stages such as Carnegie Hall and championing the music of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius; and commends Sir Alexander Gibson for his dedication, talent and enduring contribution to transforming Scotland's classical music scene from a regional tradition into one with international recognition.

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***S7M-00834 David Torrance: Congratulations to Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy on Achieving UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation—**That the Parliament congratulates Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy on achieving UNICEF Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation through the Rights Respecting Schools Award programme; recognises that this prestigious accreditation reflects the nursery's commitment to embedding the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child throughout its culture, learning environment and day-to-day practice; notes that Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy provides early learning and childcare for children aged from six weeks to five years and plays an important role within the local community; further notes that this latest achievement builds on a series of successes and recognitions for the nursery, including strong Care Inspectorate evaluations and the attainment of the nationally recognised Millie's Mark accreditation, awarded to settings where all practising staff are trained in paediatric first aid; commends the nursery's leadership, practitioners and wider team for their dedication to providing a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment in which children can thrive; recognises the positive impact that a rights-respecting approach can have on children's confidence, wellbeing, participation and understanding of respect for others; and wishes everyone at Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy continued success as they build on this achievement and pursue the highest standards of excellence in early years education and care.

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***S7M-00833 Keith Brown: Recognising the Work of CHUMS Clacks—**That the Parliament welcomes the work of CHUMS Clacks in supporting children, young people and families across the Hillfoots area of Clackmannanshire; congratulates the group on securing funding through the *What Matters to You?* programme to help develop its work supporting parents, carers and families of children with additional support needs; understands that the group is developing community-led support that will create opportunities for families to connect, share experiences and access advice and support within their local community; recognises the dedication, compassion and commitment of the volunteers behind the initiative and their determination to improve outcomes for local families; notes that CHUMS Clacks will hold its first drop-in session for parents and carers at Alva Library on 28 August 2026; believes that community organisations such as CHUMS Clacks play a vital role in tackling isolation, building resilience and ensuring that families feel supported and included; commends everyone involved for bringing the initiative forward, and wishes the group every success as it develops and expands its work in the years ahead.

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***[S7M-00831](#) Jackie Dunbar: George Adam Awarded 2026 Denis Law RGUplus Honorary Award**

—That the Parliament congratulates George Adam, who has been awarded the 2026 Denis Law RGUplus Honorary award for his services to the cause of volunteering in Aberdeen city; notes that the Denis Law RGUplus awards aim to recognise the value of individuals who support their community through various aspects of volunteering; notes that George, who served as the Lord Provost of Aberdeen City Council from 2012-2017, is currently the duty manager for Aberdeen Arts Centre as well as volunteer for both CFINE and Aberdeen Cyrenians; understands that George is the third person to have been awarded the Denis Law RGUplus Honorary Award; recognises and commends George's dedication to all of his volunteering ventures and wishes him all the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00830](#) Angela Ross: Recognising the Work of Teenage Community Volunteers in Musselburgh**

—That the Parliament recognises and thanks the Summer Crew Volunteers, Musselburgh Street Clean, Musselburgh in Bloom, East Lothian Countryside Rangers, Discovering Musselburgh and all other youth and community groups in the area for their hard work and dedication throughout the summer; believes that these groups, made up largely of teenagers and young people, have demonstrated an outstanding sense of community spirit and pride during the summer holidays; notes that, as part of their efforts to clean up and improve their local communities, participants have taken part in litter picking, sanding, painting, weeding and planting flowers, which, it believes, has helped to make public spaces cleaner, brighter and more welcoming for everyone; recognises what it considers to be the particularly positive difference that their work has made in and around the Brunton Hall and across Musselburgh; believes that initiatives such as these provide a fantastic opportunity for young people to socialise, spend time outdoors, develop new skills and take pride in the places where they live; commends every young person and volunteer who has given up their time to make a difference, and believes that their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment are a great example of the positive contribution that young people make to their communities.

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***[S7M-00829](#) Jackie Dunbar: Barratt and David Wilson Homes Volunteers Transform Brimmond School Playground**

—That the Parliament welcomes the completion of transformation work to Brimmond School's playground; understands that a team of 14 experienced housebuilders joined experts from LIFE landscaping to transform the playground of the Aberdeen Donside-based school into a learning and play area; believes that the playground has been lined with newly planted wildflowers, bark and willow trees to help bring nature-based learning into everyday school life; notes that the transformation was made possible through the Barratt and David Wilson Homes Scotland Community Fund, which is set to provide over £63,000 this year to charities and community groups in areas where the housebuilders are building; commends the efforts of all volunteers who helped transform the playground, and hopes the space will be well utilised when the pupils return after the summer holidays.

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***[S7M-00828](#) Jackie Dunbar: Walking Football Turns 10**—That the Parliament congratulates Sport Aberdeen's walking football group, who recently celebrated their 10th anniversary; understands that the group was formed following an initial 12-week pilot in 2016, with sessions initially being led by Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust; recognises what it sees as the social and health benefits of the game, allowing anyone who is unable to manage the impact of a standard game but still has the drive to play, to stay fit and healthy through football; notes that the walking football group, who meet every Wednesday at Get Active @Sheddocksley in Aberdeen Donside, held a celebration event to mark the occasion, with former Aberdeen FC forward Niall McGinn joining the group for a special

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anniversary training session; commends the efforts of all involved with the group and wishes them all the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00827 Jackie Dunbar: Sonny Kerr Wins Commonwealth Bronze](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Sonny Kerr from Aberdeen on winning the bronze medal in the men's 70kg Light-Middleweight Boxing at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow; notes that Sonny, who trains with Byron Boxing ABC in Aberdeen Donside, is the third generation of his family to take up the sport, with his grandfather Tony and dad Kevin, also having competed and coached the national team; understands that Sonny's bronze medal comes on the back of success at the recently renamed Four Nations Championships; commends his dedication, determination and sporting excellence in representing Scotland on the international stage and wishes Sonny every success in his future boxing career.

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***[S7M-00826 Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen International Airport Becomes Stoma-friendly Airport](#)**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Aberdeen International Airport has become a stoma-friendly airport; understands that Aberdeen International Airport has worked with Colostomy UK to make all its accessible toilets and baby changing rooms stoma friendly, helping people living with a stoma to travel with greater confidence; notes that nine facilities within the airport have been made stoma friendly, with each now containing a shelf, a bin, a full-length mirror and two hooks; understands that Colostomy UK's Stoma Friendly Toilets guidance asks venues to provide simple, practical features that allow people to change or empty their stoma bag safely, hygienically and with dignity; believes that these improvements not only support Colostomy UK's wider Stoma Friendly Toilets campaign, which works with businesses, public bodies and venues to improve toilet facilities for people living with a stoma, but also forms part of Aberdeen International Airport's wider commitment to accessibility and inclusive travel; commends everyone involved in bringing these facilities to fruition and hopes this will provide travellers with confidence that facilities are available to them that will help them manage their condition with greater privacy and dignity.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Patricia Gibson*, Amanda Lindsay*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, James Adams*

***[S7M-00825 Angela Ross: Wishing Neil Sharp a Restful and Happy Retirement](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates and recognises Mr Neil Sharp, of Colinton, Edinburgh, on his forthcoming retirement following what it considers to be an outstanding 31 years of service at Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club; recognises what it sees as Neil's remarkable contribution to the hotel, to the hospitality industry and to Edinburgh and the Lothians' reputation as a welcoming destination for visitors from around the world; understands that, during more than three decades, first as a waiter and subsequently as a concierge, Neil has welcomed tens of thousands of guests through Dalmahoy's doors and believes that, through his warmth and friendly manner, has helped make countless visits to Scotland memorable; notes that Neil is currently the hotel's fourth longest-serving member of staff and further understands that he has become a much-loved and familiar face to generations of guests, members and colleagues, many of whom have come to know him personally over the years; further believes that Neil represents the very best traditions of Scottish hospitality, and that his loyalty and dedication to Dalmahoy throughout his career are worthy of particular recognition; further understands that, after one final summer of welcoming guests, Neil will hang up his uniform for the last time on 4 September 2026; notes that Neil's retirement will mark the end of an era at Dalmahoy, and further believes that he will be greatly missed by all those who have had the pleasure of working with him, meeting him or being welcomed by him over the years, and wishes Neil a long, restful and richly deserved retirement filled with happiness, good health and many enjoyable years ahead.

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***[S7M-00824](#) Stuart McMillan: Commonwealth Games Garden Replanted in Port Glasgow**—That the Parliament welcomes the decision to relocate and permanently replant the Scottish Nature Garden, which formed a centrepiece of the opening ceremony of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, at Parklea Branching Out in Port Glasgow; believes that the garden, comprising approximately 2,400 plants, trees and shrubs arranged in a distinctive saltire-inspired design, showcased Scotland's natural landscapes and cultural heritage to a global audience during the Games; recognises the outstanding work of Parklea Branching Out in using horticulture to provide training, recreational opportunities and social support for people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health challenges and other support needs across Inverclyde and beyond; believes that the garden's permanent home in Port Glasgow will create a lasting legacy from Glasgow 2026 while enhancing local biodiversity, wellbeing and community engagement; commends all those involved in the design, creation and relocation of the garden, including designer Amalie White, plantsman Jamie Butterworth and the wider Glasgow 2026 team, and wishes Parklea Branching Out every success as it develops this unique and inspiring community asset for future generations.

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***[S7M-00823](#) Victor Currie: Celebrating Transformative Scottish Land Fund Allocations for Morvern and the Bays of Harris**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Morvern Community Woodlands (MCW) and the Bays of Harris Community Estate Limited on successfully securing what it considers to be transformational funding from the Scottish Land Fund to support community-led asset ownership; welcomes the award of £495,650 to Morvern Community Woodlands to purchase 94 hectares of land adjacent to the village of Lochaline on the Morvern Peninsula, which it understands will be used to develop vital woodland crofts, associated self-build housing plots, a community woodlot, and vibrant recreation spaces, while actively managing broadleaf and commercial forestry to address population decline, housing shortages, nature restoration, and access to land, alongside creating essential economic and volunteering opportunities; further welcomes the significant award of £1,082,680 to the Bays of Harris Community Estate Limited, which, it further understands, the community group will use to buy a 10,927-hectare crofting estate from a private seller, securing local governance to directly address long-standing population and housing vulnerabilities across a fragile and dispersed island community; applauds the immense dedication, local vision, and years of hard work demonstrated by both community groups to bring these historic buyouts to fruition; and wishes everyone involved in the Morvern and Bays of Harris initiatives the very best of success as they assume full community control with a view to building sustainable, resilient, and thriving rural futures.

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***[S7M-00821](#) Patricia Gibson: Impact of Changes to Public Service Pension Scheme Commutation Factors**—That the Parliament recognises the service and dedication of police officers and firefighters who it sees as being in the frontline in protecting communities across Scotland; notes with concern the impact on unfunded public service pension schemes of changes to commutation factors arising from the increase in the Superannuation Contributions Adjusted for Past Experience (SCAPE) discount rate from Consumer Price Index plus 1.7% to Consumer Price Index plus 2%; understands that retiring members of the 1987 Police Pension Scheme and the 1992 Firefighters' Pension Scheme who choose to commute part of their pension for a tax-free lump sum may receive significantly lower lump-sum payments as a result of the revised factors; considers that some members approaching retirement may have made long-term financial decisions based on pension forecasts and retirement quotations produced before the changes took effect; believes that the immediate implementation of the revised factors has caused distress for affected members and their families; notes that the Police Federation of England and Wales has stated that it is taking legal and actuarial advice on the scope of the changes, and that the Fire Brigades Union has indicated that it

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will continue to challenge the UK Government to deliver fair, transparent and properly funded pension arrangements, and calls on the UK Government to explore measures that could improve communication and fairness for members affected by future changes to public service pension schemes.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Gary Bouse*

[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.

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[*S7M-00810.1](#) Amanda Lindsay: Recognising the Importance of Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls—As an amendment to motion S7M-00810 in the name of Patricia Gibson (Recognising the Importance of Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls), leave out from “; commends the work” to end and insert “, and acknowledges the sterling endeavours of myriad charities across Scotland in this regard.”

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-00819](#) Thomas Kerr: Evaluation of the Safer Drug Consumption Facility Pilot (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-00818](#) Colin Beattie: Y2K Awarded Funding to Deliver Wellbeing Matters Project (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00817](#) David Torrance: Voluntary Service of Graham Meacher (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00816](#) David Torrance: 5 Years of the Rapid Cancer Diagnostic Service (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Helen McDade*, Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00815](#) Patricia Gibson: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026 (lodged on 7 August 2026)

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New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Senga Beresford*, David Linden*

[S7M-00814](#) **Victor Currie: Improving Access to GP Services in Scotland's Highlands and Islands** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-00813](#) **Paul McLennan: East of Scotland Strut Celebrates 80th Anniversary** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-00812](#) **Paul McLennan: Congratulations to East Lothian Businesses for Great Taste Awards Success** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

[S7M-00811](#) **Paul McLennan: Congratulating East Lothian Pupils on Strong SQA Results** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-00809](#) **Thomas Kerr: Congratulating FOUR PAWS on its 20th Anniversary** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-00808](#) **Julie MacDougall: Recognising the Urgent Need for Operational Defibrillators** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00807](#) **Patricia Gibson: Suicide Prevention Week 2026 and World Suicide Prevention Day** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*, Julie MacDougall*, Senga Beresford*, Jackie Baillie*, David Linden*, Amanda Lindsay*, Liam McArthur*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Ariane Burgess*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Colm Merrick*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-00806](#) **Maggie Chapman: Congratulating Montrose LandxSea Film Festival** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00805](#) **Pauline McNeill: Support for the Srebrenica Memorial Centre** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Alyn Smith*, Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00804](#) **James Adams: Celebrating the Glorious Twelfth** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00803](#) **Clare Adamson: Supporting Community Access to Defibrillators in Newmains** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00802](#) **Jackie Dunbar: CFINE's Pantry+ Official Opening** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00801](#) **Clare Adamson: Heading: Restoration of the Japanese Garden at Dalzell Estate** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00800](#) **Clare Adamson: Veterans Community Lanarkshire Open Day Success** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

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[S7M-00799](#) **Michelle Campbell: Congratulating Pipe Band Competition Success** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

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

[S7M-00798](#) **Pauline McNeill: Welcoming the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill in Ireland** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Katherine Sangster*, Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00797](#) **Pauline McNeill: Death of John Douglas** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00796](#) **Clare Haughey: 30th Anniversary of the Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00795](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Charities Fund Scotland-wide Testing Project to Identify Inherited Cancer Risk in People with Westray and Whalsay Ancestry** (lodged on 5 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00794](#) **Keith Brown: Recognising the University of Stirling as Scottish University of the Year 2027** (lodged on 5 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Mark Ruskell*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00793](#) **Jack Middleton: Supporting Scottish Golf at the Home Internationals** (lodged on 5 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00791](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team Sponsored Walk 2026** (lodged on 5 August 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00790](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Moira Weatherstone Becomes First Female Chair of Scottish Mountain Rescue** (lodged on 5 August 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00789](#) **Maggie Chapman: Welcoming Progress on Dundee's Public Diner** (lodged on 4 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00788](#) **Lloyd Melville: Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland's Soft Fruit Sector** (lodged on 4 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kim Schmulian*, Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00786](#) **Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Secures the Future of the Commonwealth Games** (lodged on 4 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00785](#) **Marie McNair: Clydebank Men's Shed Celebrates 10th Anniversary** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00784](#) **Marie McNair: Clydebank Volunteer Retires from Girlguiding After 44 Years** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00783](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Man Completes 100 Mile Ultramarathon** (lodged on 4 August 2026)

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New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00781](#) **Clare Haughey: R:evolve Recycle's Top Secret Commonwealth Disco Capes Project** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00779](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognising the Importance of First Aid Through Jordan Nicholson's Actions** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00778](#) **Katherine Sangster: Establishment of a Scottish Local News Fund** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*, David Green*, Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Holly Bruce*, Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Jackie Baillie*, Dawn Black*, Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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[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: Jackie Dunbar*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-00748](#) **Duncan Massey: Sir Ian Wood** (lodged on 28 July 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Dawn Black*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Ross Greer*, Colin Beattie*, Cara McKee*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00728](#) **Finlay Carson: Recognising the Historic Achievement of the Caledonian Steel Queens** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00717](#) **Tim Eagle: Lochnell Estate Wins Prestigious Award** (lodged on 23 July 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00711](#) **Laura Mitchell: Welcoming the Opening of RAFAKidz Kinloss** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00710](#) **Laura Mitchell: Celebrating 250 Years of Fochabers** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00709](#) **Laura Mitchell: Moray's Starring Role in The Odyssey** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00697](#) **Laura Mitchell: Recognising Bob Garrity's Outstanding Contribution to Music in Moray** (lodged on 21 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00695](#) **Liam McArthur: 59 Degrees North Named Most Scenic Dining and Visitor Experience 2026** (lodged on 21 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00689](#) **Finlay Carson: Congratulations to National Lottery Community Fund Award Recipients in Galloway and West Dumfries** (lodged on 20 July 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00683](#) **Finlay Carson: Congratulating Jodie McVicar on Her Selection for Team Scotland at the 2026 Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships** (lodged on 20 July 2026)

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New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00678](#) **Patricia Gibson: World Drowning Prevention Day 2026** (lodged on 20 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00670](#) **Alexander Burnett: Inchmarlo Marks 40 Years of Service** (lodged on 17 July 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00649](#) **Liam McArthur: Reaffirming Opposition to the Relaxation of Firearms Reforms** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00646](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney's Creel Fishery Achieves World-First Certification** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00643](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Central Home to UK's Greatest City Beach** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[S7M-00633](#) **Russell Findlay: The Importance of the Freedom of the Media Following the Case of Lawrence and Others vs. Associated Newspapers** (lodged on 14 July 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00588](#) **Tim Eagle: Forres Rotary Celebrates its 75th Anniversary** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00571](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: World Seabird Day** (lodged on 3 July 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[S7M-00563](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Disability Pride Month 2026** (lodged on 3 July 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[S7M-00419](#) **Ariane Burgess: Recognising Concerns Over Hyperscale Data Centre Plans** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Liam McArthur*

[S7M-00332](#) **Carol Mochan: US Fuel Blockade Affecting Situation in Cuba** (lodged on 15 June 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00317](#) **Q Manivannan: Casteism in Scotland, the Cultural Richness of Anti-Caste Traditions** (lodged on 11 June 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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SPCB Written Questions lodged on 14 August 2026

[S7W-02462](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body when the Victims and Witnesses Commissioner for Scotland will be appointed.

Written Questions lodged on 10 August 2026

[S7W-02364](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail in light of the Gourock to Dunoon ferry service temporarily running as a single vessel service between 2 September 2026 and 25 March 2027.

[S7W-02365](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the number of (a) scheduled sailings and (b) sailings actually provided on CalMac's Gourock to Dunoon ferry service between March 2025 and March 2026, and what the reasons were for any variance between the two.

[S7W-02366](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many sailings on CalMac's Gourock to Dunoon ferry service carried (a) zero passengers, (b) fewer than 12 passengers, (c) between 13 and 24 passengers, (d) between 25 and 36 passengers, (e) between 37 and 48 passengers, and (f) 49 or more passengers, between March 2025 and March 2026.

[S7W-02367](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what is the annual subsidy requirement associated with providing CalMac's Gourock to Dunoon ferry service in each year since 2024.

[S7W-02368](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the annual fuel consumption associated with providing CalMac's Gourock to Dunoon ferry service has been in each year since 2024.

[S7W-02369](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the number of sailings provided and the number of passengers carried on CalMac's Gourock to Dunoon ferry service during the April to June quarter in (a) 2024, (b) 2025 and (c) 2026.

[S7W-02370](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) CalMac or (b) Transport Scotland plans to provide a replacement bus service during the period of scheduled works on the MV Ali Cat and MV Argyll Flyer between 2 September 2026 and 25 March 2027.

[S7W-02371](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Outline Business Case for the Gourock-Dunoon-Kilcreggan routes will be completed, and when stakeholders will be informed of the outcome.

[S7W-02372](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Outline Business Case for the Gourock-Dunoon-Kilcreggan routes relates to the construction of (a) one or (b) two new vessels for the Gourock to Dunoon ferry route.

[S7W-02373](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the anticipated (a) passenger capacity and (b) capital cost are of any new vessels for the Gourock to Dunoon ferry route.

[S7W-02374](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether construction contracts for new vessels for the Gourock to Dunoon ferry route will be awarded directly to Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.

[S7W-02375](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government when any new tonnage is expected to be introduced on the Gourock to Dunoon ferry service.

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[S7W-02376](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government how many dedicated mesothelioma nurses are currently employed in Scotland, and whether this number has increased over the past 20 years.

[S7W-02377](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase hospital capacity to accommodate patients with mesothelioma.

[S7W-02378](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting charity groups such as Mesothelioma UK, the Scottish Mesothelioma Network and Action on Asbestos.

[S7W-02379](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43897 by Angus Robertson on 4 March 2026, whether it will set out in detail what progress it has made over the past five months in actively exploring options to ensure that listed places of worship in Scotland are not disproportionately affected by the withdrawal of UK-wide VAT relief.

[S7W-02380](#) **David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its pre-election statements and manifesto commitment to introduce anti-SLAPP legislation in Scotland, what progress has been made in preparing, and when it expects to introduce, such legislation.

[S7W-02381](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its pre-election commitment to expand funded childcare to children from 9 months old to the end of primary school, available 52 weeks a year, remains government policy.

[S7W-02382](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider re-evaluating the assessment set out in its document, *Scottish Government Bonds Programme: Summary Outline Business Case*, to include (a) within the Critical Success Factors for assessing the case for bond issuance the potential economic benefits to Scottish businesses, investors and pension funds, and (b) consideration of the benefits to smaller, domestic investors of issuing retail bonds rather than wholesale bonds.

[S7W-02383](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what is its response to the conclusion of the report *Scottish Government Bonds and Investing in Ourselves* that its wholesale bonds programme will result in approximately £170 million leaking out of the Scottish economy.

[S7W-02384](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what is its view on the conclusion of the report *Scottish Government Bonds and Investing in Ourselves* that, by diverting interest payments to foreign investors, its proposed wholesale bond programme is in direct contradiction with the principles of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026.

[S7W-02385](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government if, as part of its assessment of the case for issuing Scottish Government bonds, as set out in the document, *Scottish Government Bonds Programme: Summary Outline Business Case*, it considered whether, by mitigating against potential interest payment leakage from the domestic economy, issuing retail bonds would be more beneficial to the Scottish economy and its Community Wealth Building goals than issuing wholesale bonds.

[S7W-02386](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Critical Success Factors (CSFs) set out in its document, *Scottish Government Bonds Programme: Summary Outline Business Case*, did not include the potential benefits to Scottish businesses, investors or pension funds, including the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

[S7W-02387](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many IVF treatment cycles have been provided in each NHS board area in each year since 1999.

[S7W-02388](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish-domiciled medical student places have been funded in each year since 1999.

[S7W-02389](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish-domiciled medical graduates did not enter employment in NHS Scotland in each year since 1999.

[S7W-02390](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to establish a national NHS Scotland staff bank.

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[S7W-02391](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how much NHS Scotland has spent on the recruitment and employment of internationally recruited staff in each year since 1999.

[S7W-02392](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to extend kinship care support payments to eligible young people up to the age of 21.

[S7W-02393](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to extend access to Rapid Cancer Diagnostic Centres to patients aged under 18.

[S7W-02394](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time for an ophthalmology appointment was in each year since 1999, broken down by NHS board.

[S7W-02395](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) MRI scans and (b) CT scans were carried out at weekends in NHS Scotland in each year since 1999, broken down by NHS board.

[S7W-02396](#) **Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's update to the National Transport Strategy, *Better Connected*, which included a commitment to update the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, whether it will consider issuing guidance to allow Scottish local authorities to install 'paint only' side road zebra crossings to improve safety of walking and wheeling, following the example of guidance issued by the Welsh Government in April 2026.

[S7W-02397](#) **Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government in light of the UK Government's response to Wendy Chamberlain UIN 469 tabled on 13 May 2026, whether (a) it intends to bring forward amendments to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, and (b), if so, what amendments it is considering

[S7W-02398](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the procurement and delivery of a single national Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for NHS Scotland, and which NHS boards' laboratories are now operating on the chosen national LIMS platform.

[S7W-02399](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll-out of the Intelligent Liver Function Test, first developed and introduced in NHS Tayside, to GPs and liver specialists across Scotland, and on what date it became, or is expected to become, available in each health board area.

[S7W-02400](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in delivering the genomic laboratory transformation programme.

[S7W-02401](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a progress report on the creation of a comprehensive, robust and scalable national genomic medicine service, as set out in the *Genomic Medicine Strategy 2024-2029*.

[S7W-02402](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01756 by Angela Constance on 3 August 2026, which stakeholders it intends to engage with to inform future approaches to cancer care for children and young people, and when such engagement is expected to commence.

[S7W-02403](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements will be in place from January 2027 to oversee and drive improvements in cancer care for children and young people, should a successor to *Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care: Cancer Strategy for Children and Young People 2021-2026* not be in place when that strategy concludes.

[S7W-02404](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times officials have met with the Managed Clinical Network for Children and Young People with Cancer in 2026 to date, and what progress has been made towards developing a successor to *Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care: Cancer Strategy for Children and Young People 2021-2026*.

[S7W-02405](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) role the Managed Clinical Network for Children and Young People with Cancer will have in deciding what follows the current

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cancer strategy for children and young people, and (b) resourcing it provides to the Network to fulfil that role.

[S7W-02406](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to establishing a Cancer Patient Experience Survey for patients aged under 16, as is in place in England.

[S7W-02407](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on (a) the time taken from first presentation with symptoms to diagnosis and (b) the routes to diagnosis, including emergency presentation, for cancer patients aged under 25.

[S7W-02408](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether patients aged under 18 are able to access rapid cancer diagnostic centres, and what dedicated diagnostic pathways are available to children and young people presenting with possible cancer symptoms.

[S7W-02409](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the application process for the Young Patients Family Fund acts as a barrier that prevents those who are eligible from claiming from it.

[S7W-02410](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the cost of extending eligibility for the Young Patients Family Fund to those children and young people with cancer who receive day-patient treatment.

[S7W-02411](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its consultation on the Draft Energy Efficiency (Domestic Private Rented Property) (Scotland) Regulations, which closed on 29 August 2025, when it will publish the responses received.

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[S7W-02351](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government if it has knowledge of how many biological men will be taking part in programs ran by the "LGBT Health and Wellbeing" charity to instruct them in "Queer Milk classes" on how to breastfeed, given the Scottish Government has provided nearly £262,000 in aid to this charity.

[S7W-02352](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government in which local authority and NHS board areas LGBT Health and Wellbeing deliver services, and which NHS boards have provided funding to the charity.

[S7W-02412](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the current concessionary travel reimbursement rate model adequately reflects the higher average fare, and therefore higher revenue-forgone cost, of rural bus journeys compared with urban journeys.

[S7W-02413](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to reinstate a Scottish VAT grant scheme for listed places of worship, similar to the scheme administered by the UK Government in England, to assist with the costs of repair and maintenance.

[S7W-02414](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to support listed places of worship with the costs of repairs.

[S7W-02415](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to provide financial assistance to the Church of Scotland for the maintenance and upkeep of its church buildings, in order to ensure that they are safe for parishioners.

[S7W-02416](#) **Thomas Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the educational materials and activities of "Educators for Peace" within the Scottish education system, including whether it has considered any potential implications for (a) political impartiality, (b) the promotion of balanced and diverse perspectives on the Israel-Palestine conflict, and (c) the wellbeing and inclusion of Jewish and Israeli pupils in Scottish schools.

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[S7W-02417](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will begin work to reduce the number of public bodies in Scotland.

[S7W-02418](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what process and criteria it will use to reduce the number of public bodies in Scotland.

[S7W-02419](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the High Growth Unit will operate within government or as a public body

[S7W-02420](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government which organisations it has consulted on its plans for a High-Growth Unit and a Council for Economic Growth

[S7W-02421](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government which trade unions it has consulted on its plans for a Council for Economic Growth.

[S7W-02422](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport last met the STUC or any of its affiliated unions.

[S7W-02423](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many new "Scotland House" international offices it will open by the end of this parliament and what are the projected costs.

[S7W-02424](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government when its planned Major Projects Office will begin work and which Cabinet Secretary will have lead responsibility for the office.

[S7W-02425](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government who will be eligible for Apprenticeship Accelerator Grants and what the grants will pay for.

[S7W-02426](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will commission a feasibility study for reopening the south suburban railway line in Edinburgh.

[S7W-02427](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will deliver the commitment set out in the SNP's 2026 election manifesto to develop proposals to ensure community benefit works better for areas impacted by renewable energy projects.

[S7W-02428](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what research it has undertaken into the costs of road-building in Scotland compared to the rest of Europe.

[S7W-02430](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what reduction in NHS audiology waiting times it expects to achieve through the introduction of community-based hearing services, and what the current median waiting time is for (a) a first audiology appointment and (b) hearing aid fitting in each NHS board area.

[S7W-02431](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its pledge to expand community audiology services and hearing tests on the high street, how many NHS boards currently provide these services through community providers, and what funding has been allocated in 2026-27 to support expansion of this model.

[S7W-02432](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of additional audiologists and hearing care professionals that will be required to reduce audiology waiting lists to pre-pandemic levels, and what action it is taking to recruit and train that workforce.

[S7W-02433](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a timetable for delivering its commitment to move hearing tests and hearing aid fittings into community high street settings, and what assessment it has made of the impact that this will have on audiology waiting times across Scotland.

[S7W-02434](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing Speed Awareness Courses to address road safety in Scotland.

[S7W-02435](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many GP practices have migrated to the Vision 3 GP clinical system, broken down by NHS Board area.

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S7W-02436 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many GP practices have reported operational difficulties following migration to the Vision 3 GP clinical system, broken down by (a) NHS Board area and (b) the nature of the issue reported.

S7W-02437 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many patient safety incidents, near misses or Significant Adverse Event Reviews there have been that are related to the Vision 3 GP clinical system since its roll-out commenced.

S7W-02438 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken any assessment of the impact of the Vision 3 GP clinical system on GP appointment capacity and, if so, what the findings were.

S7W-02439 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any increase in average consultation times, administrative processing times or task completion times following migration to the Vision 3 GP clinical system.

S7W-02440 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what key performance indicators and service level measures are used to assess the performance of the Vision 3 GP clinical system, and whether it will publish the most recent performance results for each of these indicators and measures.

S7W-02441 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many issues have been logged with the OneAdvanced Vision Service Centre since the roll-out of the Vision 3 GP clinical system began, broken down by (a) category of issue and (b) NHS Board area.

S7W-02442 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether any financial penalties, contractual remedies or performance improvement notices have been issued to OneAdvanced in relation to the performance of the Vision 3 GP clinical system and, if so, what these were.

S7W-02443 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken a formal user satisfaction survey of GPs, practice managers and other primary care staff who have migrated to the Vision 3 GP clinical system and, if so, whether it will publish the findings of this survey.

S7W-02444 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what contingency plans have been put in place should a GP practice determine that the Vision 3 GP clinical system is adversely affecting its ability to provide safe and effective patient care.

S7W-02445 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish all risk assessments, risk registers and mitigation plans relating to the roll-out of the Vision 3 GP clinical system that are related to patient safety, operational resilience or service capacity.

S7W-02446 Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how many GP practices have been required to implement temporary reductions in clinical activity, appointment availability or service provision to facilitate migration to the Vision 3 GP clinical system.

S7W-02448 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government for its response to Environmental Standards Scotland's Improvement Report on its investigation into the effectiveness and enforcement of engine idling laws in Scotland, published in June 2026, which found that the current £20 fixed penalty notice for engine idling risks no longer functioning as an effective deterrent, and whether it will increase the level of the fixed penalty notice for engine idling to a level commensurate with other equivalent driving offences.

S7W-02449 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail and relevant UK bodies in relation to the use of under 30s discount railcards on peak time trains?

S7W-02450 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide a timeline for when it will review section 40 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

S7W-02451 Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to notify relevant officials and enforcement officers of new vehicle idling guidance for local authorities since its publication in March 2026.

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[S7W-02294](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the role that a publicly owned national energy company could potentially play in the ownership, development or operation of ScotWind projects.

[S7W-02447](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its answer to question S7W-01392 by Angela Constance on 23 July 2026, which indicated that the Vision 3 GP clinical system is currently the only GP clinical system available through the national framework for the replacement of EMIS PCS in Scotland, what work is being undertaken to identify alternative suppliers and avoid single-supplier dependency in future IT provision for GP practices.

[S7W-02452](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the timetable for rolling out the £2 bus fare cap in (a) Stirling, (b) Fife, (c) Perth and (d) Clackmannanshire.

[S7W-02453](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will engage with the Glasgow Science Centre, which is owned by the GSC Charitable Trust, a wholly owned subsidiary of Scottish Enterprise, regarding the repair or replacement of the titanium roof covering at the IMAX Theatre, which has remained damaged since the roof's waterproof membrane burnt in high temperatures in 2018, leaving black residue across the surface.

[S7W-02454](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that Scotland will have a 24/7 thrombectomy service, in light of reports that, in 2025, only one in 50 stroke patients in Scotland received a thrombectomy treatment despite estimates that one in seven patients could benefit from it, and that only 210 thrombectomies were performed, a number which represents 1.9% of stroke patients.

[S7W-02455](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the announcement that Scotland has its first recorded case of bluetongue virus, what contingency measures it has in place to address this development, and what measures it will take to prevent any further outbreak of the disease.

[S7W-02456](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it uses to determine whether an applicant has been “supported” through the First Homes Fund for the purpose of measuring progress against the 2026 SNP election manifesto commitment to support at least 2,000 applicants within the first 100 days of the current Scottish Government.

[S7W-02457](#) **Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service regarding the number of Adult Disability Payment (ADP) appeals requiring second or subsequent hearings, including where additional evidence is required, and what assessment it has made of any delays to determining ADP appeals resulting from such additional hearings.

[S7W-02458](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether existing Scots law provides adequate protection against the covert recording of individuals using AI-enabled smart glasses or similar wearable technology, and whether, to address this issue, it will consider introducing a standalone right to privacy in Scotland.

[S7W-02459](#) **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Anti-Racism Observatory for Scotland will support and actively engage with communities across Scotland.

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[S7W-02429](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish a plan to deliver the commitment set out in the SNP's 2026 election manifesto to shift the diagnosis and treatment of uncomplicated age-related hearing loss into community-based care, and what milestones and target dates have been set for the delivery of this commitment.

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[S7W-02460](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that a change from on-site retention of spoil to large-scale transportation of spoil off site constitutes a material change to a planning application, and whether such a change would require a further environmental impact assessment.

[S7W-02461](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its consideration of the responses to the consultation, *The Future of Council Tax in Scotland*, which closed on 30 January 2026, and by which date it expects to publish (a) its response to the consultation and (b) any proposals, including timescales, for the reform of council tax.

[S7W-02463](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding action taken under the general anti-avoidance rule that was established by the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014, (a) how many times Revenue Scotland has taken action, (b) how many schemes have been challenged (i) successfully and (ii) unsuccessfully, and (c) what the total value of the schemes has been.

[S7W-02464](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to introduce a ban on the sale of peat for use in horticulture in Scotland.

[S7W-02465](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the role of healthy peatlands in helping it to meet its climate change targets.

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[S7W-02467](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding expanded per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), what action SEPA will take at the locations where elevated concentrations were identified, whether the expansion of monitoring from around 300 to 500 samples in 2026 is fully funded, and when it plans to review environmental standards for PFAS against the developing UK and EU evidence.

[S7W-02468](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the results of SEPA's expanded per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) monitoring programme and in light of 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, whether it will review the current drinking water standard, which applies to the sum of 20 named PFAS compounds regulations.

[S7W-02469](#) **Angela Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Parliament's agreement of motion S7M-00128 on 27 May 2026, which called on it to set out a fully costed delivery plan and timeline for its commitment to extend year-round childcare support to every child from nine months old to the end of primary school, when it plans to publish the delivery plan and timeline, and by what means it will present this information to the Parliament.

[S7W-02470](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government which a) minister, b) directorate and c) public body will be accountable for ensuring that Scotland delivers its agreed contribution to any UK-wide seafloor integrity targets, and how progress towards meeting those targets will be reported to the Scottish Parliament.

[S7W-02471](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Environmental Standards Scotland's finding of non-compliance with Regulation 13 of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010 in relation to the monitoring of marine waters to protect and restore the seafloor, what additional monitoring arrangements it plans to introduce for (a) coastal waters, (b) marine protected areas and (c) wider seas areas.

[S7W-02472](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Environmental Standards Scotland data indicating a decline in the monitoring of coastal and offshore habitats since 2014, what a) the reasons for this decline are and b) steps it is taking to address it.

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[S7W-02473](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government how it measures the spatial extent and intensity of bottom-contact fishing methods by vessels under 12 metres in length in inshore coastal waters, and when it plans to introduce remote electronic monitoring requirements for this type of fishing activity.

[S7W-02474](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of travel distances on access to cancer treatment for children and young people living in rural and remote areas, including those served by NHS Dumfries and Galloway.

[S7W-02475](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government since May 2026 regarding the Travel Fund for children and young people with cancer that is due to be introduced in England from 2027, and whether patients ordinarily resident in Scotland who travel to England for specialist cancer treatment will be eligible to access the fund.

[S7W-02476](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Welsh Government regarding the travel and accommodation fund for children and young people with cancer that the Welsh Government has begun developing.

[S7W-02477](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01758 by Angela Constance on 3 August 2026, what the scope and terms of reference of the review of the Patient Travel Reimbursement Scheme guidance will be, and whether the review will consider the travel costs incurred by children and young people with cancer.

[S7W-02478](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01758 by Angela Constance on 3 August 2026, what wider reform of access to healthcare the review of the Patient Travel Reimbursement Scheme guidance will form part of, and when it expects that work to conclude.

[S7W-02479](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01758 by Angela Constance on 3 August 2026, what financial support is available towards travel costs for children and young people with cancer who receive treatment on a day-patient basis, broken down by (a) those aged under 18 and (b) those aged between 18 and 24.

[S7W-02480](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to fisheries management measures, how it measures improvements to a) the condition of the seabed, b) biodiversity, c) fish populations and d) ecosystems.

[S7W-02481](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether scans from MRIs and X-Rays are ever sent to other parts of the UK to be analysed due to a lack of capacity within NHS Scotland and NHS boards and, if so, how many times this has happened in the last five years.

[S7W-02482](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the construction of purpose built rental homes, in light of recent figures indicating that 1,466 such homes were under construction in 2026, representing a 27% decrease compared with the previous year.

[S7W-02483](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it plans to take to address the reported increased pressures faced by schools in supporting pupils who speak English as a second language, in light of recent figures indicating that the number of pupils with English as an additional language currently stands at around 60,000, compared with 10,000 in 2006.

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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.

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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)

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Lodged on 24 June 2026

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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)

New Documents

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 13 August 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts: Performance and Prospects 2025/26 (SG/2026/169) laid under Section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 17 August 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish National Investment Bank: Review of performance 2026 (SG/2026/164) laid under section 21(3) of the Scottish National Investment Bank Act 2020

Standards Commission for Scotland: Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/183) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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