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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

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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

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Tuesday 8 September 2026

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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 achieved cross party support

***[S7M-00878](#) Andrew Baxter: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland**—That the Parliament shares its deep concern for the growing number of wildfires taking place, which, it considers is a result of both climate change and land management practices, and the increasingly significant threat that these fires pose for communities across rural Scotland, such as those in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch; understands that the Cairngorms wildfire in particular has had a devastating impact within the Cairngorms National Park, both on its natural environment and the businesses that were forced to close; further understands that more than 100 firefighters were required to tackle the blaze; commends the work of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and retained duty firefighters for all that they have done to tackle the wildfire in the Cairngorms, as well as other fires in Holyrood Park in Edinburgh and Hill of Tarvit in Fife; further commends communities in the Cairngorms and across the wider Highlands region for the support that they have provided alongside hard working firefighters as well as for the residents of Nethy Bridge when they were forced to evacuate; understands that the Scottish Government has published a Strategic Action Plan on Wildfires and the announcement of a £3 million fund to help those businesses which have been impacted; notes the belief that despite this action plan and fund, the Scottish Government response to the wildfire in the Cairngorms has fallen short; further notes the calls for a cross-party summit to be held to learn the lessons of the response to the Cairngorms wildfire, ensuring that there is a concrete action plan for any future wildfires, and notes the calls for better funding of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as well so that it is better equipped to deal with these major incidents going forward.

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***[S7M-00870](#) Murdo Fraser: Seen and Known: Rebuilding Belonging in Modern Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Seen and Known: Rebuilding Belonging in Modern Scotland* by Logos Scotland, which examines the causes and consequences of loneliness and social disconnection and considers how a stronger sense of belonging can be fostered across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; notes with concern the report's findings regarding levels of loneliness among younger people and what it considers to be the growing challenge of people feeling disconnected from family, community and wider society; recognises what it sees as the important contribution made by churches, faith communities, charities, voluntary organisations and other local institutions in creating places where people can build meaningful relationships and a sense

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of belonging; notes the view that tackling loneliness requires consideration not only of individual wellbeing but also of the strength of the families, communities and institutions that connect people to one another; welcomes the contribution that Logos Scotland makes to public policy debate by bringing a Christian perspective to contemporary social and political challenges; notes the belief that policy at both national and local level should recognise and support the institutions and relationships that help build strong and connected communities, and welcomes further discussion about how Scotland can become a country in which more people feel seen, known and that they belong.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Liam Kerr*, Stephen Kerr*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-00899](#) Holly Bruce: Save Queen's Park Glasshouse**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the deep cultural, historical and environmental significance of the Queen's Park Glasshouse to the Glasgow Southside constituency and the wider city; notes what it considers to be the significant public support for protecting this cultural heritage asset, evidenced by a Glasgow City Council petition signed by more than 13,000 people; understands that the glasshouse supports a range of crucial community priorities and that maintaining public access is important for heritage preservation, community cohesion, urban greenspace, accessible public toilets and dedicated opportunities for children's play; believes that the safeguarding and sustainable revitalisation of the glasshouse aligns directly with key Scottish Government strategic ambitions, including those under the National Performance Framework 4, the Climate Change Plan and the Health and Social Care Strategy; notes the view that additional investment is required to bring the glasshouse back to its full potential, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to meet with representatives of the Save Queen's Park Glasshouse campaign and Glasgow City Council to discuss all opportunities for the future of the glasshouse.

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Supported by: Iris Duane*, Cara McKee*, Laura Moodie*, Gillian Mackay*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Kim Schmulian*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-00915](#) Martyn Day: Parliament Recognises the Success of the Grangemouth Kerse Road Gap Community Art Project**—That the Parliament congratulates the volunteers, community groups, local artists and partner organisations on the successful delivery of the Grangemouth Town Centre Project; recognises the positive impact of communities working together with a shared vision; understands that the project was delivered in partnership with Grangemouth (including Skinflats) Community Council and CVS Falkirk & District, with support from Friends of Inchyra Park, Zetland Men's Shed and Robertson Construction Central East; acknowledges the value of meaningful community engagement demonstrated through the initiative, and wishes everyone involved every success in continuing to develop projects that celebrate Grangemouth's heritage, creativity and community spirit.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*

***[S7M-00914](#) Clare Haughey: A Royal Burgh in Felt and Stitch**—That the Parliament congratulates pupils from Spittal Primary, Burgh Primary and Cairns Primary, and volunteers from the local community, on the creation of a handcrafted commemorative banner to mark the 900th anniversary of Rutherglen being granted Royal Burgh status by King David I of Scotland; understands that the banner was inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry and is made up of felted and embroidered panels illustrating the people, places and stories of Rutherglen from its earliest days to the present, including portraits of many well-kent faces such as William Wallace, Mary, Queen of Scots, the local physician,

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Dr James Gorman, the suffragist, Nellie Hunter, and the actor, Robbie Coltrane; notes that the incredibly detailed, large-scale work fills the Exhibition Hall of Rutherglen Town Hall, where it is currently on display; believes that it is a fitting testament to the rich heritage of the town, and commends all the pupils and volunteers involved in its creation.

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

***S7M-00913 Amanda Bland: Supporting Victims and Survivors of Domestic Abuse to Achieve Safety and Financial Independence—**That the Parliament recognises the devastating impact of domestic abuse on victims and their children; acknowledges that financial dependence and economic abuse can prevent victims from leaving abusive relationships; commends the vital work of charities and frontline organisations across Scotland that help victims and survivors rebuild safe and independent lives; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that public funding for victims and survivors is targeted towards effective frontline support, with consistent access across Scotland, clear standards for service delivery, transparent reporting on outcomes and value for taxpayers' money, and further calls on the Scottish Government to identify and address gaps in provision so that victims and survivors can access the practical support they need to achieve safety and financial independence.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Victor Currie*, David Smith*, Duncan Massey*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Lindsay*, Senga Beresford*, Jamie Langan*, Kim Schmulian*

***S7M-00912 David Torrance: Fife Voluntary Action Awarded Carer Positive Engaged Accreditation—**That the Parliament congratulates Fife Voluntary Action on being awarded Carer Positive Engaged accreditation by Carers UK, in recognition of its commitment to supporting employees who balance work with unpaid caring responsibilities; notes that the Carer Positive Award recognises employers across Scotland that create supportive working environments where carers are valued and enabled to remain in employment; recognises that the Carer Positive panel praised the organisation's strong commitment to supporting working carers, highlighting its flexible approach, practical support and awareness of the caring responsibilities of its staff, and celebrates the organisation's success in fostering a positive workplace environment that supports employment and makes a meaningful difference to the lives of its employees.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Julie MacDougall*, Stuart McMillan*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Helen McDade*

***S7M-00911 David Torrance: The Perfect Scoop wins Dessert Outlet of the Year award—**That the Parliament congratulates The Perfect Scoop from East Wemyss on winning the Food Awards Scotland 2026 "Dessert Outlet of the Year" award; recognises the hard work and dedication that goes into running a business that produces only freshly made ice cream on site and offers a selection that is second to none in Scotland; notes that the awards, which are in their 12th year, are organised by Oceanic Awards, which delivers 150 regional and industry-specific award ceremonies annually across the UK, Ireland, Canada and the USA; further notes that The Perfect Scoop has won awards in the past at the Royal Highland Show and continues to provide the community with a delicious range of gelato, waffles, doughnuts and loaded sundaes, and hopes that the village of East Wemyss, and Fife as a whole, show their pride in the ice cream shop and the work that has gone into winning this prestigious award.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Julie MacDougall*, Stuart McMillan*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Helen McDade*

***S7M-00910 Andrew Baxter: Recognising Cairngorm Brewery's Success at CAMRA Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Cairngorm Brewery, based in Aviemore, on its exceptional success at the 2026 Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) awards, where its 'Wildcat' bitter was named the second-best beer in the UK; recognises the vital contribution made by independent craft breweries to the Highland economy, jobs, tourism and Scotland's rich brewing heritage, and wishes the Cairngorm Brewery continued success in producing and promoting high-quality Scottish produce.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

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***[S7M-00909](#) Andrew Baxter: Congratulating Fort William Women's FC on Scottish Power**

Funding—That the Parliament congratulates Fort William Women's FC on being awarded £1,000 through ScottishPower's annual grassroots funding competition for women's and girls' football in the Highlands and Islands; understands that the funding will help the club meet travel costs during the season; recognises the particular challenges that significant travel distances and associated costs can present to grassroots sports clubs across the Highlands and Islands; notes that ScottishPower has awarded a total of £5,000 to five women's and girls' football clubs across the region through the latest round of funding; further notes that the initiative, now in its third year, forms part of ScottishPower's support for the Highlands and Islands League as its first title sponsor through a partnership with Scottish Women's Football, and that 15 grants have now been awarded through the programme since 2023; believes that investment in grassroots women's and girls' sport plays an important role in creating opportunities for more women and girls to participate in football and supporting the continued development of the game in communities across the Highlands; commends everyone involved with Fort William Women's FC for their contribution to women's football in the area, and wishes the club and its players every success for the season ahead.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00908](#) Andrew Baxter: Congratulating CI Bruce Crawford and RSABI for Mental Health**

Partnership—That the Parliament congratulates Chief Inspector Bruce Crawford of Police Scotland's National Firearms and Explosives Licencing team and the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RSABI), for their combined effort in establishing the Scottish Firearms Mental Health Awareness and Support Partnership; commends the partnership for what it sees as its crucial contribution towards suicide prevention by offering a safe place for certificate holders to report concerns over their mental health and wellbeing, and welcomes its vital work in raising awareness, reducing stigma and fostering greater understanding of mental health in relation to firearms licensing.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00907](#) Andrew Baxter: Commending Archie Law for Broadford Bay Rescue**—That the Parliament commends Archie Law, aged 15, from Skye, for rescuing two men who got into difficulty in Broadford Bay on 20 June 2026; understands that Archie noticed the men drifting in an inflatable dinghy between Pabay and Scalpay and took his own boat out to assist them; recognises that Archie brought both men safely ashore, where they were met by a member of the Kyle RNLI crew; notes that Kyle RNLI praised Archie's quick thinking and stated that his actions prevented a far more serious situation, and applauds Archie for his courage, awareness and decisive response.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00906](#) Andrew Baxter: Congratulating Krista Nicolson on Raising Awareness of Tourette Syndrome**—That the Parliament congratulates Krista Nicolson, aged 15, from Broadford, on her work to raise awareness and understanding of Tourette syndrome; understands that Krista supported Tourette Scotland's awareness campaign by selling teal laces during Tourette's Awareness Month; notes that Krista and her family had sold 111 pairs of laces at the time of reporting; recognises Krista's openness in sharing her experiences of living with Tourette syndrome and challenging misconceptions surrounding the condition; believes that her campaigning will help other young people with Tourette syndrome feel understood and less alone, and commends Krista for her courage, compassion and commitment to improving awareness within her community.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00905](#) Andrew Baxter: Congratulating Marsaili MacLeod on Completing 1,000 Mile Charity Cycle**—That the Parliament congratulates Marsaili MacLeod, from Kyleakin, on completing a 1,000 mile cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats between 11 and 26 May 2026; understands that Marsaili completed the challenge in 15 days, comprising 14 days of cycling and one rest day, and raised £16,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support; notes that Marsaili undertook the challenge in recognition of the support that she received from the charity during her diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer in 2021; recognises the physical and mental determination required to complete such a demanding

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journey; commends the generosity of everyone who supported her fundraising, and wishes Marsaili every success with her future efforts in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00904](#) Senga Beresford: Recognising the Work of The STAR Centre - Rape Crisis Ayrshire and Arran**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding work of The STAR Centre – Rape Crisis Ayrshire and Arran in providing specialist, trauma-informed support to women and girls who have experienced sexual violence, abuse or exploitation; commends the centre for providing a safe, welcoming and confidential service for women and girls aged 13 and over, regardless of when the abuse or violence occurred; notes that the STAR Centre supports survivors across North, South and East Ayrshire, including Arran and Cumbrae; commends its dedicated advocacy workers for supporting survivors throughout the criminal justice process, including when speaking to police, attending meetings with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and preparing for court, providing information and practical support at every stage; recognises the importance of ensuring that survivors are treated with dignity, compassion and understanding; acknowledges the profound and lasting impact that sexual violence can have on survivors and the vital role played by specialist organisations such as the STAR Centre in helping women and girls rebuild confidence and move forward following trauma; thanks the centre's advocacy workers, prevention officers, support workers and volunteers for their dedication and compassion, and wishes the organisation continued success in its vital work supporting survivors across Ayrshire, Arran and Cumbrae.

Supported by: David Smith*, Duncan Massey*, David Kirkwood*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Bland*, Colin Beattie*, Angela Ross*, Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Lindsay*, Jamie Langan*

***[S7M-00903](#) Senga Beresford: Galloway Therapy Ponies and Equine-Assisted Wellbeing**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Galloway Therapy Ponies, a community wellbeing service based in Galloway that will provide therapeutic pony visits across Dumfries and Galloway and Ayrshire; notes that the service has been founded by Emily Wilson, a trained practitioner with experience in equine-assisted wellbeing, community development and mental health support, to provide opportunities for gentle interaction, sensory engagement and emotional connection; recognises the value of therapeutic animal interaction for people of all ages, including those with additional support needs, dementia, anxiety and limited mobility; recognises that the service will work with care homes, nurseries, schools, additional support needs (ASN) settings, community groups and wellbeing projects, with sessions tailored to meet the needs of those in each setting; commends Emily for developing an innovative, community-based approach to supporting wellbeing and social connection across Dumfries and Galloway and Ayrshire, and wishes everyone at Galloway Therapy Ponies every success as it takes bookings for autumn and winter 2026.

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***[S7M-00902](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Science Centre Appoints New Patron**—That the Parliament congratulates Professor Catherine Heymans on her appointment as Patron of Aberdeen Science Centre (ASC); understands that this is the latest in a series of accolades awarded to Professor Heymans, including her appointment as Astronomer Royal for Scotland in 2021, when she became the first woman to hold the position; notes that, as Patron of ASC, Professor Heyman will help to promote its work to educate people of all ages on the importance of science, technology, engineering and maths; further notes ASC's continued success in attracting visitors following its substantial redevelopment, and wishes both Professor Heymans and ASC every success in the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Dawn Black*, Helen McDade*

***[S7M-00901](#) Tim Eagle: Recognising Michael Dawson's Contribution to Elgin and the wider Moray community**—That the Parliament congratulates Michael Dawson on his retirement from J.C.

Dawson Butchers in Elgin on 22 August 2026; recognises Michael's immense contribution to the Elgin and wider Moray community through his many years as one of the town's longest-established independent businesses; understands that J.C. Dawson Butchers was established in 1889 and has traded from its well-known premises on Batchen Street since 1932, with Michael representing the fourth generation of the Dawson family to run the business; notes that, over more than 135 years, J.C. Dawson has become an important part of Elgin's retail heritage and has built an outstanding reputation for high quality local produce, personal service and its award-winning products; believes that the longevity and success of the business is testament to generations of hard work by the Dawson family and to the loyalty of its staff and customers; recognises in particular Michael's dedication to maintaining the traditions and high standards of the family business while ensuring that it remained a popular and much-valued part of the town centre; considers that independent businesses such as J.C. Dawson play an invaluable role in the character, vitality and community life of towns such as Elgin; thanks Michael for his many years of service to his customers and the wider community, and wishes him a long, happy and well-earned retirement.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Laura Mitchell*, James Adams*, Meghan Gallacher*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Stephen Kerr*

***[S7M-00900](#) David Smith: Recognising the Renfrewshire Ladies Social Group and its Contribution to Tackling Loneliness**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of the Renfrewshire Ladies Social Group to tackling loneliness and social isolation across Renfrewshire; notes that the group was founded in 2022 with the simple aim of providing women of all ages and backgrounds with a welcoming space to meet others, make friends and feel part of their local community; recognises that what began as a small initiative has grown into a thriving community of almost 3,000 women; commends the founder, Rachael Smith, for dedicating her own time to establishing, organising and developing the group, entirely on a voluntary basis; understands that the group provides a wide range of regular social events and activities across Renfrewshire and the surrounding areas, including coffee meet-ups, lunches, walks, creative workshops, talks, day trips, jewellery making, cocktail making, movie nights, sushi classes and visits to animal sanctuaries; recognises the importance of members being encouraged to organise their own events, helping the group to remain community led; further recognises the positive impact the group has had on women who may have experienced loneliness, isolation or a lack of confidence, with members reporting that the group has provided them with a safe and welcoming environment in which they feel included, seen and heard, while helping many to develop meaningful friendships and become more connected to their local community; welcomes the creation of the Renfrewshire Board Gamers Group and the Renfrewshire Food & Friends Group, which were subsequently established to provide further opportunities for people to tackle loneliness and social isolation through shared interests, conversation, food and social activities; acknowledges that these initiatives also provide valuable support to local cafés, restaurants, venues and other businesses by bringing groups of local people through their doors and creating opportunities for businesses and community groups to work together; recognises the wider value of grassroots community initiatives in strengthening communities, improving social connections and supporting wellbeing, and commends the dedication, generosity and community spirit demonstrated by the founder of the Renfrewshire Ladies Social Group in developing a network which now involves thousands of local people and makes a positive contribution to the lives of individuals, the wider Renfrewshire community and the local economy.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Thomas Kerr*, Max Bannerman*, Helen McDade*, Julie MacDougall*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00898](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Celebrating the Ferry Fair 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers on the successful commencement of the Ferry Fair 2026; acknowledges that the event is being held for the 90th time; celebrates its long-standing contribution to community life in South Queensferry; understands that the event dates back to the 12th century; considers its ability to bring together people of all ages from across the local community to be something quite special; thanks all the organisers, security, police, performers and everyone involved for their

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contributions to this year's Ferry Fair, and wishes the event continued success for many more years to come.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie*, Andrew Baxter*, David Torrance*, Adam Harley*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Dunlop*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00897](#) 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.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00896](#) Paul McLennan: Fringe by the Sea 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Fringe by the Sea on the successful conclusion of its 2026 festival in North Berwick; notes that the independent, not-for-profit multi-arts festival took place from 31 July to 9 August 2026 and featured more than 300 events spanning music, comedy, literature, film, talks and community activities; recognises the festival's significant contribution to East Lothian's cultural life and local economy, building on previous reported record-breaking attendance figures and economic impact; commends the organisers for continuing to provide a platform for both internationally renowned performers and emerging local talent; welcomes the festival's commitment to accessibility, community engagement and support for young people and local charities; acknowledges the important role played by volunteers, staff, sponsors and community partners in delivering the event; applauds Festival Director, Rory Steel, and the entire Fringe by the Sea team for their vision and dedication, and wishes everyone involved every success as preparations begin for the 2027 festival.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Jenni Minto*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00895](#) Paul McLennan: Celebrating Dunbar Day Centre 50th Anniversary —**That the Parliament congratulates Dunbar Day Centre on reaching its 50th anniversary; recognises the centre's longstanding contribution to the Dunbar community since its establishment, providing a safe and welcoming social environment for older people and their carers; notes that a celebration to mark this significant milestone is due to take place on 27 August 2026 at the Bleachingfield Centre in Dunbar; commends the staff, volunteers, trustees, supporters and all those who have contributed to the success and sustainability of the centre over the past five decades; acknowledges the important role that community-based day services play in tackling social isolation, promoting wellbeing and supporting independent living for older people, and wishes everyone involved with Dunbar Day Centre every success for the anniversary celebrations and for many years to come.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*

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***[S7M-00894](#) Pauline McNeill: Urgent Support for Palestinian Students Seeking to Study in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes that a number of Palestinian students from Gaza, including Renad Salem, a dedicated midwife working in Gaza, have received unconditional offers to study at Scottish universities but face tuition fees of around £33,000; understands that this is unaffordable for individuals and families affected by conflict and displacement; commends the efforts of people across Scotland who have supported these students through fundraising and crowdfunding initiatives; understands, however, that UK visa requirements mean that such support alone is often insufficient and that students require confirmation of full funding in order to secure study visas; notes reports that the Scottish Government pledged during the 2026 Scottish Parliament election campaign to establish a scholarship scheme for students from Gaza, but that any such scheme may not be introduced until 2027; believes that this timescale risks excluding students who are due to begin their studies in the 2026-27 academic year, and calls on the Scottish Government to introduce, as a matter of urgency, a scholarship or equivalent support scheme to enable Palestinian students with offers from Scottish universities to take up their places this academic year.

Supported by: Carol Mochan*, Ariane Burgess*, Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00893](#) Marie McNair: Gaelic Hearts Early Years Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Sandra Steele of Gavinburn Early Learning and Childcare Centre, Old Kilpatrick, on being awarded the Gaelic Hearts Early Years Award at the very first Early Years Scotland Awards 2026; understands that the awards have been created to celebrate innovation and dedication amongst those working with and for Scotland's youngest children; notes that the Gaelic Hearts Award celebrates Gaelic medium early years practice that supports language renewal and strengthens children's immersion in it, while also acknowledging engagement with families and local communities to help the language flourish; believes that the awards recognise those who have made a real difference, and congratulates Sandra for this outstanding achievement, which evidences her hard work, passion and success.

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***[S7M-00891](#) Marie McNair: Stepping Stones' 35th Anniversary**—That the Parliament celebrates Stepping Stones, based in Clydebank, on marking its 35th anniversary in September 2026; understands that the charity was formed in 1991 after a group of locals came together to try and improve mental health in the area; notes that in 2006, it expanded its services and began providing services across West Dunbartonshire using rented accommodation, NHS and community premises; recognises that it offers a range of services to improve mental health, including peer support, group work, 1:1 support, person-centred counselling, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)-based guided self-help, neurodiversity support, training and psychoeducation, and volunteer opportunities; believes that Stepping Stones provides a vital service in West Dunbartonshire and is a lifeline to many; thanks the team for their tireless efforts to improve the mental wellbeing of the community and congratulates them on reaching this milestone, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

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***[S7M-00890](#) Alex Kerr: Hareleeshill Community Hub Poppy Project**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of Hareleeshill Hub in Larkhall, which is leading the Poppy Installation Project ahead of Remembrance Day; notes that the project aims to honour Remembrance Day by creating a public artwork located at Larkhall New Parish Church made from 2,500 handmade poppies with hundreds already made by its very own craft group; acknowledges that the craft project involves community organisations, schools, churches, voluntary organisations and veterans' groups from the town, and commends all involved in their commitment to bringing the community together to create a touching tribute for Remembrance Day

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***[S7M-00889](#) Adam Harley: Congratulating Kirkintilloch Addiction Recovery Centre and the Legacy of Seamus Harkin**—That the Parliament congratulates the Addiction Recovery Centre in

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Kirkintilloch on its recent award of funding from The National Lottery Community Fund; understands that the funding will relieve immediate financial pressures and allow the centre to plan its services for the year ahead; notes that the centre has supported people affected by alcohol, drug and gambling addiction, and their families, in East Dunbartonshire and beyond since 2002; recognises that its free-to-access services includes drop-in support, recovery meetings and a telephone helpline; commends the work of its volunteers, all of whom have personal experience of overcoming addiction; notes that the centre received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2011; acknowledges the contribution of the late Seamus Harkin, who co-ran the centre for more than 20 years and dedicated over four decades to helping people into recovery; notes that Seamus was recognised as East Dunbartonshire's Provost's Community Champion for 2025, an award presented to him in July 2025; further notes that a memorial service was held in his memory in August 2026, attended by his family, friends and many of those whom he had supported; considers that community-focused recovery organisations working alongside statutory care services make an important contribution to reducing the harm caused by addiction; conveys its sympathy to Seamus Harkin's family, friends and colleagues, and wishes everyone at the centre the very best in continuing his work.

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***S7M-00888 Fulton MacGregor: North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band named Novice A World Pipe Band Champions**—That the Parliament congratulates the North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band on being crowned Novice A World Pipe Band Champions at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow in August 2026; notes that the World Pipe Band Championships have been staged since 1947 and are one of the most prestigious events in the piping calendar, with the championships taking place at Glasgow Green; recognises the exceptional achievement of the North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band in becoming Novice A World Champions, adding to what is now an outstanding record of three World Championship titles for the band; congratulates the band's Novice B section on an excellent fifth-place finish, having qualified for the final, and notes the particular achievement of the many young people competing in their first season with the band, including pupils as young as P6; commends the dedication, commitment and talent of the young pipers and drummers, as well as the tutors who have supported and developed them through countless hours of practice, preparation and competition; recognises the important role played by the band in providing young people across North Lanarkshire with opportunities to learn traditional Scottish music, develop confidence and discipline, build friendships and represent their schools and community at the highest level; notes with appreciation the contribution of parents, carers, schools and North Lanarkshire Council, alongside all those who continue to support the band and its young musicians; celebrates the achievement as a source of immense pride for North Lanarkshire and for Scotland's rich piping and drumming tradition; congratulates the North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band, its pupils, tutors, parents, carers, schools and supporters on becoming Novice A World Pipe Band Champions, and wishes the band every success in the future as it continues to inspire the next generation of Scotland's young musicians.

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***S7M-00887 David Barratt: Congratulating St Ninian's RC Primary School in Cardenden on its 100th anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates St Ninian's RC Primary School in Cardenden on marking its 100th anniversary; understands that the Roman Catholic school first opened its doors in 1926 and has established deep roots in the Bowhill and wider Cardenden community; recognises that St Ninian's has marked its centenary year with a variety of achievements, including the school being awarded a SportScotland Gold School Sport Award, its netball team being crowned Fife Netball Champions, and receipt of CREST Star Awards for taking part in STEM challenges, and wishes all of the pupils and staff at St Ninian's all the very best as they continue to celebrate this milestone year in the school's history.

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***[S7M-00886](#) Marie McNair: Allander Dental Care Take on Triple Charity Challenge**—That the Parliament recognises Allander Dental Care in Milngavie for its ambitious charity fundraiser; understands that the team is embarking on the canal challenge, which involves a 22km run starting in Dalmuir, a 60km cycle starting at the Kelpies and a 15km walk starting at Bowling with a finishing line at Balloch; further understands that Allander Dental Care is raising funds for St Margaret of Scotland Hospice, Glasgow Children's Hospital and a fundraiser to help support a family devastated by a brain tumour; celebrates local businesses taking on charity challenges, and wishes the team at Allander Dental Care all the best on their challenge on 9 September 2026.

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***[S7M-00885](#) Laura Mitchell: 30th Anniversary of Elgin's Biblical Garden**—That the Parliament celebrates the 30th anniversary of Elgin's Biblical Garden; recognises that the garden, which opened in June 1996, was the first of its kind in Scotland and has become a much-loved community asset and space for reflection, education and horticultural interest; notes that the garden houses a collection representing the approximately 110 to 125 trees, shrubs, flowers, herbs and crops mentioned in the Old and New Testaments, and forms an important part of Elgin's historic and cultural landscape; understands that a free public picnic to celebrate the milestone anniversary, featuring live music, games and a ceremonial tree planting, will be held on 12 September 2026; celebrates the contribution made over three decades by volunteers, supporters and the wider Moray community in maintaining and promoting the garden as a place of significance for local residents and visitors, as well as for horticultural education; commends the Friends of the Biblical Garden for their fundraising efforts to secure the future of this highly-valued local asset, and wishes everyone involved in the Biblical Garden continued success as they celebrate 30 years of providing a welcoming green space for the people of Elgin and beyond.

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***[S7M-00884](#) Victor Currie: Transport Connectivity and Access Across the Highlands and Islands**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital importance of reliable, affordable and accessible transport to the social and economic wellbeing of communities across the Highlands and Islands; acknowledges the unique challenges faced by residents living in remote, rural and island communities, where long distance, limited public transport options, challenging geography and dependence on ferry and air services can make everyday journeys significantly more difficult than elsewhere in Scotland; believes that reliable transport is essential for accessing healthcare, education, employment, shops, public services and social and community activities; recognises the particular impact that unreliable or infrequent transport can have on older people, people with disabilities, young people, families and those without access to a private vehicle; further recognises the importance of reliable ferry services, safe and well maintained roads, affordable bus services, resilient rail connections and sustainable air links in maintaining viable and thriving communities; believes that transport policy must properly reflect the additional costs, journey times and practical difficulties experienced by people living in remote and island communities; calls on the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, local authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships and transport operators to work with communities across the Highlands and Islands to improve the reliability, affordability and integration of transport services, and further calls for transport investment decisions to place the needs of rural and island residents at centre of planning, ensuring that geography does not become a barrier to accessing essential services or opportunities.

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***[S7M-00883](#) Paul Sweeney: Proposed Demolition of the Category B-Listed Hillhead Baptist Church**—That the Parliament notes with concern the proposed demolition of the category B-listed

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Hillhead Baptist Church, which is situated in the Glasgow West Conservation Area, by Wemyss Properties; understands that Glasgow City Council's Planning Applications Committee has indicated that it is minded to grant planning permission and listed building consent, subject to conditions and the completion of a legal agreement; notes reports that this decision was highly contested, with the committee vote being tied and only passing on the casting vote of the chair; understands that the application faced a high level of public opposition, receiving 332 formal objections from the community; considers that approving the complete demolition of this listed building contradicts the core principles of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and Historic Environment Scotland policy; recognises that there is a strong statutory presumption against demolition of listed buildings unless one of four strict tests is met; believes that the applicant has failed to meet these tests, specifically because the building retains its special architectural interest and category B-listed status, its deteriorated state does not render it incapable of meaningful physical repair through conservation engineering, the proposed standard private residential development is not essential to delivering significant wider community or economic benefits, and the building has not been transparently marketed by Wemyss Properties to restoring purchasers at a price reflecting its dereliction for a reasonable period; further believes that Scotland has a strong legal framework to protect historic buildings, and that local authorities should actively utilise repairs notices, urgent works powers, and compulsory purchase orders where buildings are being neglected, rather than rewarding demolition by neglect; considers that because the applications remain live and a formal decision has not yet been issued by the planning authority, it is entirely appropriate and legally permissible for the Scottish Ministers to intervene, and urges the Scottish Ministers to reconsider their position and urgently exercise their power to call in the applications for their own determination, ensuring that national planning policies are robustly enforced, overwhelming community opposition is respected, and Glasgow's architectural heritage is safeguarded for future generations.

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[*S7M-00882](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen FC Community Trust - Centre Circle Whole Family Hub—That the Parliament welcomes the recent announcement from Aberdeen FC Community Trust that it will be participating in the Centre Circle Whole Family Hub partnership alongside Falkirk Football Community Foundation, Morton in the Community, and The Killie Community, with the partnership being led by Big Hearts Community Trust; understands that the Centre Circle Whole Family Hubs will support families improve their financial stability and wellbeing; acknowledges that the hubs will aid in the tackling of child poverty across Scotland by using football to connect to those most in need of additional support; understands that funding for the project has been provided by the Scottish Government, with £850,000 from the Whole Family Support Third Sector Delivery Fund going towards the hubs across Scotland; commends the funding, which comes from the Scottish Government's Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan, and wishes Aberdeen FC Community Trust, along with its partners, all the best with their Centre Circle Whole Family Hubs, and supports the direct action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce child poverty.

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[*S7M-00881](#) Jack Middleton: Denis Law Legacy Trust Impact Report—That the Parliament notes the publication of Denis Law Legacy Trust's *Impact Report 2025*; understands that the Trust was established to honour the legacy of Denis Law, considered by many to be Scotland's greatest football star and winner of the Ballon d'Or in 1964; welcomes the Trust's continued achievements, including the creation of what it sees as the lifechanging Denis Law Academy project, which offers targeted support for young people in Aberdeen City so that they can reach their full potential; commends the Trust's ongoing work, including its Streetsport programme, which offers sport activity sessions for young people at multiple locations across Aberdeen City on a weekly basis; appreciates Denis Law Legacy Trust's role in addressing anti-social behaviour among young people through the Streetsport programme, by offering a safe and healthy outlet for young people aged eight to nineteen; thanks the

volunteers and staff who make the Trust's work possible; remembers Denis' contribution to Aberdeen following his passing in 2025, and commends the work of the Denis Law Legacy Trust into the future.

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***[S7M-00880](#) Dawn Black: Recognising the Actions of Stonehaven RNLI Volunteer Keith Scott and the Contribution of the RNLI and Emergency Services—**That the Parliament commends Keith Scott, an off-duty volunteer crew member with Stonehaven RNLI, for his actions following the capsizing and sinking of a boat on Loch Ryan near Wig Bay on 1 August 2026; understands that, drawing on the training, skills and experience gained through his service with the RNLI, Mr Scott launched a small boat and crossed the bay to assist three people in the water; notes that he brought all three casualties safely aboard and returned them to shore; further notes that Stranraer RNLI reported that his prompt intervention ensured that the casualties were safely out of the water before its volunteer lifeboat crew arrived; recognises the contribution of Stranraer RNLI, HM Coastguard and the Scottish Ambulance Service in securing a safe outcome, demonstrating the importance of effective partnership working during emergency incidents; acknowledges the dedication and commitment of RNLI volunteers and staff across Scotland, whose training and expertise help save lives and protect communities around the country's coasts and inland waters, and thanks all those involved for their public service in preventing what could otherwise have been a tragic incident.

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***[S7M-00879](#) Patricia Gibson: Celebrating 20 Years of Montenegro's Independence—**That the Parliament congratulates Montenegro on the 20th anniversary of the restoration of its independence following the referendum of 21 May 2006, in which 55.5% of voters chose a sovereign future for their country; recognises the significant social, economic and democratic progress made by Montenegro over the past two decades; notes that Montenegro became a member of NATO in 2017 and is the leading candidate for future European Union enlargement, with the objective of becoming the 28th member state by 2028; considers that Montenegro has demonstrated the benefits of democratic reform and political stability; recognises the substantial economic and institutional progress achieved since independence, including sustained growth in the tourism and services sectors, significant foreign direct investment, the adoption of the euro as a stable currency and the development of a modern and competitive economy; understands that Montenegro has made notable progress in strengthening democratic institutions, the rule of law and European integration, while achieving significantly higher average wages and GDP per capita than Serbia, from which it gained independence; acknowledges that Montenegro has maintained close cultural ties with Serbia while pursuing its own path as an independent state; believes that Montenegro's achievements since independence represents a notable success story in the Western Balkans, and wishes the people of Montenegro every success as they mark this important anniversary and continue their journey towards full membership of the European Union.

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***[S7M-00877](#) Julie MacDougall: Commending the Community Service of Scott's of Cupar—**That the Parliament recognises the longstanding community service of the clothing shop, Scott's of Cupar, which, it understands is sadly closing due to changes in the local market after being open at the same address since 1907; recognises that the shop has been deeply integrated within Fife's textile industry and made quality products much treasured by the residents of Cupar and beyond; understands that the shop underwent a transition from general clothes selling to specialising in women's clothing in the 1990s, being one of the only shops in the area to do so; commends the shop for raising over £50,000 for charity cumulatively over the many years that it has been open, which it achieved by hosting fashion events and coffee dates; wishes Claudine Weir, the owner, all the best in her future

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endeavours, and congratulates the entire family who helped run the business for over a century of steadfast service to Cupar.

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***[S7M-00876](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating West College Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates West College Scotland on the outcome of its recent Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review, which was undertaken by the Quality Assurance Agency; understands that the college was judged in the review to be “effective in managing academic standards, enhancing the quality of the learning experience and enabling student success”; recognises the hard work of Principal, Anne Campbell, and her team in achieving this status; thanks Ms Campbell and all the staff at West College Scotland for their commitment to their students, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00875](#) Stephen Kerr: Congratulates Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band on an Outstanding 2026 Season**—That the Parliament congratulates Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band on an outstanding 2026 season, culminating in the band being named Champion of Champions in the Novice Juvenile B grade; recognises the remarkable consistency demonstrated by the young pipers and drummers throughout the season, securing third place at the British Pipe Band Championships and European Pipe Band Championships, becoming Scottish Champions through winning the Scottish Pipe Band Championships and finishing as runners-up at the World Pipe Band Championships; considers these results to represent an exceptional achievement by the young musicians and a source of great pride for their families, schools and communities across the Stirling area; congratulates piping instructors, Chris Gibb and Andrew Wallace, and drumming instructor, Chloe Taylor, for the commitment, encouragement and expert tuition that they provide to the young musicians; further congratulates Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band on receiving the 2026 Eilidh MacLeod Endeavour Award at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships in recognition of the dedication and resilience shown by its members in supporting the suicide prevention charity, Back Onside, including through fundraising by busking during the winter months; believes that the band’s success demonstrates the enormous value of providing young people with opportunities to learn piping and drumming, develop confidence and teamwork, and participate in Scotland’s musical traditions; pays tribute to everyone involved in supporting the band, including families, schools and the wider music education community, and wishes all of the young pipers and drummers every success as they build on their outstanding 2026 season.

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***[S7M-00874](#) Stuart McMillan: 20 Years of the Energy Ombudsman**—That the Parliament recognises the 20th anniversary of the Energy Ombudsman; understands that, following concerns about energy billing and switching processes, the Energy Supply Ombudsman Scheme was launched in July 2006; notes that the scheme was voluntary, applied only to the six largest energy suppliers, dealt solely with billing and switching complaints, and handled just over 2,000 complaints in its first year; further notes that, in 2008, participation became mandatory for all licensed energy suppliers, extending access to independent dispute resolution across all aspects of energy supply services; welcomes the subsequent expansion of the Energy Ombudsman’s remit to include consumers using heat networks and small businesses with up to 50 employees; recognises what it sees as the vital role that the Energy Ombudsman plays in supporting consumer confidence in the energy market by providing a free-to-use, independent and impartial dispute resolution service while identifying systemic issues to help drive improvements across the sector; welcomes recent

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announcements designed to shorten complaint journey times, strengthen decision-making, improve access to the service and enhance consumer compensation, and congratulates the Energy Ombudsman on supporting more than one million energy consumers over the past two decades.

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***[S7M-00873](#) Dawn Black: Brechin Cathedral Trust Takes Ownership of Brechin Cathedral**—That the Parliament congratulates the Brechin Cathedral Trust on assuming ownership of the 800-year-old Brechin Cathedral; notes that the A-listed cathedral is one of Scotland's most significant medieval churches; recognises the efforts of the Friends of Brechin Cathedral and the General Trustees in helping secure the building's future following its closure as a regular place of worship in 2021; further recognises that its Irish-style round tower, dating from around 1100, is one of only two such towers in Scotland, and that the cathedral houses an important collection of carved Pictish stones and outstanding stained-glass windows, and commends the Trust for its commitment to safeguarding the cathedral's heritage, promoting public access, and ensuring that this nationally significant landmark continues to serve the community for generations to come.

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***[S7M-00872](#) David Torrance: Golden Jubilee of St Peters Episcopal Church in Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament celebrates the 50th anniversary of St Peter's Episcopal Church, on Townsend Place in Kirkcaldy; notes that the current church building was consecrated in 1976, although the congregation has been part of the Lang Toun for over 200 years; understands that St Peter's is part of the Scottish Episcopal Church and a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion; further understands that it is a Eucharistic community, gathering each Sunday to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion; recognises the church's long and significant history in Kirkcaldy, tracing its roots to 1812 and its association with prominent local families, including the Oswalds of Dunnikier, and that one of its earliest recorded baptisms was that of a son of the Earl of Elgin; welcomes the church's celebration of its golden jubilee with invited guests from local organisations, and congratulates the congregation on the unveiling of a newly commissioned stained glass window, dedicated by the Bishop of St Andrews, the Right Reverend Ian Paton.

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***[S7M-00871](#) Tim Eagle: Welcoming the Unveiling of Phase Two of The Storr Centre**—That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of phase two of the Ionad an Stòir/The Storr Centre on the Isle of Skye on 12 August 2026; believes that this development is a positive example of partnership between Highland Council, the local community and the UK Government, which provided £550,000 of funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, established by the previous Conservative UK administration; believes that this will further cement the Storr Centre as a significant contributor to the visitor infrastructure of Skye; notes that it will provide an improved path network, car and motorhome parking, EV charging points, motorhome waste disposal, and enhanced toilet facilities, and welcomes that it will provide valuable retail opportunities to local businesses such as the Raasay Distillery and Iain Angus Design to supply their products to customers visiting the centre.

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***[S7M-00869](#) Amanda Bland: V-J Day: Honouring Those Who Served and Sacrificed**—That the Parliament remembers with solemnity and respect those who fought on the Asia-Pacific front during the Second World War; notes that 2026 marks the 81st anniversary of the surrender of Japanese forces and the end of the conflict; records its utmost admiration for surviving veterans and its profound gratitude for their service, courage and sacrifice, and remembers the countless courageous men and women from Scotland, the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and countries across the world who served, and those who gave their lives, in the hope of securing peace and building a better future for

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***[S7M-00868](#) Heather Anderson: Maggie's: Thirtieth Anniversary and V&A Dundee Exhibition—**That the Parliament congratulates all at Maggie's on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; recognises the hard work and dedication from staff and volunteers at Maggie's Centres across Scotland, which include sites in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Fife, Forth Valley, Glasgow, Highlands, and Lanarkshire; notes that the first Maggie's Centre opened in Edinburgh in 1996, following the blueprint designed and developed by Maggie Keswick Jencks who sadly passed away prior to the first centre opening; recognises that to mark its anniversary, Maggie's has worked with the team at V&A Dundee to put on an exhibition called Maggie's: Architecture that Cares, which tells the story of Maggie's history and the ground-breaking approach to design and architecture, which has underpinned its work; understands that the exhibition is free to view and will be open until 1 November 2026, thanks all the staff and volunteers at Maggie's for doing so much to support those affected by cancer, whether that be cancer patients, families or friends, and wishes everyone at Maggie's all the best on its 30th anniversary.

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***[S7M-00867](#) Andrew Baxter: The Puffin Pool, Dingwall—**That the Parliament congratulates the Puffin Hydrotherapy Pool in Dingwall on reaching its 30th anniversary; recognises what it sees as the vital service it provides to children and adults across the Highlands through hydrotherapy and rehabilitation; acknowledges the positive difference that the pool has made to individuals and families over the past 30 years; commends the staff, trustees, volunteers, supporters and fundraisers whose dedication has helped sustain the pool over three decades; recognises the importance of accessible specialist facilities and services for people in rural and remote communities; welcomes the contribution the Puffin Pool makes to the health, wellbeing and independence of people across the Highlands, and wishes the pool every success as it begins its fourth decade of serving communities across the Highlands.

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***[S7M-00866](#) Andrew Baxter: 21 Years of The Nethy—**That the Parliament congratulates *The Nethy*, the community newsletter for Nethy Bridge, on celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2026; understands that the first edition of *The Nethy* was published in May 2005 as a 24-page black-and-white newsletter and that, over the following 21 years, it has grown into a full-colour quarterly publication; notes that approximately 24,000 copies have been printed during that time; recognises the important role that *The Nethy* has played in bringing the village together by sharing local news, recording the history of Nethy Bridge and the surrounding area, celebrating the achievements and milestones of local residents and providing a voice for community groups; further recognises what it sees as the considerable contribution made by the many volunteers who, over more than two decades, have written articles, taken photographs, designed pages, organised advertising, distributed copies and managed the publication; commends *The Nethy* for donating its profits to village causes and helping to support local projects and groups; pays particular tribute to its founders, past and present committee members, editors, contributors, advertisers, subscribers and readers, whose support has enabled the newsletter to flourish for 21 years; believes that the continued success of a volunteer-led publication in a small Highland community is a considerable achievement and testament to the community spirit of Nethy Bridge, and wishes everyone involved with *The Nethy* continued success for

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many more years of helping to bring the village together.

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[*S7M-00780](#) Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Steven Bryce on Commonwealth Games Bronze Medal Success—That the Parliament congratulates Steven Bryce, from Newmains, on winning a Bronze medal for Team Scotland in the Men's T20 1500m at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games; notes that Steven, who works at University Hospital Wishaw, represented Scotland on home soil as part of Team Scotland's para athletics squad and marked his Commonwealth Games debut with a podium finish; recognises the dedication, perseverance and commitment that have enabled Steven to compete at the highest level of international sport; notes that he combines the demands of elite athletics with his valued role supporting patient care within NHS Lanarkshire; acknowledges that his achievement is a source of pride for his colleagues, the wider NHS Lanarkshire family and the local community; recognises what it sees as the importance of para sport in promoting inclusion, opportunity and excellence; commends Steven for serving as an inspiration to others through his sporting achievements, and wishes him every success in his future athletic career.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Amanda Bland*, Kate Campbell*, David Torrance*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-00865](#) Clare Haughey: Welcoming Rutherglen's Inaugural Book Festival (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00864](#) David Torrance: Celebrating the Kirkcaldy Lottery's Support of the Adam Smith Global Foundation and Local Artists (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00863](#) Colm Merrick: Celebrating 21 Years of Yoker Community Campus Development Company (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00862](#) Clare Haughey: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00861](#) Laura Moodie: Monklands Replacement Project's Summer Schools (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Cara McKee*

[S7M-00860](#) Finlay Carson: Celebrating 150 Years of Service by Dumfries YMCA (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S7M-00859](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating the Stonehaven Fireballs on Reaching the Finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00858](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating The Harbour Bar in Gourdon on Reaching the Finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards (lodged on 13 August 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00857](#) **Michelle Campbell: Celebrating the Work of Turf Youth and Community Project** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*, Cara McKee*

[S7M-00856](#) **Michelle Campbell: Celebrating the Work of Erskine Veterans Charity** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kate Campbell*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-00855](#) **Laura Mitchell: Celebrating Alan Winchester's Contribution to Scotch Whisky** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00854](#) **Laura Mitchell: World Organ Donation Day 2026** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Andrew Baxter*, Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*, Jackie Baillie*, Cara McKee*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-00853](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating West College Scotland on its Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Cara McKee*

[S7M-00852](#) **Patricia Gibson: Public Sector Contract Awards to Fujitsu** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00851](#) **Dawn Black: Calling on the Scottish Government to Review its Position on Disposable Barbecues** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Andrew Baxter*, Jackie Baillie*, Cara McKee*

[S7M-00850](#) **Clare Haughey: The Newton Arms Named Community Venue of the Year** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00849](#) **Colm Merrick: Celebrating 10 Years of Anyiso** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00848](#) **David Green: Sutherland Women FC Secures ScottishPower Funding** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00847](#) **Martyn Day: Congratulations to Murdoch Kennedy** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00846](#) **Laura Mitchell: Moray Girls FC Receives ScottishPower Grassroots Football Funding** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Miles Briggs*, Tim Eagle*, Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00843](#) **David Linden: Baillieston Main Street Pavement Festival Raises Over £3,000 for Charity** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00842](#) **Paul Sweeney: Success and Ongoing Evaluation of Glasgow's Overdose Prevention Centre** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Laura Moodie*, Pauline McNeill*, Kate Campbell*, Cara McKee*, David Torrance*, Ariane Burgess*, Bob Doris*

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[S7M-00840](#) **David Linden: Glasgow's Big Hearted Sandmyle Hotel** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Campbell*, Alyn Smith*

[S7M-00836](#) **Heather Anderson: Dundee and Orléans: 80 Years of Friendship** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S7M-00835](#) **Clare Adamson: Sir Alexander Gibson – Legacy of a Scottish Musical Pioneer** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-00833](#) **Keith Brown: Recognising the Work of CHUMS Clacks** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-00832](#) **Keith Brown: Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00831](#) **Jackie Dunbar: George Adam Awarded 2026 Denis Law RGUplus Honorary Award** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00829](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Barratt and David Wilson Homes Volunteers Transform Brimmond School Playground** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00828](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Walking Football Turns 10** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00827](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Sonny Kerr Wins Commonwealth Bronze** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00826](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen International Airport Becomes Stoma-friendly Airport** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00824](#) **Stuart McMillan: Commonwealth Games Garden Replanted in Port Glasgow** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-00823](#) **Victor Currie: Celebrating Transformative Scottish Land Fund Allocations for Morvern and the Bays of Harris** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

[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** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*

[S7M-00821](#) **Patricia Gibson: Impact of Changes to Public Service Pension Scheme Commutation Factors** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Cara McKee*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*, Mark Griffin*, Amanda Bland*, Stuart McMillan*, Dawn Black*, Jackie Baillie*, Laura Mitchell*, Kim

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-00810](#) **Patricia Gibson: Recognising the Importance of Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*, Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*, Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Ross Greer*, Laura Moodie*

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

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Laura Moodie*

[S7M-00738](#) **Paul McLennan: Wildfires and Extreme Heat** (lodged on 24 July 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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[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: Meghan Gallacher*

[S7M-00549](#) **Lloyd Melville: Celebrating 10 Years of Reach Across** (lodged on 1 July 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

Written Questions

SPCB Written Questions lodged on 17 August 2026

[S7W-02485](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it has considered commissioning a Scottish Parliament challenge coin for members to present to hosts during official international visits and to members of visiting delegations, in light of the increasing use of such coins by legislatures and public bodies across the Commonwealth, the United States and elsewhere.

Written Questions lodged on 17 August 2026

[S7W-02161](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that high levels of E. coli have been found in the water around Kinghorn Harbour and, whether it considers that a previous decision by it to overturn a SEPA enforcement notice issued to Scottish Water in 2024, regarding the identification and elimination of sources of contamination in the Kinghorn area, has had any bearing on the current situation, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

[S7W-02484](#) **Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding section 121 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, how it is (a) monitoring compliance by NHS boards regarding their duty to work with community transport organisations to improve access to healthcare and (b) enforcing implementation by NHS boards.

[S7W-02486](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what the membership is of the partnership group for the Glasgow People's Palace and Winter Gardens restoration project.

[S7W-02487](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to amending the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 to grant permitted development rights for shopfront alterations that strictly comply with a local authority's formally adopted heritage design code.

[S7W-02488](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to integrate the material and architectural standards developed under the Traditional Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme (TSIG) into the statutory guidance supporting National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).

[S7W-02489](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the capacity of local planning authorities to take swift enforcement action against any unauthorised alterations to shopfronts on listed buildings and within conservation areas.

[S7W-02490](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to local authorities on the adoption of street-specific, visual design codes within Local Development Plans to remove ambiguity for property owners regarding acceptable restorations.

[S7W-02491](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to establishing a dedicated national grant scheme to support the reinstatement of traditional shopfronts, to ensure equitable access to funding outside of existing, localised Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) boundaries.

[S7W-02492](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider ringfencing a proportion of the Place Based Investment Programme, or similar town centre regeneration funds, specifically for heritage-led commercial facade improvements.

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[S7W-02493](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Historic Environment Scotland regarding the creation of a targeted, fast-track grant stream exclusively for small business owners seeking to restore original architectural details to listed or conservation area commercial properties.

[S7W-02494](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to local authorities to ensure that any disbursement of public funds for retail improvement schemes is conditional upon adherence to high-quality, traditional materials, traditional skills and design codes.

[S7W-02495](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to reforming the non-domestic rates system to provide a targeted rates relief or discount for commercial tenants and property owners who successfully reinstate traditional shopfronts on listed buildings or within conservation areas.

[S7W-02496](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Skills Development Scotland regarding the provision of targeted apprenticeship funding for traditional building crafts such as heritage joinery, stained glass-making and traditional sign-writing, to ensure that the domestic supply chain can support a national rollout of traditional shopfront design standards.

[S7W-02497](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to issue stronger guidance to local planning authorities regarding the determination of retrospective planning applications for unauthorised alterations to shopfronts on listed buildings or within conservation areas, to discourage developers from undertaking unauthorised works in anticipation of retrospective planning permission being granted.

[S7W-02498](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers there to be any conflict between the operation of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 and the Building (Scotland) Act 2003 in cases involving dangerous listed buildings, and, if so, what action it plans to take to ensure that public safety measures do not unnecessarily result in the loss of historic buildings.

[S7W-02499](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what dedicated financial and technical support it is currently providing to regional transport partnerships, including the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), to assist in the development of bus service franchising business cases under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

[S7W-02500](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered the potential use of floating or submerged inshore data centres and, if so, what assessment it has made of their potential to reduce renewable energy constraint costs, utilise seawater cooling, and provide a source of heat for district heating networks.

[S7W-02501](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to whether the electricity requirements associated with data centre development could improve the economic viability of constructing small modular reactors.

[S7W-02502](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is, regarding any impact on Scotland, on the statement by the Director General for Rail Services at the UK Department for Transport, Alex Hynes, to the House of Commons Transport Select Committee that “by having bi-mode trains you inadvertently weaken the business case for further electrification”.

[S7W-02503](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing national planning policy, similar to the *Edinburgh Design Guidance* published by the City of Edinburgh Council in September 2025, to encourage or require the use of traditionally designed cast-iron architectural street furniture in designated conservation areas, and whether it has assessed the potential impact of such a policy on Scotland's domestic foundry sector.

[S7W-02504](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will evaluate municipal procurement and heritage conservation policies in other countries, including Dublin's historic cast-iron street furniture framework, Paris's standards for historic street furniture, Washington DC's historic

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lighting requirements and Vienna's heritage preservation policies, to inform any strategy for sustaining Scotland's architectural iron foundry sector and traditional manufacturing skills.

[S7W-02505 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what use it currently makes of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology to map vegetation, assess fuel loads and identify areas at heightened risk of wildfire.

[S7W-02506 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to adopting approaches used in Wales to apply Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) mapping to wildfire prevention and planning, and whether it will consider developing a comprehensive LiDAR-based wildfire risk map for Scotland.

[S7W-02507 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commission research comparing vegetation and fuel loads across Scotland during the drought and wildfires of 2026 with those recorded during the drought of 1976, including through the use of LiDAR data, satellite imagery and historic land-management records.

[S7W-02508 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether its Chief Scientific Adviser for Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture has provided advice on the use of LiDAR technology to assess wildfire risk and, if so, whether it will publish any such advice.

[S7W-02509 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the role credit unions play in supporting financial inclusion and access to affordable credit.

[S7W-02510 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to implement the financial inclusion priority within the revised Dormant Assets Policy Direction Framework, and what role it anticipates credit unions and community finance providers will play in improving access to affordable credit.

[S7W-02511 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the National Lottery Community Fund, credit unions and other community finance providers regarding the delivery of the financial inclusion priority within the revised Dormant Assets Policy Direction Framework.

[S7W-02512 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage payroll deduction partnerships between employers, public bodies and credit unions, particularly across the public sector.

[S7W-02513 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to involve credit unions and financial co-operatives in the delivery of community wealth building.

[S7W-02514 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to credit unions to modernise their digital infrastructure and increase access to ethical community finance.

[S7W-02515 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what role it anticipates credit unions will play in supporting financial education, tackling illegal money lending and contributing to child poverty prevention.

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[S7W-02516 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it expects consultants to be appointed to develop Corridor Action Plans for the A75 and A77, and what timescale has been set for the completion of this work.

[S7W-02517 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated for the commissioning and delivery of Corridor Action Plans for the A75 and A77, and from which budget line this expenditure will be met.

[S7W-02518 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what criteria will be used by the consultants developing the Corridor Action Plans to assess potential upgrades to the A75 and A77,

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including improvements to road safety, journey reliability, resilience and economic connectivity.

[S7W-02519](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to engage with local communities, businesses, freight operators, ferry operators, elected representatives and other stakeholders in Dumfries and Galloway and South Ayrshire during the development of the Corridor Action Plans for the A75 and A77.

[S7W-02520](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to publishing a timetable for investment in, and delivery of, any recommended improvements identified in the A75 and A77 Corridor Action Plans, and, if so, when it anticipates publishing such a timetable.

[S7W-02521](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assurance it can provide that the Corridor Action Plans for the A75 and A77 will result in capital investment projects being progressed, rather than further review and assessment work.

[S7W-02522](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has identified any priority schemes on the A75 and A77 that could be progressed before completion of the Corridor Action Plans.

[S7W-02523](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to the finding in the Scottish Government-funded study of farm-to-wild genetic introgression, *Spatial variability in farm-to-wild introgression in Scotland's wild Atlantic salmon populations revealed using a novel spatial statistical survey design*, which was published on 8 August 2026, that approximately 20% of Scotland's river network was affected by genetic introgression in wild salmon at the national scale in 2021, ranging from 0% in some east coast regions to approximately 72% in west coast regions associated with high concentrations of marine aquaculture.

[S7W-02524](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will strengthen future monitoring of farm-to-wild genetic introgression in wild salmon, in line with the recommendation from the Scottish Government-funded study, *Spatial variability in farm-to-wild introgression in Scotland's wild Atlantic salmon populations revealed using a novel spatial statistical survey design*, which was published on 8 August 2026, for carefully structured juvenile sampling programmes and appropriate statistical approaches to provide credible estimates of the extent and severity of introgression pressures.

[S7W-02525](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it accepts that the presence of farmed genetic material in wild salmon, as identified by the Scottish Government-funded study, *Spatial variability in farm-to-wild introgression in Scotland's wild Atlantic salmon populations revealed using a novel spatial statistical survey design*, which was published on 8 August 2026, demonstrates that escaped farmed salmon are having a genetic impact on wild salmon populations, given the study's finding that approximately 20% of Scotland's river network was affected by introgression in 2021, ranging from 0% in some east coast regions to approximately 72% in west coast regions associated with high concentrations of marine aquaculture.

[S7W-02526](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact of the proposed Loch Kemp Pumped Storage Hydro development on the objectives of its 30 by 30 commitment to protect at least 30% of Scotland's land and seas for nature by 2030, particularly in relation to the protection and restoration of designated sites for nature.

[S7W-02527](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration has been given to designating Loch Ness as a National Scenic Area, and what assessment has been made of any potential benefits and implications of such a designation for the landscape, natural and cultural heritage, biodiversity and local economy.

[S7W-02528](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration NatureScot gave to the potential loss of rare red-listed lichen species and veteran hazel associated with Easter Ness Woods SSSI and Ness Woods SAC in its submission to the Loch Kemp Pumped Storage Hydro public hearing, and what assessment was made of the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures.

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[S7W-02529 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of pumped storage hydro developments on wild Atlantic salmon populations and how this is being taken into account in delivering the objectives of the Wild Salmon Strategy.

[S7W-02530 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to any implications of approving pumped storage hydro developments within or affecting designated sites for the delivery of its 30 by 30 commitment to protect at least 30% of Scotland's land and seas for nature by 2030, including any potential implications for future development proposals.

[S7W-02531 Jamie Langan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is currently taking to ensure that Scottish farmers have access to a sufficient and secure supply of vaccines in response to the current bluetongue outbreak.

[S7W-02532 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has taken to improve the resilience of its Polaris All Terrain Vehicles, in light of reports in 2024 that the vehicles only had a maximum safe operating angle of 15 degrees.

[S7W-02533 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much additional funding has been provided to (a) CalMac, (b) Northlink and (c) relevant local authorities to help with increased fuel costs for ferries since the beginning of the Iran war in February 2026.

[S7W-02534 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will evaluate the impact of the Thistle safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow on immediate out-of-hours referrals to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and whether it plans to explore supplementary low-cost 24-hour community access models across the wider public sector estate where facilities are already operating on a 24-hour basis.

[S7W-02535 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the Safe Stations initiative operating in Rhode Island and other United States municipalities, which utilises fire stations as 24-hour drop-in centres for immediate addiction support, and whether elements of this model could be integrated into its National Mission on Drugs.

[S7W-02536 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will engage with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the feasibility of designating community fire stations as permanent safe access points to connect vulnerable individuals directly with addiction services and other health and social care partnership services.

[S7W-02537 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, following the roll-out of naloxone carriage by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) personnel, whether it has plans to further expand the role of SFRS stations and frontline staff in facilitating emergency interventions and recovery referrals for those experiencing drug addiction.

[S7W-02538 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that individuals seeking immediate assistance for substance use disorder can access physical, 24-hour, low-barrier drop-in centres outwith the standard operating hours of primary care and community pharmacies.

[S7W-02539 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will call in planning application 24/01934/FUL and listed building consent application 24/01935/LBA by Wemyss Properties for the proposed demolition of the category B-listed former Hillhead Baptist Church within the Glasgow West Conservation Area for independent scrutiny by Scottish Ministers.

[S7W-02540 Paul McLennan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in reviewing the National Performance Framework, including when the revised framework and National Outcomes will be published.

[S7W-02541 Paul McLennan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the Programme for Government 2026-27 will be closely aligned or mapped to the revised National Performance Framework.

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[S7W-02542](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of its approach and timeline for the development of the National Indicators that underpin the National Outcomes, and how it plans to consult with relevant sectors and organisations as part of this process.

[S7W-02543](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to address any gaps in data in order to improve reporting against the National Indicators.

[S7W-02544](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of people on waiting lists for hybrid closed-loop (HCL) insulin pumps and the number of planned new-start patients in 2026, broken down by NHS board.

[S7W-02545](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider routinely publishing national data on the number of people on waiting lists for hybrid closed-loop (HCL) insulin pumps and the number of new-start patients, to support transparency and identify any regional variation.

[S7W-02546](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of NHS boards being expected to fund hybrid closed-loop (HCL) systems for eligible patients in line with NICE and SIGN guidance, what steps it will take to ensure equitable access to HCL across Scotland, and whether it will establish national targets and timelines for their continued roll-out.

[S7W-02547](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many new-start patients are planned to commence treatment with hybrid closed-loop (HCL) insulin pump systems in 2026, and how this compares with the number of new-start patients in 2024 and 2025.

[S7W-02548](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Medicines Consortium's decision in June 2026 to approve the use of semaglutide (Wegovy) to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events in adults with established cardiovascular disease and either obesity or overweight, what discussions it has had with NHS boards regarding implementation.

[S7W-02549](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the annual cost of providing semaglutide (Wegovy) and tirzepatide (Mounjaro) treatment for reducing weight in adults under the approved NHS Scotland Patient Access Scheme, and over what timescale it expects all eligible patients to be able to access treatment.

[S7W-02550](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras are in operation in Scotland, and which organisations are responsible for operating them.

[S7W-02551](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras are operated by the Scottish Government, its agencies and public bodies, excluding those operated by Police Scotland.

[S7W-02552](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any cases of abuse of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera systems.

[S7W-02553](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the use of Flock Safety Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras in Scotland.

[S7W-02554](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to be misused to facilitate stalking, harassment or coercive control.

[S7W-02555](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for individuals with access to Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data to use that data to identify or monitor the movements or whereabouts of victims of domestic abuse.

[S7W-02556](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its strategy for tackling violence against women and girls considers the potential misuse of police surveillance technologies, including Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), to facilitate stalking or coercive control.

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[S7W-02557](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of whether the current retention period for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data held by Police Scotland is proportionate, in light of the number of vehicles recorded that are not of interest to the police.

[S7W-02558](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered reducing the period for which Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data relating to vehicles that are not of interest is retained.

[S7W-02559](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data to reveal whether an individual has visited sensitive locations, including healthcare facilities, places of worship, political meetings or domestic abuse support services.

[S7W-02560](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to be combined with facial recognition, artificial intelligence or other biometric technologies.

[S7W-02561](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Police Scotland has considered using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data in combination with facial recognition or other biometric technologies, and, if so, for what purposes.

[S7W-02562](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any assessment has been made of the human rights and privacy implications of combining Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data with other datasets held by Police Scotland or other public authorities.

[S7W-02563](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on providing communities with the right to appeal against planning applications following reviews by the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA), and whether existing statutes should be amended to provide communities with the right to appeal.

[S7W-02564](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to incorporate mid-market rent and build-to-rent properties into Scotland's rent control zones, what action it will take to prevent landlords of mid-market rent and build-to-rent properties from pricing tenants out of their homes, and how it plans to ensure that communities which currently meet the affordability threshold, of rent not exceeding 40% of take-home pay, continue to do so.

[S7W-02565](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve educational outcomes for those in the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities.

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[S7W-02566](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding the safety of sex workers who are deterred from reporting abuse because they are required to disclose their identity.

[S7W-02568](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-44440 by Natalie Don-Innes on 24 March 2026, what consideration it has given to any additional financial pressures faced by families with multiple-birth children when developing early learning and childcare policy, and how it plans to reflect their needs in any future expansion of funded early learning and childcare.

[S7W-02569](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the upcoming mandatory fortification of certain wheat products with folic acid, how it will monitor potential adverse effects for members of vulnerable groups for whom exposure to folic acid may have negative health effects, such as those on certain cancer treatments.

[S7W-02570](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the upcoming mandatory fortification of certain wheat products with folic acid, what plans it has to protect members of

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vulnerable groups for whom exposure to folic acid may have negative health effects, such as those on certain cancer treatments.

[S7W-02571](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the upcoming mandatory fortification of certain wheat products with folic acid, what steps it will take to ensure clear product labelling and the provision of affordable, accessible, unfortified alternatives.

[S7W-02572](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01240 by Màiri McAllan on 10 July 2026, in which it stated that the consultation on legislative approach to restrictions on mobile phones in schools would be launched within its first 100 days, for what reason the consultation has not yet been launched and when it expects it to open.

[S7W-02573](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on island connectivity of the proposed inclusion of planned maintenance days in the Sconser–Raasay ferry timetable, and what consideration it has given to the Raasay community's particular reliance on this lifeline service.

[S7W-02577](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Competition and Markets Authority regarding the proposed direct award of contracts to Ferguson Marine for the construction of replacement vessels for the research vessel, *Scotia*, and the fisheries protection vessel, *Minna*, and two ferries under Phase 2 of the Small Vessel Replacement Programme, and on what dates these discussions took place.

[S7W-02578](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government from which countries shipbuilding firms have been invited to tender for the detailed design and construction of the new passenger and vehicle ferry to replace *MV Lord of the Isles* on the Mallaig to Lochboisdale route.

[S7W-02579](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the European Commission's approval of revised ship-financing arrangements in Spain following changes to the Spanish Tax Lease system, what financial mechanisms it has considered to help commercial shipyards in Scotland compete with European and international competitors that receive state support.

[S7W-02580](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) to provide refund guarantees or patient capital to Scottish shipyards to explicitly facilitate the use of cross-border, multi-party tax lease structures, such as the revised ship-financing arrangements in Spain following changes to the Spanish Tax Lease system.

[S7W-02581](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether Transport Scotland or Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) has evaluated the feasibility of procuring future vessels, including zero-emission ferries, through international tax lease structures such as the Agrupación de Interés Económico (AIE) in Spain to reduce final purchase prices while maintaining shipbuilding in Scotland.

[S7W-02582](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with commercial financial institutions regarding the use of international tax leasing frameworks to help offset the research, development and manufacturing costs associated with the construction of alternative propulsion and zero-emission vessels.

[S7W-02583](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government what costs may be incurred by applicants to the First Homes Fund, including any application, administration, legal, valuation or other fees, and at what stage in the process any such costs become payable.

[S7W-02584](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has met its commitment to support 2,000 households through the First Homes Fund within the first 100 days of the current parliamentary session and, if so, how many households have been supported at the 100-day point.

[S7W-02585](#) Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its commitment to support 2,000 households through the First Homes Fund within the first 100 days of the current parliamentary session, how many households had, as of the 100-day point, (a) made an enquiry, (b) submitted an

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application, (c) received approval in principle, (d) received an offer of support, (e) entered into a shared-equity agreement and (f) completed the purchase of a property using support from the scheme.

[S7W-02588](#) **Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects any changes to the recommended level of community benefit for solar developments, as proposed in its working paper, *Refreshing the Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy*, to take effect.

[S7W-02589](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact on electricity consumers in Scotland of UK Government financing arrangements for new nuclear power stations elsewhere in Great Britain, including the regulated asset base model.

[S7W-02590](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Home Office estimating that AI triage of 101 calls could save police forces £8.5 million per year by redirecting non-police enquiries, whether it has had any discussions with Police Scotland on these possibilities, what assessment it has made of the potential impact of AI call-triage technology on Police Scotland's 101 waiting times and call-handling capacity, and whether it has asked Police Scotland to assess any potential financial savings and any risks arising from introducing similar technology in Scotland.

[S7W-02591](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any financial impact on the voluntary sector of excluding charity shops and Community Amateur Sports Club community retail shops from the Water and Sewerage Charges Exemption Scheme, and whether it has any plans to review the scheme's eligibility criteria.

[S7W-02593](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it (a) requested and (b) received any legal advice before announcing its direct award of four ferry contracts to Ferguson Marine on 3 March 2026, and whether it has done so since then.

[S7W-02594](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure that its recruitment, workplace attendance and location policies support equitable access to employment opportunities for people living in all parts of Scotland.

[S7W-02595](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish-domiciled students have had their student contribution fee paid for in order to study at (a) Trinity College Dublin, (b) University College Dublin, (c) University College Cork, (d) the National University of Ireland, Galway (now the University of Galway), and (e) the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (now Maynooth University), in each year since 2007-08, and what the total value of those payments was in each year.

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[S7W-02574](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to review maternity pay arrangements for teachers, specifically the point at which occupational maternity pay is reduced to statutory maternity pay.

[S7W-02575](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to review the policy on repeated Adult Disability Payment (ADP) reassessments for people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), in light of the condition being permanent and progressive in nature.

[S7W-02576](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland about the distinction between e-bikes, illegal motorised vehicles, and standard bicycles and whether guidance is required to support the separate recording of incidents involving e-bikes and standard bicycles, and to avoid the inappropriate seizure of legally compliant vehicles.

[S7W-02596](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of NHS appointments missed, cancelled, or rescheduled by residents of island communities due to ferry cancellations or disruption in the last three years, and if it does not hold this data, what assessment it has made of any impact of ferry disruption on healthcare access.

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[S7W-02597](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government on how many occasions in the last three years the Scottish Ambulance Service has been unable to transfer a patient from an island community by ferry due to a cancellation or disruption, and what alternative means of transfer were used.

[S7W-02598](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has given any consideration to mobile drug consumption rooms.

[S7W-02599](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions ministers have had with Police Scotland regarding the discovery of Scotland's first nitazene lab in 2025.

[S7W-02600](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether 23 publicly-funded beds for drug rehabilitation is a sufficient number.

[S7W-02601](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government on how many occasions (a) nitazenes and (b) other synthetic opioids were discovered in Scotland in each of the last five years.

[S7W-02602](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recently reported case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Dumfries and Galloway, (a) what arrangements are in place to respond to and manage any confirmed case or outbreak of BSE, (b) what criteria or thresholds determine when these arrangements are activated, and (c) what discussions it has had with the UK Government and industry representatives regarding the multi-agency response requirements for confirmed cases or outbreaks of BSE.

[S7W-02603](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the commitment in the 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to the comments reportedly made by Scotland Food and Drink and published in *Scottish Daily Mail* on 20 August 2026 that the policy must avoid "unintended consequences" for food producers, manufacturers and supply chains.

[S7W-02604](#) **Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that lengthy and uncertain waiting times for tribunal hearings have on people bringing appeals, and what steps it is taking, working with the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service and the judiciary, to reduce waiting times and provide appellants with greater certainty about when their cases will be heard.

[S7W-02605](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reasons it determined that the proposed Rogerhill Solar and Battery Energy Storage System development (ECU00004823) did not require an Environmental Impact Assessment, and what consideration it gave, prior to granting consent, to the Woodland Trust's continuing objection regarding the potential indirect impacts of the development on nearby ancient woodland.

[S7W-02606](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution of curling to sport and physical activity.

[S7W-02607](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its strategy is for the future of curling.

[S7W-02608](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Scottish Curling over the last 12 months.

[S7W-02609](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to raise public awareness of curling.

[S7W-02610](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it, or ScotRail, carried out an assessment of the impact on rural communities in Badenoch and Strathspey of removing the 06:47 service from Kingussie to Inverness from the current timetable before the decision was taken and, if so, whether it will publish the assessment.

[S7W-02611](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what economic and social factors ScotRail is required to consider before reducing services in rural areas and what evidence is required

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to support such decisions, given the smaller populations and lower expected passenger numbers on those routes.

[S7W-02612](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what steps CalMac is taking to ensure that planned and ongoing maintenance on *MV Hallaig* does not result in a permanent reduction in Raasay's scheduled lifeline ferry service.

[S7W-02613](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what transport alternatives it and CalMac considered before advising the community on Raasay that the island's lifeline ferry service would be reduced to accommodate planned vessel maintenance.

[S7W-02614](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the needs of island communities should be the primary consideration in the planning of lifeline ferry services.

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[S7W-02615](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01946 by Jim Fairlie on 20 August 2026, how many applicants received their Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme payment, following an assessment of their works by scheme officials, (a) within 90 days and (b) after 90 days in (i) 2025-26 and (ii) since April 2026.

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[S7W-02620](#) Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported proposal by Stirling Council to outsource its primary and nursery school meals provision, and, in light of reported concerns raised about a similar proposal by Perth and Kinross Council in 2019, whether it plans to have discussions with Stirling Council regarding the potential impact such a proposal could have on food quality and local employment prior to any contract being awarded.

[S7W-02621](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government how Social Security Scotland supports claimants who may experience financial hardship as a result of delays in information being provided to the Department for Work and Pensions following an award of a Scottish social security benefit, including where such delays result in the loss of Pension Credit and any associated Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction.

[S7W-02622](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what procedures are in place to ensure that Social Security Scotland accurately notifies the Department for Work and Pensions of awards of Pension Age Disability Payment and Carer Support Payment where such information may affect a claimant's entitlement to Pension Credit.

[S7W-02623](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reports that Pension Credit claims have been incorrectly recalculated following awards of Pension Age Disability Payment or Carer Support Payment, and what steps it is taking to resolve problems with communication between Social Security Scotland and the Department for Work and Pensions.

[S7W-02624](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the statutory gateways to independent advocacy for children and young people, to consider whether children with social work involvement who do not meet the current eligibility criteria, including care experience, involvement in a live Children's Hearing, or eligibility under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, should be brought within its scope.

[S7W-02625](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the adequacy of the current statutory gateways to independent advocacy for children and young people, given that access is limited to those who are care experienced, subject to a live Children's Hearing, or covered by the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, and that it does not extend to children receiving support from social work services who fall outside those categories.

[S7W-02626](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its duties under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, what steps it is

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taking to ensure that all children whose welfare is the subject of social work involvement, and not only those who meet existing statutory gateways, have access to independent advocacy to support their right to be heard under Article 12 of the UNCRC.

[S7W-02627](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on public safety of the increasing use of community-based treatment arrangements for restricted patients discharged from secure psychiatric facilities.

[S7W-02628](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government (a) how many individuals who have been discharged from medium- or high-secure psychiatric facilities are currently subject to community-based compulsion orders or restriction orders, broken down by NHS board area, and (b) what information it holds, for each of the last five years, on (i) reoffending, (ii) serious incidents, and (iii) recalls to hospital involving such individuals.

[S7W-02629](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what risk assessment, monitoring and review arrangements are in place for restricted patients living in the community following discharge from secure psychiatric care, and when these arrangements were last independently reviewed.

[S7W-02630](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider introducing a standardised road safety briefing for vehicle hire customers in Scotland, including information on driving on single-track roads, the correct use of passing places, safe stopping practices, and Scottish rural road conditions, and, if not, for what reason.

[S7W-02631](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has issued any guidance to NHS boards on the inclusion of service undertaken through NHS staff banks when calculating eligibility for long-service recognition schemes, such as NHS Highland's Valuing Service Award.

[S7W-02632](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will raise with NHS Highland the exclusion of bank service from eligibility for its Valuing Service Award.

[S7W-02633](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what monitoring it undertakes of NHS boards' progress in delivering specialist support services for long COVID, myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and other similar conditions, funded through its annual specialist support services allocation.

[S7W-02634](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reasons for the delay in NHS Highland's launch of its Post-Infection and Associated Complex Chronic Syndrome Service, funded through the Scottish Government's £4.5 million specialist support services allocation.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 August 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
laid under section 5(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 and section 253(2)(b) of the Energy Act 2023.

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 August 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#)
The Court of Session laid this Act of Sederunt under the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Act 1975(b), sections 105(1) and 106(1) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014(c) and all other powers enabling it to do so.

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 August 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/240\)](#)
laid under Section 34(3)(b) of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024

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A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

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Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

Lodged on 6 August 2026

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

Lodged on 6 January 2026

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

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

Health Bill LCM-S7-6
Lodged on 23 June 2026

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15
Lodged on 7 February 2022
Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

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

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

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

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

Representation of the People Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-7a
Lodged on 21 August 2026

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

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

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

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

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 October 2026

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 August 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 23 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 23 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 8 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)

Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026

Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

[Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/240\)](#) (24 August 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 9 October 2026

[Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#) (20 August 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

New Documents

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 21 August 2026—

Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-7a)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 August 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2026 (INWO/2026/05) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2026 (SPSO/2026/07) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 August 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2025-26 (SG/2026/186) laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 August 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Scottish National Investment Bank Annual Report and Accounts 2026 (SG/2026/181) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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