

Monday 31 August 2026

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

Subject to parliamentary approval of motion S7M-00983 business for Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September 2026 will be as follows:

Tuesday 1 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Graeme R. Wilson, Minister, Bearsden Cross Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Oaths and Affirmations

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2026-31

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2026-31

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland

Wednesday 2 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Raising Standards and Delivering Excellence for Every Child

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Improving Lives Through Delivering for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland

Thursday 3 September 2026

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1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cairngorms Wildfire

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Eradicating Child Poverty – the Scottish Government's Defining Mission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 8 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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

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

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

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

1 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 2

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Overview of Scotland's energy sector:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Dieter Helm, Professor of Economic Policy, New College, University of Oxford;
Dr Simon Gill, Director of Grid Innovation Strategy and Principal Knowledge Exchange Fellow, University of Strathclyde.
- 3. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

1 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 6

- 1. Scottish Government Priorities regarding Europe, External Affairs and International Development:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy, Simita Kumar, Minister for Equalities and International Development, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, International Relations, Population and Migration, Katherine White, Deputy Director, International Development, Donna MacKinnon, Deputy Director European Relations, and Elliot Robertson, Head of EU Secretariat, Scottish Government.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at EEAC.Committee@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1 September 2026 2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 4

- Declaration of interests:** Paul Sweeney will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—[the Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/208\)](#), [the Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/212\)](#), [the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/213\)](#), [the Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#), [the Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/240\)](#).
- Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider—[the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/206 \(C.21\)\)](#), [the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/210 \(C.22\)\)](#).
- Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-1 and LCM-S7-1a.
- Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S6-74, LCM-S7-7 and LCM-S7-7a.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at DPLR.Committee@parliament.scot.

Criminal Justice Committee 2 September 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 6

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- Ministerial briefing – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Catriona Dalrymple, Director for Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Director for Safer Communities, Scottish Government.
- Prison operations – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—

David Mackie, Sheriff, Howard League Scotland;
Linda Pollock, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service;
Jim Watson, Chair, HMIPS Prison Experts Group.

4. **Remand and bail – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Hannah Graham, Commissioner and Senior Lecturer in Criminology, The Independent Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission;
Dr Cara Jardine, Senior Lecturer at the University of Strathclyde, Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research;
Tracey McFall, Vice Chair, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum.
5. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.
6. **Review of evidence** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) - report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on
criminaljustice.committee@parliament.scot

Health, Care and Sport Committee

2 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Overview of key issues in the health sector in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Hiscox, Chief Executive of NHS Lothian and Chair of the NHS Scotland Executive Group;
Alison White, Chair of the Chief Officer Group, Health and Social Care Scotland;
Professor Sir Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government;
Paul Johnson, Chief Executive, Public Health Scotland.
and then from—
Lilian Macer, Scottish Secretary, UNISON;
Dr Nóra Murray-Cavanagh, Chair-Elect of Scottish Council, British Medical Association;
Eileen McKenna, Scotland Associate Director (Nursing, Policy and Professional Practice), Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
Charlotte Waite, National Director, British Dental Association Scotland;
Glenn Carter, Head of RCSLT Scotland, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.
and then from—
Sara Redmond, Chief Officer of Development, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Janet Sylvester, Trustee, #MEAction Scotland;
Kirstin Laing, Chronic Pain Group;

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Jane Omerod, Chair and Stuart McIver, Trustee, Long Covid Scotland;
Kenny Stewart, Head of Public Affairs and Communications, SAMH.

3. Consideration of Evidence: The Committee will consider the evidence that it heard under item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Finance and Public Administration Committee

2 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 1

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Scottish Fiscal Commission's Fiscal Update 2026 and other recent publications:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Dr Eleanor Ryan, Commissioner, Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Spending, and David Stone, Head of Economy and Income Tax, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Rural Affairs Committee

2 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 2

- 1. Declaration of interests:** Emma Roddick will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 3. Rural Support Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jonnie Hall, Deputy CEO and Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Martin Kennedy, Former President, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Professor Davy McCracken, Deputy Head of School of Natural & Social Sciences, Scotland's Rural College;
David McKay, Co-Director, Soil Association Scotland;
Professor Dave Reay, Co-chair, Just Transition Commission;
Donna Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation.

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4. Rural Support Plan – review of evidence: The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at rural.committee@parliament.scot

Transport Committee 2 September 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 3

1. Scotland's bus services: The Committee will take evidence from—
Chris Day, Secretary, Edinburgh Bus Users Group;
Ellie Harrison, Co-Founder and Chair, Get Glasgow Moving;
Colin Howden, Director, Transform Scotland;
Greig Mackay, Director for Scotland, Bus Users UK.

2. Scotland's bus services – review of evidence (In Private): The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

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Motions

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

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S7M-00982](#) Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverclyde Tourist Group (ITG) on reaching its 25th anniversary; recognises the outstanding contribution that its volunteers have made in welcoming visitors to Inverclyde and promoting the area's attractions, heritage and hospitality; notes that ITG members were recently honoured at a special celebration aboard the *Majestic Princess* cruise ship, hosted by Princess Cruises and Global Ports, to mark this significant milestone; acknowledges that the group has welcomed hundreds of thousands of cruise passengers to Greenock over the past quarter century and has played a major role in helping establish Greenock as a leading cruise destination; commends the dedication and commitment of current and former volunteers, including the organisation's founders, whose efforts have helped showcase Inverclyde to visitors from around the world; recognises the positive contribution that tourism makes to local communities, including across the Inverclyde constituency; notes that ITG's work was previously recognised through the award of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, and wishes everyone associated with ITG continued success for the future and for the next 25 years of service.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Patricia Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, David Smith*, Alyn Smith*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-00981](#) Bob Doris: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance**—That the Parliament looks forward to this year's Hospice Care Week campaign by Hospice UK, taking place from 5 to 11 October 2026, with this year's theme being Don't Leave Hospice Care To Chance; values the important and compassionate work that is carried out by hospices across Scotland, with the majority of hospice care being delivered in the community; recognises the demographic challenges that are anticipated in the coming years, with research estimating that 10,000 additional people will be in need of palliative care in Scotland by 2048; notes the belief that there will need to be strong partnership and strategic planning in order to respond to such demographic challenge; welcomes the cross-party consensus in the last session of Parliament on the need to further support the palliative and end of life sector, and notes the belief that a constructive cross-party and cross-sector approach will be vital in this current session of the Scottish Parliament to build on that consensus and more importantly to best deliver for individuals approaching end of life, as well as their families.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Liam McArthur*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00976](#) Ariane Burgess: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports regarding the growing frequency and

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severity of extreme weather events due to climate breakdown, including wildfires, droughts, and flooding across Scotland; shares its concern for communities across Scotland that have already faced wildfires this year, including in the Highlands and Islands; commends emergency services, conservation bodies, including rewilding organisations, community groups, gamekeepers, farmers, volunteers and others for coming together to tackle the devastating wildfire in the Cairngorms; notes the belief that there is an urgent need to shift focus from emergency response alone toward long-term landscape-scale prevention and climate resilience; recognises the role that healthy, restored ecosystems, such as rewetted peatlands, restored wetlands and mosaic habitats created by the action of native animals, have alongside human interventions in building resilient landscapes; notes the calls for the UK Government to create a dedicated Climate Shock Fund to cover the costs of preparing for and preventing climate shocks, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to convene a Scottish landscape resilience summit to ensure that a cross-sector, multi-stakeholder approach is taken to share knowledge and best practice across Scotland.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Laura Moodie*, Kate Nevens*, Cara McKee*, Paul Sweeney*, Patrick Harvie*

***[S7M-00974](#) Steven Bonnar: Child Maintenance, Protecting Children and Families in Scotland—**

That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the significant impact that failures within the UK Child Maintenance Service can have on children and families in Scotland; notes the concerns highlighted by the recent BBC *Panorama* investigation into the operation of the service; acknowledges the experiences of Scottish families who are struggling to secure maintenance payments to which their children are entitled, including those in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency; notes the belief that children in Scotland should not bear the consequences of failures within a reserved UK system; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to supporting children and families within its devolved responsibilities, and notes the calls for continued engagement between the Scottish and UK governments to ensure that the experiences and voices of Scottish families are properly reflected in the reform of the Child Maintenance Service and that future reforms better protect children and families across Scotland.

Supported by: Clare Haughey*, Dawn Black*, Gary Bouse*, David Smith*

***[S7M-00926](#) Fulton MacGregor: A Play-Based Kindergarten Stage for Scotland—**That the Parliament recognises that the first seven years of life are a unique period of physical, emotional, social and cognitive development, and that young children, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, learn through relationships, play, movement, conversation, creativity, exploration and first-hand experience; further recognises what it considers to be the substantial body of evidence supporting play-based and developmentally appropriate early education, including the importance of active and outdoor play in supporting physical health, wellbeing, self-regulation, social development and lifelong learning; commends the work of organisations such as Upstart Scotland in promoting the needs of children in early years education based on relationship-centred, child-led, play-based environments, with a greater focus on outdoor learning; notes the belief that Scotland has a strong tradition of early learning and childcare and that the principles of Curriculum for Excellence, Getting It Right For Every Child and Scotland's Play Strategy recognise the importance of children's wellbeing, development, relationships and learning through play; further notes the belief, however, that the transition from early learning and childcare into P1 can introduce expectations of formal academic learning at an age when children's development, interests and readiness vary considerably; recognises evidence indicating that an earlier start to formal academic instruction does not necessarily confer a lasting educational advantage, and that language-rich, play-based and developmentally appropriate experiences provide important foundations for later literacy, numeracy and scientific learning; notes the view that giving young children more time and opportunity to develop through play, conversation, creativity, physical activity and exploration can strengthen the foundations for successful formal learning rather than delay them; further notes the view that a universal kindergarten stage could help address inequalities in school readiness by giving every child, regardless of background, access to high-quality play, outdoor learning, language-rich environments and sensitive adult support,

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while recognising that children who show an early interest or readiness in reading, writing or mathematics should be encouraged and supported at their own level; acknowledges the experience of education systems internationally that provide a distinct, play-based early-years stage before formal schooling, and notes the belief that Scotland should learn from this evidence while building on the considerable expertise of its own early-years workforce; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to support a universal kindergarten stage in Scotland for pupils in what is currently P1, with an ethos distinct from formal primary schooling and centred on play, relationships, wellbeing, communication, creativity, physical development and learning through enjoyable experiences; notes the belief that such a stage should provide substantial opportunities for self-directed, imaginative, social, active and outdoor play alongside skilled adult support and purposeful experiences in language, music, art, drama, storytelling, science and mathematics; notes the view that formal literacy and numeracy should be introduced responsively according to children's individual development, interests and readiness, rather than imposed uniformly at an early age; notes the belief that the development of a kindergarten stage should include consideration of a more gradual transition into formal academic learning and the implications of a later commencement of formal schooling; acknowledges the view that the precise structure and age range should be informed by evidence, consultation and experience, and that implementation would require proper consideration of workforce capacity, professional development, funding, facilities and outdoor spaces; considers that children, parents and carers, early-years practitioners, teachers, local authorities, researchers and relevant organisations should have a meaningful role in shaping and evaluating the approach, and notes the view that Scotland's youngest children should receive an education that reflects how they learn and develop, gives them the strongest possible foundations for later attainment and supports their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Patricia Gibson*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Clare Adamson*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-00947](#) Thomas Kerr: Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes**—That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the crucial issues raised by the independent *Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes*; notes the belief that the statistics it highlighted are valid within Scotland, including in the Glasgow parliamentary region, as UCAS university admission data reportedly indicates that for more than a decade, in both the UK and Scotland, white working class boys are the group least likely to go to university; recognises what it sees as the importance of ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to urgently undertake an assessment of the extent to which white working-class boys and young men experience educational or socio-economic disadvantage and to explore targeted measures to address this where such disadvantage is identified.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Kim Schmulian*, Julie MacDougall*, David Smith*, Angela Ross*, Amanda Bland*, Duncan Massey*, Helen McDade*, Amanda Lindsay*, Mark Simpson*, Senga Beresford*, Max Bannerman*, Jamie Langan*, Malcolm Offord*, David Kirkwood*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-00998](#) David Barratt: BRAG Enterprises Shortlisted for Community Impact Award**—That the Parliament congratulates BRAG Enterprises on being shortlisted as a finalist in the Community Impact Award category for small and medium-sized enterprises at the 2026 Scottish Impact Awards; notes that the awards, organised by GenAnalytics, *The Herald* and Newsquest Events Scotland & NI, celebrate organisations that lead with purpose, value and vision, and deliver lasting benefits to people and communities across Scotland; recognises BRAG Enterprises' outstanding contribution to communities through its wide range of employability services, learning opportunities and community

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support programmes; applauds its longstanding commitment to supporting individuals and families facing disadvantage; acknowledges the positive impact of its work in improving lives, creating opportunities and helping people move towards a brighter future; welcomes the organisation's commitment to restoring dignity, building confidence and empowering people to thrive; acknowledges the dedication of its staff, volunteers and partners in delivering this work, and wishes BRAG Enterprises every success at the awards ceremony in Glasgow on 1 October 2026.

***[S7M-00997](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating 60 Years of Scientific Diving at Heriot-Watt University**

—That the Parliament congratulates Heriot-Watt University on marking 60 years of pioneering scientific diving, recognising six decades of excellence in marine science, research and education; acknowledges the university's longstanding contribution to advancing understanding of Scotland's marine environment through world-leading underwater research and specialist diver training; notes that Heriot-Watt's scientific diving team continues to support research into climate change, marine biodiversity, sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and the restoration of native oyster populations in mainland Scotland and Orkney, while contributing to the work of the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland; recognises the increasingly important role of scientific diving in supporting Scotland's energy transition and blue economy through research underpinning offshore renewable energy, subsea infrastructure, environmental monitoring, carbon capture and storage, and marine spatial planning; commends the university's continued leadership in developing underwater technologies, robotics and sensing systems that strengthen scientific evidence and inform marine policy; recognises the contribution that scientific diving makes to skills development, innovation and collaboration between academia, industry and government, and wishes Heriot-Watt University every success as it builds on 60 years of scientific diving to support Scotland's future as a global leader in marine science, offshore renewables and the sustainable stewardship of its seas.

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

***[S7M-00996](#) Victor Currie: Risk of Drugs to Young People**—That the Parliament recognises the significant risks that drug use can pose to children and young people, including impacts on physical and mental health, education, relationships and future opportunities; acknowledges that young people can be particularly vulnerable to drug-related harm; notes with concern the increasing strength of some illicit drugs and the presence of unexpected or harmful substances within them; recognises the importance of ensuring that young people have access to accurate, age-appropriate information about the risks associated with drug use and are supported to make informed and healthy choices; believes that prevention must be accompanied by early intervention and accessible support for those experiencing difficulties with substance use; acknowledges the important role played by families, schools, youth services, healthcare professionals and community organisations in preventing drug-related harm and supporting young people; calls on the Scottish Government to continue strengthening drug education and prevention programmes for young people, ensuring that they are evidence based, consistent and accessible across Scotland; further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that young people affected by drug use can access non-judgemental and age-appropriate support, and encourages continued work with young people to develop effective approaches to preventing drug-related harm and improving awareness of the risks.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00995](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Dr. Nóra Murray-Cavanagh as the New Chair of the British Medical Association's Scottish Council**—That the Parliament welcomes Dr. Nóra Murray-Cavanagh to her new role as chair of the British Medical Association's Scottish Council; wishes her well during her three-year term of office; acknowledges that she is the first woman elected to the position in over 60 years; believes that her commitment to addressing health inequality is of the utmost importance; further believes that her experience as a GP in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, will bring an invaluable perspective to the role, and joins her in calling for unity across stakeholders in NHS Scotland to work towards the shared goal of delivering an effective health service for all.

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Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00994](#) Stephen Kerr: Condolences to the People of Norway on the Death of His Majesty King Harald V**—That the Parliament expresses its profound sadness at the death of His Majesty King Harald V of Norway; conveys its sincere condolences to Her Majesty Queen Sonja, His Majesty King Haakon VIII, the Norwegian Royal Family and the people of Norway; pays tribute to King Harald's 35 years of devoted service as Norway's Head of State and to the dignity, warmth and steadfast sense of duty with which he fulfilled his constitutional responsibilities; recognises his role as a source of unity and reassurance to the Norwegian people, including at moments of national tragedy; recalls with particular affection King Harald and Queen Sonja's state visit to Edinburgh in 1994 and his association with the Norwegian-Scottish Association; acknowledges the deep and enduring historical, cultural and personal bonds between Scotland and Norway, which King Harald helped to strengthen throughout his reign, and records its gratitude and respect for a life devoted to the service of Norway and its people.

Supported by: Amanda Lindsay*, David Smith*, Amanda Bland*, Mark Simpson*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Senga Beresford*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-00993](#) Marie McNair: Baljaffray Parish Church Celebrates its 20th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Baljaffray Parish Church on its 20th anniversary; notes that the church was raised to full congregation status on 27 August 2006 and will hold an anniversary service on 30 August 2026; recognises what it considers to be the significant contribution that the church has made to the local area through its charitable endeavours and community events; notes that the anniversary celebrations will include a BBQ, petting zoo, bouncy castle, games, crafts and sumo wrestling, and wishes the church, its congregation and parish all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Stuart McMillan*, Kim Schmulian*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-00992](#) Mark Simpson: Grand Theft Auto VI and Dundee's Gaming Origins**—That the Parliament notes the forthcoming release of *Grand Theft Auto VI* by Rockstar Games; recalls that the series originated in Dundee, where DMA Design developed the original *Grand Theft Auto*, which was released in 1997; notes that the company's first office was at 134b Nethergate; remembers that DMA Design's success with *Lemmings* helped establish Dundee as a centre of the UK games industry, and that the studio later became Rockstar North; recognises Scotland's continuing contribution to video game development, including at Abertay University and Rockstar Dundee; congratulates the original DMA Design team and all who have since worked on the series, and wishes Rockstar Games every success with *Grand Theft Auto VI*.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Angela Ross*, Duncan Massey*, Thomas Kerr*, Senga Beresford*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-00991](#) Jack Middleton: University of Aberdeen Study to Transform Maternity Care**—That the Parliament welcomes £1.3 million in funding from the National Institute for Health and Care Research for a University of Aberdeen-led study to transform maternity care for pregnant women with multiple long-term health conditions; understands that more than one in six pregnant women are living with multiple long-term health conditions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and mental health conditions; notes with concern that women with multiple long-term health conditions face double the risk of pre-term birth and are nine times more likely to die during pregnancy, while there are currently no defined care requirements for this group; recognises the work being led by Dr Mairead Black and partners to develop and test an evidence-led care bundle covering medication management, communication between healthcare teams, midwifery care and postnatal handovers; further recognises the importance of incorporating the experiences of women who have received maternity care while managing multiple health conditions, and believes that this research could make a significant contribution to reducing health inequalities and improving outcomes for mothers and babies.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*

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***[S7M-00990](#) Katie Hagmann: ‘Part of the Job?’ Recognising Women Councillors’ Experiences of Gender-based Violence in Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Engender’s report, *Part of the Job? Women councillors’ experiences of sexism, misogyny and gender-based violence in Scottish Councils*; notes with concern that 90% of women councillors surveyed have experienced at least one form of sexism, misogyny or gender-based violence during their political career; understands that this violence contributes to consistently low levels of women’s political representation; considers the importance of all MSPs challenging sexism, misogyny and other forms of discrimination in politics to ensure everyone can participate equally and safely, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to take urgent action ahead of the 2027 local elections to improve women’s safety in Scottish politics. **R**

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00989](#) Finlay Carson: Celebrating the Success of The Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn**—That the Parliament congratulates The Steam Packet Inn in Isle of Whithorn, Galloway and West Dumfries, on being named CAMRA Scotland Pub of the Year 2026 and securing a place among the final 16 pubs in the UK CAMRA Pub of the Year competition; recognises that is an outstanding achievement for a rural business in Dumfries and Galloway; understands that The Steam Packet Inn, which overlooks the harbour at Isle of Whithorn, has gained an excellent reputation for hospitality, quality accommodation, exceptional food and drink, and its support for local produce and the award-winning Five Kingdoms Brewery; recognises what it sees as the vital role that pubs play as social hubs at the heart of communities, bringing people together, tackling rural isolation and providing welcoming spaces where residents and visitors can meet, celebrate and connect; acknowledges the significant contribution that the hospitality sector makes to local economies through the creation of employment opportunities, support for local suppliers and producers, and the attraction of visitors to Scotland’s towns, villages and rural areas; recognises that successful hospitality businesses help showcase the character, culture and heritage of their communities while strengthening Scotland’s tourism offering; commends the owners, management and staff of The Steam Packet Inn for their dedication, professionalism and hard work in achieving this national recognition, and wishes them every success as they progress through the remaining stages of the UK Pub of the Year competition.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00988](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill.

***[S7M-00987](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill.

***[S7M-00986](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Immigration and Asylum Bill.

***[S7M-00985](#) Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Mark Simpson be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee

David Kirkwood be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Kim Schmulian be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Julie MacDougall be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Education and Gaelic Committee

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Senga Beresford be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Thomas Kerr be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Angela Ross be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee

Victor Currie be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Health, Care and Sport Committee

Duncan Massey be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Audit Committee

Graham Simpson be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Petitions Committee

Helen McDade be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee

Max Bannerman be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee

Julie MacDougall be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Jamie Langan be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Amanda Lindsay be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Transport Committee

Finlay Carson be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Climate Action Committee

Meghan Gallacher be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee

Liam Kerr be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Rachael Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Murdo Fraser be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee

James Adams be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee

Tim Eagle be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Rachael Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Alexander Burnett be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee

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Craig Hoy be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee

Mark Ruskell be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Climate Action Committee

Laura Moodie be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee

Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Iris Duane be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education and Gaelic Committee

Ross Greer be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Kate Nevens be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Kate Nevens be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Cara McKee be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Health, Care and Sport Committee

Q Manivannan be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee

Kristopher Leask be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee

Ariane Burgess be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee

Patrick Harvie be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Transport Committee

Donald MacKinnon be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Climate Action Committee

Daniel Johnson be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee

Katy Clark be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Paul Sweeney be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Jenny Young be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Gaelic Committee

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

Katherine Sangster be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

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Joe Fagan be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health, Care and Sport Committee

Monica Lennon be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee

Irshad Ahmed be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee

Michael Marra be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee

Carol Mochan be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Mark Griffin be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Monica Lennon be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Transport Committee

Andrew Baxter be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Climate Action Committee

Adam Harley be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Education and Gaelic Committee

Alex Cole Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Alex Cole Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee

Duncan Dunlop be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Health, Care and Sport Committee

David Green be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee

Yi-pei Chou Turvey be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Sanne Dijkstra-Downie be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Transport Committee

Pauline Stafford be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Climate Action Committee

Colm Merrick be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee

Collette Stevenson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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Lloyd Melville be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Jackie Dunbar be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education and Gaelic Committee

Steven Bonnar be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Heather Anderson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Alex Kerr be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee

David Torrance be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Care and Sport Committee

Zen Ghani be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee

Laura Mitchell be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee

Paul McLennan be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee

David Barratt be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee

Fulton MacGregor be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Patricia Gibson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

***[S7M-00984](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—**That the Parliament

agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government – An Economy Fit for the Future

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together

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 Debate: Scotland's Energy Opportunity

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 15 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Motions Gluasadan				

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 16 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 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

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*[S7M-00983](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 1 September 2026—

after

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Oaths and Affirmations

after

First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2026-31

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2026-31

(b) Wednesday 2 September 2026—

after

Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Raising Standards and Delivering Excellence for Every Child

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Improving Lives Through Delivering for Scotland

(c) Thursday 3 September 2026—

after

First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cairngorms Wildfire

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Eradicating Child Poverty – the Scottish Government's Defining Mission

*[S7M-00980](#) **Jamie Langan: Tour de France Grand Départ Trophy Visit to Earlston** —That the Parliament welcomes the visit of the Tour de France Grand Départ Trophy to Earlston during the

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Lloyds Tour of Britain Men finale on 6 September 2026; recognises the Scottish Borders' growing reputation as a world class destination for major sporting events; believes that such events provide significant opportunities to showcase the Borders to visitors from across the UK and beyond, supporting local businesses, tourism and community spirit; welcomes the 2027 Tour de France Grand Départ, which will bring one of the world's most prestigious sporting events to Scotland, and wishes all competitors every success.

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***[S7M-00979](#) Laura Moodie: Recognising NSPCC Scotland's Read, Write, Relationships Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes NSPCC Scotland's Read, Write, Relationships campaign, which calls for all children and young people in Scotland to be guaranteed access to high-quality healthy relationships education; understands that, as children and young people across Scotland return to school this term, many face a gap in their timetables where healthy relationships education should be, and believes that consistent, relevant and developmentally-appropriate healthy relationships education helps children and young people understand both healthy and unhealthy behaviours, prevents abuse and neglect, and helps build positive school cultures.

Supported by: Iris Duane*, Kate Nevens*, Dawn Black*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Patrick Harvie*, Ross Greer*, Ariane Burgess*, Mark Ruskell*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00978](#) Marie McNair: Champion Dance and Cheer Wins Best Gym - Europe at Cheer Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Clydebank-based Champion Dance and Cheer on being named Best Gym - Europe at the Cheer Awards 2026; notes that the awards were held in Orlando on 15 July 2026; recognises that Champion Dance and Cheer recently moved to new premises and wishes everyone involved well in their new location; notes that the team performed at the Commonwealth Games 2026 at the OVO Hydro in Glasgow in July; celebrates local dancers and cheerleaders being recognised on the international stage, and wishes them every success in their future competitions and shows.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-00977](#) David Torrance: Beetle Drive in Aid of MacMillan Cancer Support**—That the Parliament commends Pettycur Bay Holiday Park, in Kinghorn, for hosting a successful beetle drive, which raised £2,200 for Macmillan Cancer Support; recognises the dedication of members of the local community whose donations of time, effort and home-baked goods helped make the event such a success; further recognises Janet Murray, general manager of the park, for her commitment to hosting charitable fundraising events, noting that a coffee morning is planned for September, with proceeds also going to Macmillan Cancer Support; congratulates all those involved in organising the event for going above and beyond to raise funds for a worthy cause, and thanks everyone who attended for their support and kind donations. **R**

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***[S7M-00973](#) Laura Moodie: Congratulating The Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn, Scotland's CAMRA Scotland Pub of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates The Steam Packet Inn, in the Isle of Whithorn, on being named the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) Scotland Pub of the Year; recognises that this is a significant achievement for the business, its staff and the wider south of Scotland; notes that the pub will now go forward to represent Scotland in CAMRA's UK Pub of the Year competition, having secured its place among the 16 finalists across the United Kingdom; acknowledges what it considers to be the important role that community pubs play in bringing people together, supporting local economies and attracting visitors to rural and coastal communities; commends the dedication of the owners and staff in creating a welcoming venue that showcases the very best of Scottish hospitality; recognises the work of CAMRA and its volunteers in championing pubs, breweries and real ale across Scotland, and wishes everyone at The Steam Packet Inn every

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success in the next stage of the competition.

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***[S7M-00972](#) Finlay Carson: Dolly Parton, A Lasting Legacy for Children and Reading**—That the Parliament notes with profound sadness the death of Dolly Parton, the internationally celebrated singer, songwriter, businesswoman and philanthropist; recognises her extraordinary contribution to promoting literacy through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which she established in 1995 and has grown into one of the world's most successful early-years literacy programmes, providing free books to children from birth and helping to foster a lifelong love of reading among millions of young people across several countries; notes with pride the special connection between Dolly Parton and Dumfries and Galloway, and that she chose Wigtown, Scotland's National Book Town, for the Scottish launch of the Imagination Library almost 20 years ago; further notes that the programme was delivered in Scotland through the Wigtown Festival Company, whose year-round work to promote reading and literacy among children and young people closely reflected the values and aspirations of the Imagination Library; recognises that the partnership brought international attention to Wigtown's role as a centre for books, reading and education, while helping thousands of children and families to access books and develop positive reading habits from an early age; acknowledges the lasting impact that Dolly Parton's vision has had on literacy, educational attainment and social mobility, both in Scotland and around the world; thanks her for the enduring legacy that she has left through her support for children, families and communities, and expresses its sincere condolences to her family, friends and countless admirers, while recognising that her commitment to encouraging a love of reading will continue to benefit generations to come.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00971](#) Alyn Smith: Record Keeper of the Year 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Karyn Williamson on being named Record Keeper of the Year 2026 at the Archives and Records Association (ARA) Excellence Awards; recognises that the ARA Excellence Awards are presented annually to celebrate achievements in the recordkeeping sector in the UK and Ireland; notes that 1,693 people cast votes in the categories of New Professional of the Year, Record Keeper of the Year and Recordkeeping Service of the Year, with 961 votes cast in the Record Keeper of the Year category; understands that Karyn has built her career using a collaborative, people-centred approach to archives, record keeping and digital preservation, qualifying as an archivist in 2014 with a Masters from the University of Dundee, achieving ARA Registered status in 2017 and completing a Postgraduate Certificate in Digital Information Management from University College Dublin in 2019; recognises her 10 years as company archivist at abrdn, formerly Standard Life, the establishment of her own consultancy, DigiKive, and her move to the Digital Preservation Coalition in 2024; further recognises Karyn's contribution to the sector through her voluntary leadership positions, including Chair of ARA Scotland, Chair of the Section for New Professionals and ARA Board Member, as well as her work since 2017 as Campaign Manager for Explore Your Archive; notes that she is currently a Trustee of the Business Archives Council, executive officer for the Business Archives Council Scotland and incoming vice-chair of the ARA Board, and congratulates Karyn on this prestigious recognition of her contribution to the recordkeeping sector.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00970](#) Alyn Smith: City of Stirling Football Hall of Fame**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Football Supporters' Association (SFSA) on the creation of the City of Stirling Football Hall of Fame; notes that the hall of fame will celebrate what it considers to be the most significant footballers from the city of Stirling and will be launched at a special event at Stirling Rugby Club on 28 August 2026; recognises that the first five inductees are Billy Bremner, Duncan Ferguson, Jimmy Bone, Alex Smith and Jimmy Ryan; notes that the launch will also see Scottish football legend, Dick Campbell, help launch a new book about his close friend, Jimmy Bone, who passed away in

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September 2025; recognises Jimmy Bone's remarkable football career, which has already secured his induction into the halls of fame of Partick Thistle, St Mirren, Arbroath and Norwich City football clubs; further recognises that all profits generated by the event will go towards projects that Jimmy Bone was working on for the SFSA, including the Billy Bremner statue at The Raploch and its ongoing work with Play Soccer Malawi; understands that donations will also be made to the Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland/SFSA Defibrillator Scheme and Kippen FC's pitch upgrade project, as well as towards the installation of hall of fame materials; recognises the contribution of the hall of fame to celebrating Stirling's rich football heritage and inspiring future generations, and wishes the SFSA, the inductees and everyone involved in the project every success with the launch.

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***[S7M-00969](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating Southesk Primary School on Achieving OPAL Platinum Status**—That the Parliament congratulates Southesk Primary School, in Montrose, on becoming the first school in Angus to achieve Platinum status through the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Programme; notes that the school achieved an outstanding score of 95%, making it one of only two schools in Scotland to attain Platinum status and the highest-scoring OPAL school in Scotland to date; recognises the leadership of head teacher, Elaine Thornton, and the commitment of pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community; understands that the OPAL Programme promotes high-quality outdoor play, pupil voice and whole-school improvement; commends Play Scotland for its support; believes that Southesk Primary School's achievement demonstrates the value of outdoor play in supporting children's wellbeing and learning, and wishes the school continued success.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Bob Doris*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-00968](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Celebrating the Life and Work of Dolly Parton**—That the Parliament recognises the extraordinary life, career and philanthropic contribution of Dolly Parton, whose work as a musician, songwriter, author, businesswoman and philanthropist has had a positive impact on millions of people around the world; notes that, through the Dollywood Foundation, Dolly supported educational opportunities for young people, including the Buddy Program, which reduced the dropout rate among the participating classes in her home county of Sevier County, Tennessee, from 35% to 6%; recognises the remarkable contribution of her Imagination Library, which provides free, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five and has now gifted more than 300 million books worldwide across the United States, Canada, the UK, Ireland and Australia; further recognises her commitment to education through Dollywood's GROW U programme, which provides eligible employees with 100% free tuition and covers fees and required books and supplies; acknowledges her significant contribution to medical research and healthcare, including her \$1 million donation to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2020, which supported COVID-19 research contributing to the development of a vaccine, as well as her \$1 million donation to the Paediatric Cancer Program at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital in honour of her niece, Hannah Dennison; recognises her compassion and generosity following natural disasters, including through the My People Fund, which provided \$1,000 per month for six months to families who lost their homes in the 2016 East Tennessee wildfires, as well as funding for the wider recovery effort, ultimately providing \$12.5 million in assistance; further recognises her response to Hurricane Helene in 2024, when she personally donated \$1 million to the Mountain Ways Foundation, with her donation matched by the Dollywood Foundation and her other businesses; celebrates Dolly's enduring commitment to literacy, education, healthcare and disaster relief, and commends her for using her success and influence to improve the lives of children, families and communities, while inspiring generations through her music, generosity, kindness and belief in the transformative power of education.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Ariane Burgess*, Fulton MacGregor*, Laura Moodie*, Helen McDade*, Miles Briggs*, Zen Ghani*, Dawn Black*, Maggie Chapman*, Patrick Harvie*, Q Manivannan*, Jackie Baillie*, Mark Ruskell*, Pauline McNeill*, Bob Doris*, Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*, Julie MacDougall*

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***[S7M-00967](#) Michelle Campbell: Acknowledging the Remarkable Life of Dolly Parton**—That the Parliament notes with profound sadness the death of Dolly Parton, the "Queen of Country", at the age of 80; celebrates an extraordinary singer, songwriter, actor, businesswoman and philanthropist whose seven-decade career was distinguished by a remarkable talent, a formidable work ethic and a determination to succeed on her own terms; recognises that, after singing on local radio and television at the age of 10 and appearing at the Grand Ole Opry at 13, she went on to release her debut album, *Hello, I'm Dolly*, in 1967 and build an enduring catalogue that included *Coat of Many Colors*, *My Tennessee Mountain Home*, *Jolene*, *9 to 5* and *I Will Always Love You*; considers that her independence, business acumen and songs about women's experiences challenged stereotypes, advanced a message of equality and established her as a feminist icon who inspired generations; recognises that her legacy extends far beyond entertainment, particularly through her Imagination Library, which she established in 1995 in tribute to her father, Robert Lee Parton, whose inability to read and write, despite being, in her words, "the smartest man I have ever known", might have prevented him from fulfilling all of his dreams; understands that the programme, launched in the UK in 2007, provided enrolled children with a free, carefully selected, high quality book each month from birth until their fifth birthday and has gifted more than 300 million books internationally; celebrates its impact in Renfrewshire, the first Scottish local authority area to offer it universally to children aged two to five, where more than 230,000 books have been distributed, supporting literacy, a love of reading and shared stories between children and their parents and carers; welcomes the establishment of 25 September as an annual Dolly Parton Day in Renfrewshire in recognition of the programme's contribution to local children and families; pays tribute to Dolly's creativity, compassion, courage and purpose, and believes that her music, philanthropy and example will continue to inspire generations to, in her own words, "find out who you are and do it on purpose". **R**

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***[S7M-00966](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Road Running Festival 2026**—That the Parliament celebrates the eighth year of the Kirkcaldy Road Running Festival, which was designed to celebrate the town's green spaces, promote health and wellbeing and bring people together through sport and shared experience; recognises that the event attracts around 1,000 runners, alongside their families and friends, drawing participants from across Fife, Scotland and the wider UK, welcoming people of all ages and abilities, from experienced athletes to first-time runners; notes that local support is central to its success with businesses, residents and community groups all playing an important role in creating a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere and helping to turn the event into more than just a race, but into a celebration of local pride; acknowledges the two-day event as something that has been run smoothly and safely since its beginnings and has a number of races including 5k and 10k trail races, family fun run, relay race, children's events such as the kids' fun run and the half marathon, which is set in Kirkcaldy's network of parks, including Beveridge, Ravenscraig and Dunnikier parks; welcomes everyone attending to cheer on the runners, and encourages the children to join in with the events.

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***[S7M-00965](#) Laura Mitchell: Burghead War Memorial Rededication Ceremony**—That the Parliament recognises the rededication ceremony held at the Grant Street War Memorial in Burghead on 23 August 2026; understands that the ceremony, which was hosted and organised by Burghead and Cummingston Community Council, commemorated members of the Burghead Church congregation who left to serve their country, including those who never returned home; notes that the ceremony featured the ringing of the church bells, the unveiling of memorials by pupils from Burghead Primary School, the laying of wreaths and posies, the sounding of *The Last Post*, community singing, and the RAF Lossiemouth Pipe Band; recognises the importance of involving younger generations in preserving the memory of those who served, as well as ensuring that the sacrifices they made and the

lessons of their service continue to be remembered; welcomes the attendance of families of everyone commemorated, serving personnel, veterans, dignitaries and members of the wider Moray community; commends Burghead and Cummingston Community Council, the residents who volunteered as stewards and traffic managers, the Burghead Community Hall Committee for arranging refreshments following the ceremony, and all who contributed to organising and supporting this meaningful community occasion; believes that the ceremony demonstrated the strength of Burghead's community spirit, and reaffirms the promise that the service and sacrifice of the people commemorated will never be forgotten.

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***[S7M-00964](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Hate Crime in Scotland 2026**—That the Parliament notes with concern the latest hate crime charge statistics published by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), which report that there were 7,115 charges with at least one hate crime element in 2025-26, an increase of 17% on the previous year and the highest number recorded since comparable records began in 2003-04; recognises that 3,990 charges were race aggravated, an increase of 17% and the highest number recorded in 11 years; further recognises that 2,062 charges involved a sexual orientation aggravator, an increase of 20%, while 1,370 charges involved a disability aggravator, an increase of 25%; notes that hate crime charges also include aggravations relating to religion, transgender identity, age and variations in sex characteristics; acknowledges that 94% of hate crime charges resulted in prosecutorial action during the reporting year; recognises the potential impact that hate crime has on individuals, families and communities across Scotland, particularly those who may already feel vulnerable or marginalised; notes the introduction of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021, which included new offences of stirring-up hatred, that came into force in 2024; recognises that increased reporting and awareness may contribute to the rise in recorded hate crime; stresses that every reported incident can represent significant harm to individuals and communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue working with Police Scotland, COPFS, local authorities, community organisations and affected communities to prevent hate crime, improve reporting and victim support, and ensure that everyone in Scotland can live free from hatred, intimidation, prejudice and discrimination.

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***[S7M-00963](#) Mark Simpson: Supporting the Revival of Caird Park Golf Course**—That the Parliament notes concerns regarding the continued closure of Caird Park Golf Course in Dundee, formerly the city's last municipal golf facility and a community sporting asset with a history dating back almost a century; recognises the importance of affordable access to sport and recreation for people of all ages and backgrounds; acknowledges the efforts of local residents, golfers, community groups and other stakeholders seeking a sustainable future for the site; notes reports that proposals to restore sporting use at Caird Park have encountered significant challenges; believes that public assets should not be allowed to fall into dereliction where viable community-led alternatives exist, and calls on all relevant bodies to engage constructively with local stakeholders to help secure a future for the site that maximises opportunities for sport, recreation and community use.

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***[S7M-00962](#) Colin Beattie: Samantha Gough Appointed an MBE** —That the Parliament congratulates Samantha Gough, from Midlothian, on being appointed an MBE in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours for services to sport and the visually impaired community; notes her pioneering achievements as captain of the England Women's Blind Football team, her selection for the Great Britain Para Rowing performance pathway and her medal-winning performances in goalball; acknowledges her work with Sight Scotland in using her platform as an ambassador to raise awareness of visual impairment and champion accessible and inclusive sport; recognises the

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invaluable contribution that people such as Samantha make in demonstrating the resilience, achievements and potential of people living with sight loss, and wishes her continued success in her advocacy and sporting endeavours.

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***[S7M-00961](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating Whyte Cargo on Being Selected as a Finalist in The Courier Business Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Whyte Cargo, based in Montrose, on being selected as a finalist in the Family Business category at *The Courier* Business Awards 2026; notes that the company has remained family-owned since its founding in 1982 and is now led by Daniel Whyte, the founder's grandson; recognises its growth from a local business to a respected provider of cargo handling, crane hire and logistics services, operating from its depot in Montrose; commends its contribution to Scotland's maritime economy and to employment in Angus, and wishes the company continued success in the years ahead.

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***[S7M-00960](#) Jenni Minto: Cllr Dougie Philand**—That the Parliament notes the sad passing of Councillor Dougie Philand; understands that Dougie was a deeply caring individual who worked in local mental health services before becoming a councillor for the Mid Argyll ward; recognises what it views as the significant contribution Dougie made in serving the people of Mid Argyll before becoming Provost of Argyll and Bute, and sends its condolences to all of Dougie's family and friends.

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***[S7M-00959](#) Stephen Gethins: Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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***[S7M-00958](#) Kim Schmulian: Recognising the Work of the Scottish SPCA in Glasgow**—That the Parliament commends the work of field officers working for the Scottish SPCA, a registered charity operating in Glasgow and throughout Scotland; understands that its officers can no longer euthanise animals using the drug pentobarbital and that consequently officers now use manual handling for end-of-life care; recognises that while this latter method is also instant and humane for the animal, it does have mental health consequences for officers who may carry out this task up to ten times a day; notes and appreciates the unique demands that this aspect of the role places on officers, and commends them for their dedication in this area and for their diligence in their duties more generally.

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***[S7M-00957](#) Steven Bonnar: A Welcome to School for Every Child**—That the Parliament notes the introduction of the Scottish Government's Welcome to School Bag, which will provide around 47,000 children starting P1 in 2027 with a school backpack containing essential stationery, a water bottle and resources to support reading, writing and maths at home; recognises that the initiative was a 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto commitment made to families and is now being delivered; notes that children, families and teachers have helped shape the design and contents, including children at Orbiston Community Hub in Uddingston and Bellshill; believes that practical support at the start of school can help reduce the financial pressure on families and ensure that every child can begin their school journey feeling excited, supported and ready to learn, and further notes the wider support available to families through the Baby Box, Best Start Grant School Age Payment, School Clothing Grant, free school meals and breakfast clubs.

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***[S7M-00956](#) Dawn Black: Celebrating the Success of Summer's End Angus 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of Summer's End Angus on the success of the inaugural festival at Brechin Castle; notes that more than 24,000 admissions were recorded across the three-day event, which featured over 60 artists performing across three stages; further notes that the festival attracted major international acts, Scottish favourites and emerging performers; commends the organising team for establishing a successful independent, not-for-profit festival; recognises the significant economic boost that the event provided to local businesses and the wider Angus area, and wishes everyone involved continued success with the 2027 festival.

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***[S7M-00955](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating Montrose Community Trust on Being Selected as a Finalist in The Courier Business Awards** —That the Parliament congratulates Montrose Community Trust on being named a finalist in the Community category at *The Courier* Business Awards 2026; notes that the Trust delivered more than 22,500 engagements through 35 programmes in 2025, supporting people of all ages across Montrose and the surrounding area; recognises its work in areas including mental health, physical activity, climate action, food resilience and youth employability; commends the contribution of its volunteers; notes the ongoing £2 million Gable End development at Links Park, which will provide enhanced community facilities and a dedicated dementia centre, and recognises the Trust's success in harnessing the power of football to build confidence, tackle isolation, improve wellbeing and create positive opportunities for people across the community.

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***[S7M-00954](#) Willie Rennie: HEART Fuel Poverty Programme**—That the Parliament recognises the work of the HEART (Health, Energy, Advice and Resilience Team) programme in Fife to tackle fuel poverty; notes that HEART offers joined-up support linking health, energy advice and practical help so that people facing difficulties with heating, money or wellbeing can get the right assistance without having to navigate multiple services on their own; further notes that it works in partnership with The Well, Fife Health and Social Care Partnership, St Andrews Environmental Network and Fife Council, and that it provides a single point of contact through its phone number, 01334 237950; believes that this practical approach of bringing services together is an effective way of supporting people in the community, and welcomes the contribution HEART is making to people in Fife.

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***[S7M-00953](#) Claire Baker: Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) reaches its 60th Anniversary** —That the Parliament congratulates the Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) on reaching its 60th anniversary; understands that the association aims to promote, preserve and present all the music and song traditions of Scotland through local branch and national activities; notes that the association's origins date back to the 1966 Blairgowrie Folk Festival, through St Andrews Folk Club members and students, to support Scots trad music and song; is grateful to the association for its important work to preserve, foster and promote Scotland's rich and unique musical traditions; notes the success of the recent Patrons' Concert at Perth Concert Hall on Saturday 22 August for a special celebration of 60 years of the Traditional Music & Song Association in Scotland featuring Barbara Dickson, Sheena Wellington, Margaret Bennett, Jack Beck, Jimmy Hutchison, Geordie Murison, Scott Gardiner, Alastair Hardie, Natalie Chalmers, Neil Sutcliffe, Roo Geddes, Eoin Taylor, Ian & Hamish MacGregor, Clelland Shand, Finn MacPherson, and Aly Bain; expresses particular appreciation to Sheena Wellington and Margaret Bennett for all their hard work in ensuring that the concert was a fantastic night celebrating musicianship, traditional music and song, and extends its very best wishes to everyone at TMSA.

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***[S7M-00952](#) Jackie Baillie: Hermitage Park**—That the Parliament congratulates Hermitage Park, in Helensburgh, on being awarded the internationally recognised Green Flag Award for 2026; notes that

gaining the Green Flag Award is the ambition for publicly accessible parks and green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world; understands that this award is in recognition of the quality of this well-maintained park, recognising its cleanliness, safety and community involvement; acknowledges the dedication of council staff, volunteers, community groups and local residents whose commitment has helped ensure that the park remains a welcoming, safe and environmentally sustainable space for all to enjoy, and wishes everyone associated with Hermitage Park continued success in preserving and developing this valued local asset for future generations.

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***[S7M-00951](#) Victor Currie: Access to Care for Older People in the Highland and Islands**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital contribution of older people to communities across the Highlands and Islands; notes with concern the distinct challenges that it considers remote, rural and island residents face in accessing equitable health and social care, including severe reductions in local care home capacity, workforce recruitment shortages and long travel distances to centralised medical services; further notes findings from the Scottish Human Rights Commission regarding systematic barriers in rural service delivery, and calls on the Scottish Government, NHS boards and integration authorities to urgently reform the National Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC) funding formula to reflect rural delivery realities, guarantee long-term multi-annual funding for third sector care providers and expand localised "Hospital at Home" and digital care infrastructure to ensure that older people can age with dignity in their own communities.

***[S7M-00950](#) Patricia Gibson: 250th Anniversary of the Death of David Hume**—That the Parliament marks the 250th anniversary of the death of David Hume, who died in Edinburgh on 25 August 1776; recognises Hume as one of Scotland's most influential philosophers and historians and a leading figure of the Scottish Enlightenment; notes that he was born in Edinburgh in 1711 to a family with roots in Berwickshire, was educated by his mother following the death of his father when he was three years old, and entered the University of Edinburgh at the age of 11, where he studied Latin and Greek and developed a lifelong interest in history, literature and philosophy; further notes that, while living in France in the 1730s, he wrote *A Treatise of Human Nature*, which is now regarded as one of the most important works in Western philosophy; acknowledges that his writings on human nature, empiricism and scepticism helped shape modern philosophical thought and continue to influence fields including history, economics, political science and cognitive science; recognises his contribution to Edinburgh's reputation as a centre of learning through his service as Keeper of the Advocates' Library and his wider literary and scholarly achievements; considers that his intellectual contributions played a significant role in the development of Enlightenment thought in Scotland and beyond; understands that awareness of Hume's life and work among the Scottish public remains fairly limited despite his international standing, and encourages renewed efforts to promote understanding of his legacy and of Scotland's pivotal role in the Enlightenment.

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***[S7M-00949](#) Clare Adamson: Celebrating 20 Years of the Scottish Storytelling Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Storytelling Centre on its 20th anniversary; recognises the centre, located on Edinburgh's Royal Mile, as the world's first purpose-built modern centre for live storytelling, which was formally opened on 1 June 2006; acknowledges its important role in celebrating, preserving and promoting Scotland's rich storytelling traditions and wider cultural heritage; notes that its artistic programme and creative output are produced by Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland (TRACS), a Creative Scotland multi-year funded network that champions traditional music, song, storytelling, dance, crafts, customs and indigenous languages; further notes that TRACS produces the Scottish International Storytelling Festival, which has been held annually since 1989 and is recognised as the world's largest celebration of storytelling; welcomes the festival's return from 21 to 31 October 2026; further welcomes TRACS being recognised by UNESCO in 2024 as an accredited advisory organisation on Intangible Cultural Heritage, and wishes everyone involved with

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the Scottish Storytelling Centre and TRACS continued success in preserving and sharing Scotland's cultural traditions for generations to come.

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***[S7M-00948](#) Amanda Bland: Ensuring Access to Justice for Survivors of Domestic Abuse—**

That the Parliament recognises that access to justice is a cornerstone of a fair society; notes with concern reports that survivors of domestic abuse who qualify for civil legal aid can be unable to find a solicitor willing and able to take their case; believes that legal aid is meaningless if there is no lawyer available to provide it; further believes that this failure is particularly unacceptable in complex family law cases, where the absence of legal representation can leave survivors legally tied to abusive partners and vulnerable to continued coercive control, and calls on the Scottish Government to make access to civil legal aid an urgent priority, ensure that legal aid rates are sufficient to make complex family law work viable, address so called legal aid deserts that leave eligible people without representation and ensure that survivors of domestic abuse can access the legal representation they need to end abusive relationships and rebuild their lives.

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***[S7M-00946](#) Laura Mitchell: Celebrating the Spirit of the Cairngorms—**That the Parliament welcomes the partnership between Tomintoul Distillery and the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team to create *Spirit of the Cairngorms*, a new short film celebrating the people, craftsmanship and landscapes that make the Cairngorms such a special part of Scotland; recognises the contribution of the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team and the dedication of its volunteers in keeping residents and visitors safe in the Cairngorms, often in challenging and demanding conditions; commends Tomintoul Distillery for showcasing the people, heritage and natural environment of the Cairngorms through its work and for strengthening connections with the local community; notes that an exclusive preview screening of *Spirit of the Cairngorms* will take place at Tomintoul House, Nethy Bridge, on 1 September 2026, alongside a whisky tasting and an opportunity to celebrate the partnership between the distillery and the mountain rescue team; celebrates the role that local businesses, community organisations and volunteers play in supporting the cultural identity, economy and international reputation of the Cairngorms; wishes Tomintoul Distillery and the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team every success with the film and their ongoing partnership, and recognises their shared commitment to celebrating and supporting the communities, people and landscapes of the Cairngorms.

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***[S7M-00945](#) Laura Mitchell: The Launch of Moray Disability Sports Hub—**That the Parliament congratulates the Moray Disability Sports Hub initiative on its official launch at Moray Sports Centre in Elgin on 22 August 2026; recognises the initiative as a partnership between local sports clubs, voluntary and third sector organisations, Moray Council, the Health and Social Care Moray Partnership, Sportscotland, Scottish Disability Sport, and Grampian Disability Sport to create more inclusive opportunities for disabled people to participate in sport and physical activity; understands that the partnership has worked constructively over the past two years to secure funding for training, specialist sports equipment, and research into the lived experience of accessing sport and recreation in Moray; welcomes the Hub's commitment to using sport as a way to provide equitable access to the physical and social benefits of participation, while celebrating the abilities and potential of disabled people; further welcomes the inclusive range of activities being promoted by the Hub, including boccia, indoor curling, table cricket, and wheelchair fencing; recognises the contribution of the many organisations involved in supporting the launch and inclusive sports across Moray, and wishes the Moray Disability Sports Hub every success as it continues to expand opportunities for disabled people to enjoy the benefits of sport.

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***[S7M-00944](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Mid Scotland and Fife Region Businesses on Winning Awards at 12th Annual Food Awards Scotland 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Mid Scotland and Fife region food and hospitality businesses on winning awards at the 12th Annual Food Awards Scotland 2026: understands that the awards ceremony brought together Scotland's food, drink and hospitality sectors to recognise and reward dedication, innovation and excellence demonstrated by businesses and individuals in the industry; believes that the awards showcase the quality, creativity and passion that continues to strengthen Scotland's reputation as a world-class food destination; commends all the businesses which won accolades for Outstanding Achievement, including Mocs, Alloa, in the Café/Bistro of the Year category, Killiecrankie House, Pitlochry, in the Hotel Restaurant of the Year category, Cairnie Fruit Farm & Mega Maze, Cupar, in the Farm Restaurant/Café of the Year category and Olivio's, Perth, in the Bistro/Diner of the Year category; celebrates those who were Recognised for Excellence, including The Woodsman Restaurant Fishcross, Alloa, in the Restaurant of the Year category, The Carnock Inn, Dunfermline, in the Gastro Pub of the Year category, 3G at Events Catering, Perth, in the Caterer of the Year group, Killiecrankie House, Pitlochry, in the Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year category, Stewart Tower Dairy, Perth, in the Dessert Outlet of the Year group, G'S Bistro, Crieff, in the Bistro/Diner of the Year category, and The Wee Chippy, Anstruther, in the Best Loved Food Spot of the Year group; applauds the winners, including Doner Angelina, Dunfermline, in the Takeaway of the Year Category, The Wee Chippy, Anstruther, in the Best Fish N' Chips Establishment category, Bombay Club, Auchterarder, in the Best Curry Restaurant group, The Perfect Scoop, Kirkcaldy, in the Dessert Outlet of the Year category and Vera Artisan Bakery, Stirling, which won the Bakery of the Year award, and extends its very best wishes for continued success to all the businesses in the Mid Scotland and Fife region and across Scotland.

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***[S7M-00943](#) David Torrance: Celebrating the Life of Ian Norval, Distiller of Kirkcaldy's Own Whisky**—That the Parliament celebrates the life of Ian Norval, the latest generation of the Norval family, which created a unique Scotch whisky in 1857, and who sadly passed away on 22 August 2026 at the age of 81; understands that the Norval family introduced its "Sensible" Scotch Whisky to Kirkcaldy, with its name reflecting appreciation through the five senses, with the sight of its amber colour suggesting the fields of golden grain from which it originated, its aroma evident when experienced in the glass, its taste evoking pure Scotland and the whisky's Lowland home, its quality appreciated upon touching the tongue, and its message remembered when heard; notes the history continued by Ian from his great-grandfather, who operated an illicit still within the Chapel Tavern and used water from the Chapel Burn to produce the then illegal blend, which was enjoyed for many years by local people who believed its unique taste came from the local water source; expresses its condolences to the Norval family on the loss of a man associated with such a rich heritage, and believes that Kirkcaldy will remember Ian as the man who continued the legacy of his ancestors and as someone greatly admired by the community.

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***[S7M-00942](#) Thomas Kerr: Celebrating Scotland and Northern Ireland's Shared Heritage and Strengthening our Union**—That the Parliament recognises the deep and enduring bonds between Scotland and Northern Ireland and what it considers to be the important place that these historic connections hold within the United Kingdom; celebrates the shared history, culture, traditions and family ties that unite communities across both countries; notes that generations of Scots and people from Northern Ireland have lived, worked, served and built families across both countries; recognises

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what it sees as the significant contribution made by Ulster-Scots heritage to the cultural identity of Northern Ireland and its close historical relationship with Scotland; further recognises the contribution that Scotland and Northern Ireland make to the United Kingdom's shared economic, cultural, sporting and civic life; believes that the free movement of people, ideas, culture and commerce between Scotland and Northern Ireland is a strength of the United Kingdom and should be encouraged and protected; welcomes the continued development of relationships between Scottish and Northern Irish politicians, civic organisations, businesses, churches, cultural groups and community organisations; believes that the Union is strengthened not only by constitutional arrangements but by the everyday relationships between the people and communities that comprise it; considers that greater cultural, educational, economic and civic exchange between Scotland and Northern Ireland can help reinforce a shared sense of British identity and belonging, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with relevant organisations to strengthen links between Scotland and Northern Ireland, promote shared Scottish and Ulster-Scots heritage, encourage educational and cultural exchanges, and support initiatives which celebrate the enduring relationship between these two constituent countries of the United Kingdom.

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[*S7M-00941](#) Maggie Chapman: Congratulating Stobswell Forum on the Publication of 'Life in Stobswell—That the Parliament congratulates Stobswell Forum on its involvement in the Community Reliance and Coherence project, conducted in association with the St Andrews University School of Geography and Sustainable Development and the Centre for Population Change as part of its Connecting Generations programme; welcomes the resultant publication of the *Life in Stobswell* report; understands that Stobswell Forum has been working in its area of Dundee for more than 20 years with many of its achievements, alongside those of others locally, being reflected in the 'what Stobswell does well' section of the report; recognises the ongoing challenges detailed in *Life in Stobswell*, and wishes Stobswell Forum and the other organisations working in the area to address these challenges every success with their future activities.

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[*S7M-00940](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Finalists Recognised in Helping it Happen Awards—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Borders finalists in the 2026 Helping it Happen Awards who are based in, or have strong connections to, the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency; recognises the River Tweed Commission for its work to protect and improve the River Tweed and its fish populations, including its partnership work to restore fish passage at Ettrick Marshes; acknowledges the Border Union Agricultural Society Schools Countryside Day for providing young people with hands-on opportunities to learn about farming, food and rural life; welcomes the recognition of the Tweed Salmon Festival for celebrating the cultural, environmental and economic importance of the River Tweed and bringing people together through fishing and outdoor activities; recognises IndiNature, in Jedburgh, for its work developing carbon-storing hemp insulation while supporting local supply chains and rural diversification; acknowledges RM and JF Seed Ltd for its contribution to rural business and modern farming; recognises Trevor Jackson of Charlesfield Farms for his work in developing a diverse rural enterprise supporting businesses, employment and investment in the Scottish Borders; congratulates Hailey Thomson of Chirnside Hall Hotel on being shortlisted for the Rural Rising Star Award in recognition of her dedication to developing a career in the countryside; recognises Philiphaugh Gardens and Events for its contribution to the local community, tourism and the rural economy; acknowledges the work of the Borders Forest Trust in restoring native woodland, supporting biodiversity and engaging communities across the Scottish Borders, and wishes all of the Borders finalists every success at the Helping it Happen Awards

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***[S7M-00939](#) Rachael Hamilton: Raising a Glass to the River Tweed**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of River Tweed Gin by the Tweed Forum, celebrating the natural and cultural importance of the River Tweed while supporting practical environmental work across its catchment; recognises the initiative of Tweed Forum chief executive, Luke Comins, and the wider team in developing a product inspired by the River Tweed and its surrounding landscape; understands that the gin is distilled at Selkirk Distillery using locally foraged botanicals, including water mint and sweet cicely gathered from the banks of the River Tweed; acknowledges that £7 from every £38 bottle sold is donated to support the Tweed Forum's tree-planting projects, helping to improve the health and resilience of the River Tweed catchment; recognises that tree planting can provide valuable habitat, improve biodiversity and help create cooler, cleaner water environments that support Atlantic salmon and other wildlife; further recognises the longstanding work of the Tweed Forum to protect, enhance and restore the natural, built and cultural heritage of the River Tweed and its tributaries; welcomes the innovative approach of combining a locally produced product with fundraising for environmental conservation, and wishes the Tweed Forum every success with River Tweed Gin and its continued work to protect and enhance one of the Scottish Borders most important natural assets.

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***[S7M-00938](#) Rachael Hamilton: Selkirk's Young Entrepreneur, Brooke Laurie and Blissbakes26**—That the Parliament congratulates 16-year-old Selkirk entrepreneur, Brooke Laurie, on the launch of her home baking business, Blissbakes26, and the opening of her new self-service cake shed in Ladyshaw Drive; recognises the initiative and entrepreneurial spirit shown by Brooke in establishing her own small business at such a young age; understands that the cake shed officially opened in July 2026 and has been described as Selkirk's first cake shed, offering customers freshly baked cakes, cookies and other sweet treats through a self-service honesty-box model; acknowledges the hard work, creativity and commitment required to establish and grow a business while continuing in education; recognises the importance of encouraging young entrepreneurs and providing young people with opportunities to develop practical business skills, confidence and experience; welcomes the contribution that new independent businesses can make to the vibrancy of Selkirk and its local economy, and wishes Brooke and Blissbakes26 every success as the business continues to grow.

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***[S7M-00937](#) Rachael Hamilton: Lilliesleaf Summer Music Festival, Bringing International Music to the Borders**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Lilliesleaf Summer Music Festival, taking place from 23 to 30 August 2026; recognises the important contribution that the festival makes to the cultural life of Lilliesleaf and the wider Scottish Borders; understands that the festival brings musicians and performers from across Scotland and around the world to the village, providing local audiences with access to a diverse programme of live music close to home; acknowledges the work of the festival director, Andy Sherwood, together with performers, volunteers and organisers, in establishing the event as an important part of the Borders cultural calendar; notes that 2026 marks the fourth staging of the festival; recognises the wider benefits that cultural events can bring to rural communities by attracting visitors, supporting local businesses and creating opportunities for people to participate in and enjoy the arts, and wishes everyone involved in the 2026 Lilliesleaf Summer Music Festival every success.

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***[S7M-00936](#) Rachael Hamilton: Scottish Borders Walking Festival, Celebrating Walking and the Borders—**That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Scottish Borders Walking Festival from 4 to 12 September 2026, with Jedburgh among the locations hosting events; recognises the contribution that the festival makes to promoting walking, outdoor recreation and the natural and cultural heritage of the Scottish Borders; understands that the festival provides opportunities for residents and visitors to explore the Borders landscapes, towns and historic sites while supporting local businesses and the visitor economy; acknowledges the work of organisers, volunteers and local communities in developing a varied programme of walks and activities; recognises the importance of walking and outdoor recreation in supporting physical and mental wellbeing; further recognises the opportunity for Jedburgh and surrounding communities to showcase the area to visitors from across Scotland and beyond, and wishes everyone involved in the 2026 Scottish Borders Walking Festival every success.

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***[S7M-00935](#) Rachael Hamilton: Bright Green Nature - £62,000 to Support Young People—**That the Parliament congratulates Bright Green Nature on receiving £62,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund's Young Start programme; recognises the charity's work in providing young people in the Scottish Borders with opportunities to connect with nature, develop skills and participate in activities within their local environment; understands the positive impact that access to nature and outdoor activity can have on young people's confidence, wellbeing, learning and sense of connection to their communities; acknowledges the importance of the Young Start programme in supporting projects that create opportunities for young people and help them develop skills for the future; recognises the commitment of Bright Green Nature's staff, volunteers and participants in delivering environmental and community projects across the Borders; welcomes the investment represented by the £62,000 award and the opportunities it will create for more young people, and wishes Bright Green Nature every success as it continues its work to help young people discover, understand and care for the natural environment.

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***[S7M-00934](#) Rachael Hamilton: The Hawick Paper – A Decade of Local Journalism—**That the Parliament recognises the 10th anniversary of *The Hawick Paper*, which was launched by Jason Marshall in 2016; acknowledges what it sees as the important role that the newspaper played in reporting on the people, organisations, businesses, events and issues that mattered to the Hawick community; recognises the contribution of Jason Marshall, journalists, photographers, contributors and staff who worked to provide a dedicated source of local news over the past decade; understands the particular importance of independent local journalism in ensuring that communities have a platform to celebrate their achievements, discuss local issues and share stories that may otherwise receive little wider attention; recognises the role that *The Hawick Paper* played in documenting the changing life of Hawick and recording the achievements of local individuals, community groups, businesses and organisations; acknowledges the challenges facing local newspapers and the wider pressures on the traditional newspaper industry; understands that *The Hawick Paper* has found a buyer and will continue to serve the Hawick community, and wishes Jason Marshall, the new owners and everyone involved with *The Hawick Paper* every success for the future.

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***[S7M-00933](#) Rachael Hamilton: T.N. Crosby Chemist – 75 Years of Serving Hawick—**That the Parliament congratulates T.N. Crosby Chemist in Hawick on celebrating 75 years of serving the local community; recognises the important contribution made by the pharmacy to the health and wellbeing of generations of people in Hawick and the surrounding area; acknowledges what it sees as the particular value of independent community pharmacies in providing accessible healthcare, advice and

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support close to people's homes; understands that T.N. Crosby Chemist continues to provide NHS prescription services and Pharmacy First support from its premises on North Bridge Street; recognises the dedication of the pharmacists and staff who have maintained the business and its service to the community across 75 years; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of long-established independent businesses to the vitality and character of local high streets, and wishes T.N Crosby Chemist and everyone associated with the business continued success as it begins its next chapter.

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***[S7M-00932](#) Rachael Hamilton: Think Fitness 4 Less – 25 Years in Hawick—**That the Parliament congratulates Think Fitness 4 Less in Hawick on reaching its 25th anniversary; recognises the contribution made by Stuart Oliver and his team over a quarter of a century to supporting the health, fitness and wellbeing of people across Hawick and the surrounding area; acknowledges the dedication required to establish and sustain an independent local business for 25 years, particularly within the competitive health and fitness sector; notes what it sees as the important role that local gyms and fitness facilities can play in encouraging people to be active, supporting healthier lifestyles and providing a place for members of the community to meet and build friendships; recognises the generations of local people who have used Think Fitness 4 Less over the past 25 years, and wishes Stuart, his staff and everyone associated with Think Fitness 4 Less continued success as they celebrate this significant milestone.

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***[S7M-00931](#) Patricia Gibson: Celebrating Marymass Festival 2026 in Irvine—**That the Parliament celebrates the success of the Marymass Festival 2026 in Irvine; understands that the festival, which dates back to the Middle Ages, culminated in Marymass Saturday on 22 August 2026; recognises the longstanding contribution of the Irvine Carters' Society, which has helped to lead the celebrations since 1753, and of the Marymass Festival Committee in delivering the annual festival; acknowledges the crowning of the Marymass Queen 2026, Lucy Cardle, and her Royal Party, comprising the four Marys, Taylor Hyndman, Macie Bell, Skye McLardy and Mollie Bell, assisted by page boy, Oliver Masterton; notes that thousands of people attended the festival's programme of events, which included one of Scotland's largest horse-drawn community parades, horse racing, live jousting, the dog show, the greasy pole competition, fireworks, live music and other family activities on Irvine Moor; recognises the importance of Marymass in preserving Irvine's distinct cultural heritage while bringing together people of all ages from across Ayrshire and beyond, and commends everyone involved in organising, supporting and participating in Marymass Festival 2026.

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***[S7M-00930](#) Ross Greer: Millport Pride—**That the Parliament celebrates the inaugural Millport Pride event, which will be held on 12 September 2026; acknowledges the work of the Millport Pride Committee in bringing the event to fruition; further acknowledges the support of local businesses and the wider community on the Isle of Cumbrae, as well as supporters from further afield, including Arran Pride; recognises the efforts to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and challenge the discrimination that so many continue to experience, and welcomes what it sees as an inclusive, fun and family-friendly event that showcases the positive values and inclusive spirit of the Millport community and the beautiful Isle of Cumbrae.

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***[S7M-00929](#) Kate Nevens: Commending the Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign—**That the Parliament welcomes the 14th annual Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign in Edinburgh, which promotes blood donation across diverse communities and brings together civic, faith and health partners; commends campaign organisers, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society and the Scottish National

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Blood Transfusion Service, and all involved in delivering the campaign and promoting voluntary blood donation; recognises the vital role that blood donors play in supporting people and healthcare services across Scotland; notes that a single blood donation can save or improve the lives of up to three people; acknowledges the campaign's longstanding contribution to encouraging community participation in life-saving acts of generosity and public service, and wishes every success to the organisers, volunteers and donors taking part in the 2026 campaign.

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***S7M-00928 Rachael Hamilton: Jedburgh Gardening Club Celebrated on National Stage**—That the Parliament congratulates the Jedburgh Grammar Campus Gardening Club on being shortlisted for the Reciprocal Learning (Scotland) category at the 2026 Generations Working Together Excellence Awards; recognises the club's contribution to intergenerational learning by providing opportunities for pupils and older members of the community to share knowledge, experience and skills; acknowledges the commitment of the pupils, staff, volunteers and community members who have supported the club and helped establish it as a valued part of life at Jedburgh Grammar Campus; understands that initiatives of this kind can provide meaningful opportunities for young people to develop practical skills and confidence while enabling older people to share their experience and remain actively involved in their local communities; recognises the wider benefits of intergenerational projects in strengthening relationships between different age groups and supporting more connected communities; notes the work of Generations Working Together in promoting and developing intergenerational practice across Scotland and internationally; welcomes the international recognition given to the work taking place at Jedburgh Grammar Campus through its shortlisting for the 2026 Excellence Awards; notes that the Global Intergenerational Congress will take place in Glasgow from 29 September to 1 October 2026, with the Excellence Awards being presented at the Congress Hootenanny on 1 October, and wishes the Jedburgh Grammar Campus Gardening Club every success at the awards and in its continued work.

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***S7M-00927 Colm Merrick: Ukrainian Independence Day**—That the Parliament marks Ukrainian Independence Day on 24 August 2026; acknowledges that Russia's illegal war against Ukraine is now in its fifth year; notes that many Ukrainians have sought shelter in Scotland since Russia's full-scale invasion, with many settling in Glasgow; recognises that the Community of Ukrainians in Glasgow / Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) Glasgow has become a valued part of the community, particularly in Glasgow Anniesland, where it frequently holds events for the Ukrainian diaspora and the wider community in Victoria Park, including a successful family day on 23 August 2026, organised jointly with the Victoria Park Community Trust, and reaffirms Scotland's solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, both those living in Scotland and those continuing to fight to preserve their country's independence.

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***S7M-00925 Heather Anderson: Angus Cycling Festival**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Angus Cycling Festival with the upcoming New Coast Challenge; notes that cyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the challenge, which will take place between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Saturday 5 September; further notes that eight activity stations will operate along the coastal cycling route between Arbroath and Dundee, with free cycling activities and challenges available at each station; thanks the organisers at CycleHub.Org, which operates Dundee Cycle Hub,

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Forks Café & Bike Hire and Angus Cycle Hub, for organising the event; hopes that the festival will encourage more people to engage in active travel and discover the joys of travelling by bike in Dundee and Angus, and wishes everyone involved every success for the event.

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***[S7M-00924](#) Finlay Carson: Norman Makes Athletic History With Fourth Ultra Race Success—**That the Parliament congratulates Norman Neilson on making athletics history by completing the 222-mile GB Ultras Race Across Scotland for a fourth time, having previously taken part in 2018, 2019 and 2023; notes that the 66-year-old retired butcher from Dalbeattie in the South of Scotland, who is also a retained fireman, had suffered two broken ribs three weeks before the event; acknowledges that Norman completed the demanding journey in just 89 hours, covering a route that includes 27,000 feet of ascent, equivalent to climbing nine Munros; recognises that he has raised more than £30,000 for charities and local causes over the years and is fundraising for motor neurone disease (MND) in 2026; commends Norman on his remarkable endurance and courage in becoming the first person to complete the race four times, and wishes him continued success in his sporting activities and future challenges.

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***[S7M-00923](#) Stephen Kerr: Supporting The Sunday Post It's Time Campaign to End Violence Against Women—**That the Parliament welcomes *The Sunday Post* It's Time campaign that aims to transform how Scotland tackles violence against women and girls; commends the newspaper, its Chief Reporter, Marion Scott, and everyone who has helped expose the shocking reality of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls in Scotland; pays tribute to the courage of survivors and bereaved families who have spoken out, often at enormous personal cost, so that others might be safer; believes that no woman or girl should have to live in fear in her own home, suffer abuse in silence or feel that the system has failed to protect her; further believes that ending violence against women requires more than warm words and must mean determined action on prevention, education, cultural change, support for victims and survivors, and a justice system that properly protects the public and holds perpetrators to account; agrees that the shame must always lie with the abuser, never the victim; believes that violence against women is not inevitable and must never be accepted as a normal part of life in Scotland; encourages members from every party to support the It's Time campaign, and calls on people, communities, public bodies and organisations across Scotland to play their part in building a country in which women and girls can live free from fear, abuse and violence.

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***[S7M-00922](#) Zen Ghani: Celebrating Nine Years of The Slated Teapot—**That the Parliament congratulates The Slated Teapot Cafe, located on Mamore Place in Auldhouse, Glasgow, on reaching its ninth anniversary; recognises the important contribution that the cafe makes to the local community by providing a welcoming space for residents to meet, socialise and support an independent local business; commends Lynn Benzie and her team for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the cafe and the wider Auldhouse community; acknowledges the role that community cafes such as The Slated Teapot play in bringing people together and supporting local high streets, and wishes Lynn and the entire team every success for the future as they continue their work in Auldhouse.

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***[S7M-00921](#) James Adams: Nooks & Crannies win Café/Bistro of the Year at The Food Awards Scotland 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Nooks & Crannies in Fraserburgh on being awarded Café/Bistro of the Year at The Food Awards Scotland 2026; commends the dedication and hard work of the owners and staff in building the business over the past 16 years; acknowledges what it sees as the important role played by its loyal customers and the wider Fraserburgh community in supporting the business and its success, and the contribution that hospitality businesses make to local communities and Scotland's food and tourism sector, and wishes everyone at Nooks & Crannies continued success in the years ahead.

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***[S7M-00920](#) Andrew Baxter: Protecting Post Office Services in Fort William**—That the Parliament notes with concern the closure of the Post Office in Fort William; recognises what it sees as the vital role that post offices play in communities across Scotland, particularly in rural and remote areas, by providing access to postal, banking, cash and other essential services; understands that more than 500 people have signed a community petition opposing the closure of the Fort William branch; congratulates local residents and campaigners for what it sees as their strong demonstration of community support for retaining the service, including at a public demonstration in Fort William on 22 August 2026; believes that the loss of face-to-face services can disproportionately affect elderly people, those without access to private transport and people who are unable or less comfortable accessing services digitally; considers that Fort William serves as an important hub for communities across Lochaber and the wider Highlands; believes that communities should not be expected to continually travel further to access basic services as banks and other facilities withdraw from rural areas, and hopes that Post Office services can continue to be provided in an accessible and sustainable form in Fort William.

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***[S7M-00919](#) Steven Bonnar: Congratulating mygovscot myaccount on Reaching Three Million Users Across Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates mygovscot myaccount on reaching three million users across Scotland; recognises that more than 60% of the eligible population now uses the service, representing a significant increase from just 19,000 accounts at the end of 2014; acknowledges the work of the Improvement Service in developing mygovscot myaccount since its launch in 2014 as a simple and secure way for people to access a range of online public services through a single account; notes that the service supports access to services, including council tax, parking permits, school meals, benefits and National Entitlement Card applications; recognises its role in supporting platforms including parentsportal.scot, Visitor Levy Scotland, TellMeScotland and Young Scot, and believes that the continued development of accessible, secure and joined-up digital public services can make it easier for people across Scotland to interact with public services and access the support to which they are entitled.

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***[S7M-00918](#) Amanda Lindsay: Commending the Work of Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans**—That the Parliament commends the work of Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans at their many facilities across Scotland, including the Linburn Centre, Wilkieston, in the Central Scotland and Lothians West Region and the Hawkhead Centre in Paisley, Renfrewshire, their two activity hubs for veterans with sight loss; understands that, established in 1915 to support servicemen who were blinded in the Second World War, Sight Scotland Veterans helps blind and partially sighted veterans no matter how or when they lost their sight, including those who did national service, to adapt to life with a visual impairment; acknowledges that the services offered by these charities are as diverse as the individuals that they support, recognising that everyone faces different challenges and have

individual goals and that this is the reason their teams work with individuals in the way that is right for them; notes that they give support, which ranges from practical advice and identifying solutions that help the service users remain as independent as possible, as well as vital emotional support and opportunities of meeting others facing sight loss; further notes that sight Scotland Veterans can also provide specialist equipment free of charge to aid independence in day-to-day tasks, from talking watches, cooking aids and electronic magnifiers, to digital technology such as smartphones or tablets with specialist software for people with sight loss; acknowledges that the charity's expert rehabilitation teams offer one-to-one assessments and tailored training for specialist equipment and cane and mobility training; notes that the Linburn Centre will host a free open event on 19 September 2026 as part of the West Lothian Doors Open Days festival; wishes everyone involved all the very best with this event, and congratulates both charities on all their highly magnanimous endeavours.

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***[S7M-00917](#) Keith Brown: Bridge of Allan Named Scotland's Prettiest Village or Small Town to Visit**—That the Parliament congratulates Bridge of Allan on being named the prettiest village or small town to visit in Scotland by travel experts at Travelness; understands that the historic Stirlingshire town was ranked first among 24 destinations across Scotland, with particular recognition given to its peaceful atmosphere, historic character and scenic surroundings; notes Bridge of Allan's heritage as a Victorian spa town and its location on the Allan Water, beneath the Wallace Monument and close to Stirling; further notes the area's many attractions, including the historic Darn Walk, which follows the Allan Water through woodland and countryside between Bridge of Allan and Dunblane, and Lecropt Kirk, with its distinctive Gothic Revival architecture; considers that the recognition reflects the unique character of Bridge of Allan and the contribution made by local residents, businesses and community organisations to making it an attractive and welcoming place to live and visit; believes that recognition such as this helps to showcase the important contribution that Scotland's smaller towns and communities make to the country's tourism offer and local economies, and encourages people from across Scotland and further afield to visit Bridge of Allan and experience all that the town and surrounding area have to offer.

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***[S7M-00916](#) Clare Adamson: Recognition of Gordon Campbell's Service to the Coltness Community**—That the Parliament congratulates Gordon Campbell on his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service as proprietor of Campbell's Store in Coltness; acknowledges the important role that the family-run business has played as a valued local amenity and community hub serving residents of Coltness and the wider Coldstream area; notes that, under Gordon's stewardship, Campbell's Store became far more than a retail outlet, providing a welcoming presence, dependable service and support to generations of local people; recognises the significant contribution that independent family businesses make to the social and economic wellbeing of Scotland's communities; thanks Gordon and his family for their commitment, hard work and service over more than two decades, and wishes Gordon a long, healthy and fulfilling retirement as he begins this new chapter.

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***[S7M-00892](#) Zen Ghani: Clair McDonald: Alasdair McKee Award 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Clair McDonald on being named the recipient of the Alasdair McKee Young Person of the Year Award 2026 in recognition of her outstanding commitment, resilience and personal growth; recognises the remarkable journey that Clair has undertaken since completing the WorkingRite programme and her continued contribution as a valued volunteer with the Mobile Community Shop operated by Good Food Scotland; commends Clair on becoming the first recipient of the Alasdair

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McKee Award winner to have her own tenancy with Glen Oaks Housing Association, marking an important milestone in her journey towards independence; welcomes her appointment to the Glen Oaks Housing Association Board, helping to ensure that the voices and experiences of young people are represented in its decision-making; recognises the support provided by Anne Wright at WorkingRite Glasgow South, who identified Clair's potential, supported her beyond the usual programme and helped establish her mentoring relationship with Simon McNeill at Good Food Scotland; further recognises Simon for his role as an excellent mentor and the wider contribution of WorkingRite and Good Food Scotland in supporting young people to develop their confidence, skills and opportunities, and wishes Clair every success for the future.

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[S7M-00915](#) **Martyn Day: Parliament Recognises the Success of the Grangemouth Kerse Road Gap Community Art Project** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-00914](#) **Clare Haughey: A Royal Burgh in Felt and Stitch** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Jack Middleton*, Gary Bouse*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00913](#) **Amanda Bland: Supporting Victims and Survivors of Domestic Abuse to Achieve Safety and Financial Independence** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Iris Duane*, Patricia Gibson*, Max Bannerman*, Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Stephen Kerr*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-00912](#) **David Torrance: Fife Voluntary Action Awarded Carer Positive Engaged Accreditation** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00911](#) **David Torrance: The Perfect Scoop wins Dessert Outlet of the Year award** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00910](#) **Andrew Baxter: Recognising Cairngorm Brewery's Success at CAMRA Awards** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00909](#) **Andrew Baxter: Congratulating Fort William Women's FC on Scottish Power Funding** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00908](#) **Andrew Baxter: Congratulating CI Bruce Crawford and RSABI for Mental Health Partnership** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00907](#) **Andrew Baxter: Commending Archie Law for Broadford Bay Rescue** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00906](#) **Andrew Baxter: Congratulating Krista Nicolson on Raising Awareness of Tourette Syndrome** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S7M-00905](#) **Andrew Baxter: Congratulating Marsaili MacLeod on Completing 1,000 Mile Charity Cycle** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00904](#) **Senga Beresford: Recognising the Work of The STAR Centre - Rape Crisis Ayrshire and Arran** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Max Bannerman*, Thomas Kerr*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-00903](#) **Senga Beresford: Galloway Therapy Ponies and Equine-Assisted Wellbeing** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Max Bannerman*, Thomas Kerr*, Helen McDade*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00902](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Science Centre Appoints New Patron** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00901](#) **Tim Eagle: Recognising Michael Dawson's Contribution to Elgin and the wider Moray community** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*, Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-00900](#) **David Smith: Recognising the Renfrewshire Ladies Social Group and its Contribution to Tackling Loneliness** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00899](#) **Holly Bruce: Save Queen's Park Glasshouse** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Patrick Harvie*, Maggie Chapman*, Pauline McNeill*, Kate Nevens*, Lorna Slater*, Q Manivannan*, Thomas Kerr*, Ross Greer*, Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00898](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Celebrating the Ferry Fair 2026** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00897](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy on Achieving UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00896](#) **Paul McLennan: Fringe by the Sea 2026** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Gary Bouse*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00895](#) **Paul McLennan: Celebrating Dunbar Day Centre 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00894](#) **Pauline McNeill: Urgent Support for Palestinian Students Seeking to Study in Scotland** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Iris Duane*, Ross Greer*, Maggie Chapman*, Kate Nevens*, Willie Rennie*

[S7M-00893](#) **Marie McNair: Gaelic Hearts Early Years Award** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alyn Smith*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00891](#) **Marie McNair: Stepping Stones' 35th Anniversary** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00890](#) **Alex Kerr: Hareleeshill Community Hub Poppy Project** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00889](#) **Adam Harley: Congratulating Kirkintilloch Addiction Recovery Centre and the Legacy of Seamus Harkin** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00888](#) **Fulton MacGregor: North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band named Novice A World Pipe Band Champions** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00887](#) **David Barratt: Congratulating St Ninian's RC Primary School in Cardenden on its 100th anniversary** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00886](#) **Marie McNair: Allander Dental Care Take on Triple Charity Challenge** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00885](#) **Laura Mitchell: 30th Anniversary of Elgin's Biblical Garden** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00883](#) **Paul Sweeney: Proposed Demolition of the Category B-Listed Hillhead Baptist Church** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Iris Duane*, Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-00882](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen FC Community Trust - Centre Circle Whole Family Hub** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00881](#) **Jack Middleton: Denis Law Legacy Trust Impact Report** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00880](#) **Dawn Black: Recognising the Actions of Stonehaven RNLI Volunteer Keith Scott and the Contribution of the RNLI and Emergency Services** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kim Schmulian*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00879](#) **Patricia Gibson: Celebrating 20 Years of Montenegro's Independence** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00877](#) **Julie MacDougall: Commending the Community Service of Scott's of Cupar** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00876](#) **Neil Bibby: Congratulating West College Scotland** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00875](#) **Stephen Kerr: Congratulates Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band on an Outstanding 2026 Season** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Thomas Kerr*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00874](#) **Stuart McMillan: 20 Years of the Energy Ombudsman** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00873](#) **Dawn Black: Brechin Cathedral Trust Takes Ownership of Brechin Cathedral** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00872](#) **David Torrance: Golden Jubilee of St Peters Episcopal Church in Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00871](#) **Tim Eagle: Welcoming the Unveiling of Phase Two of The Storr Centre** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00869](#) **Amanda Bland: V-J Day: Honouring Those Who Served and Sacrificed** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00868](#) **Heather Anderson: Maggie's: Thirtieth Anniversary and V&A Dundee Exhibition** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00867](#) **Andrew Baxter: The Puffin Pool, Dingwall** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00866](#) **Andrew Baxter: 21 Years of The Nethy** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[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: Clare Adamson*

[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)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00841](#) **Duncan Dunlop: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire's UNESCO Biosphere** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00839](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating NHS Golden Jubilee Hospital for Performing the Most Heart Transplants in the UK** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00838](#) **Heather Anderson: Mark Stewart Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00837](#) **Heather Anderson: Dundee and the Green Flag and Green Flag Community Awards** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00834](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy on Achieving UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00830](#) **Angela Ross: Recognising the Work of Teenage Community Volunteers in Musselburgh** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00825](#) **Angela Ross: Wishing Neil Sharp a Restful and Happy Retirement** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00820](#) **Julie MacDougall: Recognising Crafty Grannies Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Gary Bouse*, Carol Mochan*, Tim Eagle*, Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*, Bob Doris*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-00792](#) **Duncan Dunlop: Honouring Archie Goodburn for His Dedication to Brain Cancer Advocacy** (lodged on 5 August 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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Motions Glusadan				

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

[S7M-00369](#) **Andrew Baxter: Protecting Coastguard Rescue Officers** (lodged on 17 June 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-00359](#) **Q Manivannan: Scotland Loves Local Week 2026** (lodged on 15 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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Questions Ceistean				

Questions

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 2 September 2026

Social Justice and Housing

1. **Collette Stevenson:** [Not Lodged]

2. **Alex Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have received support from the First Homes Fund since its establishment. ([S7O-00145](#))

3. **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to recover £36 million of social security payments, which were reportedly made due to fraud and error, and how much has been recovered since 31 March 2026. ([S7O-00146](#))

4. **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local authorities and registered social landlords regarding the proportion of properties let through referrals made under section 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001. ([S7O-00147](#))

5. **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the development of affordable housing in island communities. ([S7O-00148](#))

6. **Lloyd Melville:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Angus Council regarding the presence of RAAC in council and privately-owned homes in Monifieth. **R** ([S7O-00149](#))

7. **Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the waiting times faced by applicants awaiting an enhanced award of the Adult Disability Payment, in light of reports that some can wait up to six months for a decision. ([S7O-00150](#))

8. **Kim Schmulian:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to make it easier for developers to increase development of housing, by rejuvenating brownfield sites across Glasgow. ([S7O-00151](#))

9. **Jack Middleton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support and sustain successful homelessness prevention projects in the north east of Scotland. ([S7O-00152](#))

10. **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what further action it will take to increase house building, particularly in rural areas. ([S7O-00153](#))

Economy, Tourism and Transport

1. **Thomas Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the night-time economy in Glasgow, including any assessment it has made of the increasing impact of tax, business costs and regulation. ([S7O-00154](#))

2. **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support communities by improving public transport connections, to enable more inclusive travel and encourage patronage of bus services. ([S7O-00155](#))

3. **Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that air services in the Highlands and Islands meet the needs of communities. ([S7O-00156](#))

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Questions Ceistean				

4. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the introduction of Air Departure Tax on Aberdeen International Airport and the wider North East Scotland economy. ([S7O-00157](#))

5. Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will explore options for increasing the number of rail services calling at ScotRail operated stations in the South Scotland region such as Lockerbie. ([S7O-00158](#))

6. Patricia Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what contribution the life sciences industry in North Ayrshire makes to the Scottish economy in terms of employment and gross value added. ([S7O-00159](#))

7. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme and the benefits to those in Clydebank and Milngavie. ([S7O-00160](#))

8. Zen Ghani: [Not Lodged]

9. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the designs for the replacement option for the M8 Woodside Viaducts. ([S7O-00162](#))

10. Jenni Minto: To ask the Scottish Government when the review of business rates will be published and whether any changes are being considered for hospitality businesses. ([S7O-00163](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 1 September 2026

1. Angela Ross: To ask the Scottish Government whether the publication of the draft Curriculum Improvement Cycle, which introduces new concepts, big ideas and a Know-Do-Understand framework, reflects an assessment that the existing skilled-focused approach within Curriculum for Excellence has not achieved its intended outcomes for pupils. ([S7O-00136](#))

2. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported 17% increase in recorded hate crime charges in 2025-26, including rises in race, sexual orientation and disability-aggravated charges, alongside providing appropriate support to victims and affected communities. ([S7O-00137](#))

3. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reform abortion law in 2026-27. ([S7O-00138](#))

4. David Barratt: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to prevent the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons into the environment, including whether it supports legislation prohibiting their sale, supply and release to reduce litter and protect wildlife, livestock and marine animals. ([S7O-00139](#))

5. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reason for the reported 13% increase in recorded crime since 2022. ([S7O-00140](#))

6. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding the scheduled replacement of the exterior façade and windows of Inverclyde Royal Hospital. ([S7O-00141](#))

7. Katie Hagmann: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing across the country to support and promote reading and literacy by ensuring that books and libraries are adequately resourced and available for everyone, including in rural areas such as Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley. ([S7O-00142](#))

8. Laura Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to review the wildfire strategy following the recent such incident in the Cairngorms National Park. ([S7O-00143](#))

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General Questions selected for answer on 3 September 2026

- 1. David Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the increase in reported and attempted rapes throughout Scotland. ([S7O-00164](#))
- 2. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, when briefed by officials on the full business case for the Monklands Replacement Project in March 2026, the then Minister for Public Health considered the £2.1 billion proposal to be at risk of rejection. ([S7O-00165](#))
- 3. Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people with complex needs, including mental ill health and problematic substance use, receive joined-up support and continuity of care. ([S7O-00166](#))
- 4. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support access to link workers and social prescribing in areas of Glasgow where SIMD data may mask levels of poverty. ([S7O-00167](#))
- 5. Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to the joint statement from all local authority chief social work officers declaring an emergency in the social care system, particularly in relation to the shortage of homes and social care for vulnerable children. ([S7O-00168](#))
- 6. Amanda Lindsay:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to churches following the closure of the UK-wide Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. ([S7O-00169](#))
- 7. Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Scotland regarding the provision of focal therapy treatment for prostate cancer patients within NHS Forth Valley. ([S7O-00170](#))
- 8. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to further update planning guidance in relation to the development of hyperscale data centres, following the new data centre planning direction issued on 17 August 2026. ([S7O-00171](#))
- 9. Calum Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the debrief report on the Green Cleugh wildfire that impacted 17 hectares of land in the Pentland Hills in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency earlier in 2026. ([S7O-00172](#))
- 10. Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with senior leadership at the University of Dundee regarding the university's ongoing programme of organisational change. ([S7O-00173](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 2 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 26 August 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 August 2026.

Social Justice and Housing

1. Collette Stevenson
2. Alex Kerr
3. Craig Hoy
4. David Linden
5. Liam McArthur
6. Lloyd Melville
7. Fulton MacGregor
8. Kim Schmulian

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9. Jack Middleton
10. Finlay Carson

Economy, Tourism and Transport

1. Thomas Kerr
2. Michelle Campbell
3. Donald MacKinnon
4. Liam Kerr
5. Laura Moodie
6. Patricia Gibson
7. Marie McNair
8. Zen Ghani
9. Pauline McNeill
10. Jenni Minto

Members selected for General Questions on 1 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 26 August 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 August 2026.

1. Angela Ross
2. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill
3. Paul McLennan
4. David Barratt
5. Stephen Kerr
6. Stuart McMillan
7. Katie Hagmann
8. Laura Mitchell

Members selected for General Questions on 3 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 26 August 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 27 August 2026.

1. David Smith
2. Mark Griffin
3. Steven Bonnar
4. Bob Doris
5. Julie MacDougall
6. Amanda Lindsay
7. Martyn Day
8. Mark Ruskell
9. Calum Kerr
10. Heather Anderson

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Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 24 August 2026

[S7W-02672](#) **Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the publication of the consultation on restricting mobile phones in schools.

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 27 August 2026

[S7W-02738](#) **Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in publishing a draft referendum Bill.

Written Questions lodged on 24 August 2026

[S7W-02592](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work with NHS Grampian to bring the board's financial position into line with its financial targets.

[S7W-02635](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has given any consideration to reviewing the historic right to ferry in Scots law and, if so, what reforms it has considered.

[S7W-02636](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the commitment in the 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto to continue Scotland's "land reform journey" in a new Rural Renewal Bill, what its position is on reviewing the historic right to ferry in Scots law as part of the Bill, and what the reasons are for its position on this matter.

[S7W-02637](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42836 by Kate Forbes on 20 January 2026, when it plans to publish the business and regulatory impact assessment in relation to its defence sector support policy, which was updated on 3 September 2025, and whether that assessment will include information on the number of companies affected and any impact on investor confidence.

[S7W-02638](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what national guidance or training it is providing to third-sector organisations, such as the Scottish Drugs Forum, to educate drug users on the limitations of test strips, specifically addressing the risks of false negatives and the "chocolate chip cookie effect", where a contaminant is unevenly distributed within a batch.

[S7W-02639](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the clinical efficacy and cost-effectiveness of integrating the distribution of rapid testing strips, including those detecting fentanyl and nitazenes, into existing harm-reduction networks and needle exchanges.

[S7W-02640](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how its drug-checking strategy distinguishes between the threat of fentanyl and the rise of synthetic potent analogues, such as nitazenes, and what steps are being taken to ensure that distributed test strips match the reality of current street supply contaminants.

[S7W-02641](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered the feasibility of making rapid adulterant screening test strips available alongside naloxone at community fire stations and other civic safe access points.

[S7W-02642](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland and the Lord Advocate regarding the legal status of individuals possessing or distributing drug-testing equipment, to ensure that peer-led harm reduction initiatives face no risk of prosecution under drug paraphernalia or possession frameworks.

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[S7W-02643](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding from the National Mission on Drug Deaths has been specifically allocated to the evaluation, purchase, and distribution of rapid drug-checking technologies over the last two financial years.

[S7W-02644](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support a national, public-facing drug-checking network building on multi-agency models piloting in Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow that combines rapid test strips with advanced laboratory testing such as mass spectrometry.

[S7W-02645](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether funds from the £250 million National Mission on Drug Deaths can be made available to third-sector groups and local Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) looking to purchase and maintain smart, digital harm-reduction dispensers in urban and rural areas currently lacking fixed-site needle exchanges or overdose prevention centres.

[S7W-02646](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of international data regarding automated harm reduction kiosks such as those deployed in Ohio, USA and whether it will evaluate the feasibility of deploying similar 24/7, low-barrier vending machines in Scotland to distribute naloxone and rapid adulterant testing strips.

[S7W-02654](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it uses to determine when the proposed demolition of a listed building transitions from a localised planning dispute to a "significant issue for planning policy" warranting a ministerial call-in under section 46(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

[S7W-02655](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to local authorities to ensure that alternative regeneration models, such as partnerships with registered social landlords or housing associations/trusts/cooperatives, are fully exhausted before granting consent for the demolition of a listed building on the grounds of private commercial unviability.

[S7W-02656](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the risk of "demolition by neglect" across the historic built environment, and what mechanisms are in place to ensure that developers are not financially rewarded for allowing listed buildings to deteriorate while awaiting planning consent for complete demolition.

[S7W-02657](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what constitutes "adequate marketing" under Historic Environment Scotland's guidelines before a listed building can be demolished on the grounds that its retention is not economically viable; and whether it considers a failure to actively market a site for facade retention or alternative development models for several years as meeting this evidentiary threshold.

[S7W-02658](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the enforcement of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) Policy 7 (Historic assets and places), specifically in circumstances where a developer cites private commercial targets, such as a 20% Profit on Cost (PoC) margin, as the primary justification for the demolition of a listed building rather than structural impossibility.

[S7W-02659](#) Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in securing a new operator for the Dundee Airport to London Heathrow route operating under the public service obligation.

[S7W-02660](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many actions contained in its Offshore Wind Skills Programme (a) have been completed, (b) remain outstanding and (c) have had their delivery date revised.

[S7W-02661](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its latest estimate is of the current and forecast workforce shortfall in the offshore wind sector in North East Scotland, broken down by occupation.

[S7W-02662](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many participants in the Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund have subsequently entered employment, and, of these, how many entered

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employment in the renewable energy or wider low-carbon energy sector.

[S7W-02663](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of projects supported by the Just Transition Fund are required to report the number of (a) jobs created, (b) jobs safeguarded and (c) people subsequently entering employment, and when it expects to have complete outcome data for any projects supported in 2025-26.

[S7W-02664](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reviewed or revised the National Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC) formula or parity calculations in light of financial challenges experienced by territorial NHS boards, including NHS Grampian.

[S7W-02665](#) Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether any recent financial transactions affecting NHS Grampian alter the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) estimate that the board has been below National Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC) parity by approximately £277 million since 2009.

[S7W-02666](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to consult with charities and healthcare providers as part of any evaluation of the rollout of the Young Patients Family Fund.

[S7W-02669](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will expand the Young Patients Family Fund eligibility criteria to include under-25s.

[S7W-02670](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that claims are increasing year on year, for what reason it has reduced the budget for the Young Patients Family Fund in real terms since its inception in 2021.

[S7W-02671](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made since January 2021 of the accessibility and suitability of the Young Patients Family Fund.

[S7W-02674](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what support is given to each NHS board to reduce waiting times for autism assessments.

[S7W-02675](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's joint committee report on biodiversity collapse, what progress has been made toward reaching a decision on the planning application for the proposed golf development at Coul Links since the report was submitted to the Scottish Ministers on 29 August 2025, and by what date that decision will be issued.

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[S7W-02647](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether a pilot programme for automated vending machines dispensing sterile injecting equipment and other harm reduction supplies could be authorised under existing legal exceptions agreed with the Lord Advocate, or whether additional guidance for Police Scotland would be needed to support individuals accessing supplies from these machines.

[S7W-02648](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, following the departure of Dr Calum MacLeod, how many Land Commissioners currently serve on the board of the Scottish Land Commission; for what reason, in the context of public service reform, it has not yet recruited a replacement for Dr MacLeod, whether it plans the board to return to its full statutory complement of five Commissioners and, if (a) so, by what date it expects to do so and (b) not, (i) on what legal authority it is operating with fewer than five Commissioners and (ii) whether it will lay regulations under section 4(5) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 to alter the number of Commissioners.

[S7W-02649](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on the Scottish Land Commission's work and expertise, particularly in relation to community land ownership, of operating with four rather than five Land Commissioners, as provided for in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.

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[S7W-02677](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is provided to NHS boards to ensure that triaging accurately identifies and prioritises young people most in need of mental health support.

[S7W-02678](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether areas with greater Hospital at Home capacity have experienced improved performance in Emergency Departments, lower delayed discharge rates and lower hospital occupancy than areas with less capacity.

[S7W-02679](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that Hospital at Home, which it has promoted for several years, remains a key solution in resolving pressures on hospitals and, if so, what evidence it has that its expansion has delivered measurable improvements in Emergency Department performance.

[S7W-02680](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the expansion of Hospital at Home on waits of at least 12 hours in Emergency Departments over the last five years, in light of reports that waits have continued to rise, with more than 44,000 patients experiencing such a wait in 2026 to date, which is approximately 9,000 more than the same period last year.

[S7W-02681](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the aim of Hospital at Home to reduce pressure on acute hospitals, what its response is to hospital occupancy and delayed discharge remaining at reportedly high levels.

[S7W-02682](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether Hospital at Home has reduced demand for acute hospital beds or resulted in a shift in where some patients receive care.

[S7W-02683](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it has regarding whether the expansion of Hospital at Home has reduced the number of patients experiencing waits of 12 hours or longer in Emergency Departments.

[S7W-02684](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support on-call firefighters and their employers in rural and remote communities, in light of their role in responding to large-scale rural and wildfire incidents.

[S7W-02685](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the Chief Officer of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's proposal to introduce a more formal and proportionate fire safety regime for wildfire prevention and preparedness in natural and rural environments, and what steps it will take in response.

[S7W-02686](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Wildfire Forum to implement the Wildfire Strategic Action Plan, in light of evolving wildfire risks highlighted by the recent incident in the Cairngorms National Park.

[S7W-02687](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the formal debriefs announced following the recent Cairngorms wildfire, and whether the findings will be used to inform national resilience policy.

[S7W-02688](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the long-term resource requirements of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to ensure sustained investment in wildfire prevention, specialist equipment and preparedness ahead of future risk periods.

[S7W-02689](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has taken to prepare for the effects of the El Niño weather pattern, which is expected to be one of the strongest in living memory and to lead to increased storm activity over the coming months.

[S7W-02690](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has taken to better understand any impact of restricting mobile phones in classrooms for rural populations.

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[S7W-02692](#) **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the size of the early learning and childcare workforce is sufficient to meet the needs of childcare provision in Scotland, including funded childcare provision and private and voluntary sector provision.

[S7W-02693](#) **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of graduate apprenticeships in early learning and childcare in Scotland and what steps it is taking to ensure that there is adequate provision to support a highly-skilled early learning and childcare workforce.

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[S7W-02691](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reports that the University of Dundee is using compulsory redundancy processes, prior to a decision by the University Court, and whether such action is consistent with (a) the Scottish Government's Fair Work principles and (b) the conditions attached to any grant funding provided by the Scottish Government. **R**

[S7W-02694](#) **Amanda Lindsay:** To ask the Scottish Government regarding its new school bags for primary pupils initiative, (a) how much is expected to cost, (b) whether a detailed cost assessment was undertaken prior to the rollout of the initiative, (c) what colour options will be available for the school bags and (d) in light of reports that each bag will contain “a pencil case, stationery including pens, pencils, coloured crayons and a notebook plus a water bottle”, in addition to “resources to encourage reading, writing and maths practice at home”, what branding, logos, slogans or other printed material, if any, will appear on the bags and their contents, and what literature or other accompanying materials, if any, will be included in each bag.

[S7W-02696](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Historic Environment Scotland has conducted any research into the repurposing of vacant listed buildings for housing, in light of reports that similar research has been conducted by Historic England.

[S7W-02697](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) it or (b) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has any plans to designate Aviemore Community Fire Station as a wildfire station, in light of the recent wildfire in Cairngorms National Park.

[S7W-02698](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many fire stations (a) have received and (b) are due to receive controlled burn training, broken down by local authority area.

[S7W-02699](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) Category A, (b) Category B and (c) Category C listed buildings there are which are currently vacant, broken down by local authority area.

[S7W-02700](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to repurposing vacant listed buildings into housing.

[S7W-02701](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reasons the standard mileage allowance under the Motability scheme administered by Social Security Scotland does not extend to short leisure trips, and what assessment was undertaken in reaching that position.

[S7W-02702](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to develop clear and supported pathways to enable disabled children and young people to progress from school physical education and Active Schools programmes into community and competitive sport.

[S7W-02703](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will engage with the new National EDI Forum for Scottish Sport, Scottish Disability Sport's National Advisory Forum and Young Person's Sport Panel to ensure that disabled people are directly involved in the development and evaluation of national sport and physical activity policy.

[S7W-02704](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will revise the statutory guidance on Self-Directed Support to make clear that individual budgets may be used to fund sport and physical

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activity where this contributes to an agreed personal outcome.

[S7W-02705 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of people who have been permitted to use Self-Directed Support budgets for sport or physical activity, broken down by local authority.

[S7W-02706 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider recognising access to sport and physical activity within the Self-Directed Support assessment process where this would help an individual to maintain their health, independence and wellbeing or reduce their future need for social care.

[S7W-02707 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will establish a public portal for the nomination of potential opportunities to unlock and accelerate affordable housing delivery on vacant and derelict land and in empty town and city centre buildings.

[S7W-02708 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the buildings identified in the Buildings at Risk Register for Scotland, which has been paused, to identify potential opportunities to unlock and accelerate affordable housing delivery in empty town and city centre buildings.

[S7W-02709 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Buildings at Risk Register for Scotland is no longer publicly accessible as an online archive resource.

[S7W-02710 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider wider reform of property taxation, including a review of Land and Buildings Transaction Tax, with a view to enhancing the benefits of the First Homes Fund.

[S7W-02711 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the extent to which current Land and Buildings Transaction Tax rates and thresholds may discourage homeowners in Edinburgh from moving home, including downsizing, and what measures it is considering to improve housing mobility.

[S7W-02712 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Additional Dwelling Supplement (ADS) on investment in the private rented sector in Edinburgh, and whether it has considered a temporary suspension of ADS to encourage the supply of rental homes.

[S7W-02713 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered introducing a two-year suspension of the Additional Dwelling Supplement for purchases of residential properties intended for long-term private rental, particularly in areas experiencing housing shortages, such as Edinburgh.

[S7W-02714 Adam Harley:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its new national plan for hospital flow and whether the plan will include structural changes to the NHS and NHS boards.

[S7W-02716 Yi-pei Chou Turvey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the future of the "Wallace letter of recommendation", which is currently on loan to the National Records of Scotland from the UK National Archive.

[S7W-02717 Zen Ghani:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership regarding the delivery of bus priority measures on Pollokshaws Road, and what assessment it has made of the potential economic benefits of such measures for communities and businesses in the southside of Glasgow.

[S7W-02718 Claire Baker:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01865 by Mairi McAllan on 17 August 2026, (a) what the current minimum level of school clothing grant is for (i) primary and (ii) secondary pupils, (b) when each minimum level was last increased, and (c) whether there are any plans to increase these minimum levels and, if so, when.

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[S7W-02667 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its commitment to reduce child poverty, whether it will consider widening the eligibility criteria of the Young Patients Family Fund to make it more accessible to the families who are most in need of financial support by extending it to (a) outpatients attending regular appointments, and (b) day patients as appropriate.

[S7W-02668 Jackie Baillie](#): To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its commitment to reduce child poverty, whether it will consider widening the eligibility criteria of the Young Patients Family Fund to make it more accessible to the families who are most in need of financial support by taking a "cash first" approach to remove any barriers faced by those most in need of financial support.

[S7W-02695 Maggie Chapman](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its previous statement that the loss of 632 jobs at the University of Dundee was "unacceptable", what assessment it has made of the projected loss of almost 1,000 jobs at the university. **R**

[S7W-02715 Amanda Lindsay](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports in *The Times* that LGBT Health and Wellbeing, which receives public funding, including from it, runs a "Queer Milk" group that supports biological men to breastfeed or chestfeed babies, whether it will (a) confirm what funding it has provided to the organisation and the factors considered in awarding that funding, (b) review that funding in light of these reports, (c) assess any safeguarding concerns arising from the feeding of infants by biological males through hormone-induced lactation, and (d) review the measures in place to ensure that public funding is not used to support activities that are inconsistent with child safeguarding requirements.

[S7W-02719 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce additional measures or expand existing programmes to support continued delivering of home energy improvements, following the end of the ECO4 scheme.

[S7W-02720 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to use the estimated £140 million in additional block grant funding it is expected to receive between 2026-27 and 2029-30 as a result of the £1.5 billion funding announced by the UK Government in the 2025 UK Budget for its Warm Homes Plan.

[S7W-02721 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government and the home energy installers since March 2026 regarding the end of the ECO4 scheme.

[S7W-02724 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what testing was carried out on the new ScotRail app prior to its launch on 30 July 2026.

[S7W-02725 Stephen Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding issues that have arisen in relation to the new ScotRail app.

[S7W-02726 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to amend the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 so that spent convictions are excluded from Level 1 disclosures, in line with the provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

[S7W-02727 Jamie Langan](#): To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms are in place to ensure that the cultural significance of longstanding traditions, such as the Guga hunt, is considered when public bodies make decisions that could affect their continuation.

[S7W-02728 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential contribution of areas in which only static fishing gear is permitted ("static-gear reserves") to the recovery of inshore fish populations, particularly through reducing (a) seabed disturbance and (b) bycatch.

[S7W-02734 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Consumer Scotland's briefing, *An equitable postal service for the islands*, what steps it is taking to improve engagement between postal operators and island communities.

[S7W-02735 Ariane Burgess](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Consumer Scotland's briefing, *An equitable postal service for the islands*, what steps it is taking to ensure that third-party

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parcel delivery operators provide clear consumer rights information.

[S7W-02736 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Consumer Scotland's briefing, *An equitable postal service for the islands*, what its position is on the need for (a) tailored Quality of Service standards for deliveries to island postcode areas, and (b) mobile and community-run post offices that complement existing services.

[S7W-02737 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £400,000 that it committed to Dundee-based charity Kids Operating Room to establish the Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub, (a) what proportion of that funding has been provided, and (b) what update it can provide on progress in establishing the hub.

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[S7W-02616 Maggie Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported closure of Change Mental Health's Hearing Voices services across NHS Tayside, what action it is taking to ensure that sufficient support is available for people in Angus, Dundee, and Perth and Kinross who experience auditory, visual, or other sensory disturbances.

[S7W-02617 Maggie Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what due diligence it carried out, prior to awarding £400,000 to the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) in June 2026, regarding how the funding would be used and the outcomes that it was expected to deliver.

[S7W-02673 Maggie Chapman:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01961 by Jim Fairlie on 20 August 2026, which did not address the question posed, what consideration it has given to introducing legislation to prohibit the sale, supply and release of sky lanterns and helium balloons, into the atmosphere.

[S7W-02722 Yi-pei Chou Turvey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what work it has done on progressing the second recommendation in the *Misogyny – A Human Rights Issue* report published by the Working Group on Misogyny and Criminal Justice led by Baroness Helena Kennedy KC.

[S7W-02723 Yi-pei Chou Turvey:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many policy reviews are currently ongoing in each portfolio area and how long each of them has been carried out for.

[S7W-02739 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards implementing the provisions of the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Act 2026 and, in light of the statutory deadline of 30 September 2027, when it expects to make the regulations required under section 4(2) of the Act.

[S7W-02740 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with stakeholders, industry representatives and teaching unions regarding the practical implementation of the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Act 2026, and what its expected timetable is for delivering the requirements of the Act.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 August 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/245\)](#)
laid under Section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

Not subject to any parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 August 2026 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Act of Sederunt \(Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment\) \(Judgments\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/246\)](#)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Progress of Legislation

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As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 2.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

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

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

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

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

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

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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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 21 September 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026

Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026

Lead Committee report due by 5 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)

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

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/245\)](#)
(27 August 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 25 August 2026:

PE2244: Introduce Women’s Health Hubs in GP practices across Scotland to improve perimenopause and menopause care

PE2245: Keep the William Wallace letter in Scotland

PE2246: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers

PE2247: Mandate Police Scotland to collect data on nationality, religion, ethnicity, asylum status and instances of gang based abuse

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 26 August 2026:

PE2248: Stop prison overcrowding by changing how prisoners are released or sentenced

PE2249: Open the Scottish Super Sponsor Scheme for Ukrainians to new applicants

PE2250: Introduce a nationwide knife amnesty

PE2251: Create Stronger and More Consistent Dog Control Measures in Scotland

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

New Documents

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 August 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Boundaries Scotland: Further Review of Electoral Arrangements Argyll and Bute Council Area Report to Scottish Ministers (SG/2026/175) laid under Section 17A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Boundaries Scotland: Further Review of Electoral Arrangements The Highland Council Area Report to Scottish Ministers (SG/2026/174) laid under Section 17A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 - Secure Transport Standards (SG/2026/179) laid under section 25 of the Children (Care and justice) (Scotland) Act 2024

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 August 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Adoptions, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships in Scotland, 2025 - Registrar General's Annual Statistical Tables of Vital Events (SG/2026/184) laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

Fiscal Update – August 2026 (SFC/2026/4) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Forecast Evaluation Report - August 2026 (SFC/2026/5) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

HMICS and HIS Joint review of police custody recommendations (HMICS/2026/06) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/171) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

SCOTTISH COURTS AND TRIBUNALS SERVICE – ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2025-26 laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/166) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter 2025/2026 (SG/2026/177) laid under Section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

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