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Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 June 2026

Tuesday 1 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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Tuesday 8 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

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followed by Scottish Government Debate

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5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

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

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-00674](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Renfrewshire Carers Centre on Being Given the Investing in Volunteers Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Renfrewshire Carers Centre, which is a charity that supports unpaid carers in the community, on being given the Investing in Volunteers Award; believes that the award, which is administered by Volunteer Scotland, is the UK quality standard for good practice in volunteer management and is presented to organisations that offer outstanding support to their volunteers; notes that Renfrewshire Carers Centre has been providing vital support to carers in Renfrewshire for over 25 years; thanks the Centre's manager, Diane Goodman, its team and volunteers for their work, and wishes them all the best for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-00673](#) Jack Middleton: Celebrating National Lottery Awards in Aberdeen Central** —That the Parliament congratulates community organisations across the Aberdeen Central constituency that have recently been given support from the National Lottery Community Fund; recognises the funding awarded to Scottish Women's Institutes Aberdeenshire Federation, Great Western Community Trust, Yahya's International Hub, the Aberdeen Befriending Network, Granite City Taekwondo, Friends of Errol Place and the Bridge Club Aberdeen; believes that these awards will support a diverse range of projects, including financial support for women's institutes, community activities for older people, support for young asylum seekers, initiatives to deal with loneliness, opportunities for young disabled people, health and wellbeing programmes and development of green spaces, and celebrates the organisations and what it sees as the valued work that they provide to Aberdeen.

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***[S7M-00672](#) Neil Bibby: Commending Brian McGuire, Founder of Paisley on the Web, on his Service to the Community**—That the Parliament commends Brian McGuire, who is the founder of Renfrewshire news website, *Paisley on the Web*, which can be found at paisley.org.uk, for his service to his community; recognises that it has provided Renfrewshire's residents and visitors alike with up-to-date news, event announcements and food and drink recommendations since 1998; values Brian's commitment to keeping the community well-informed in a time of growing misinformation; notes the website's successful adaptation to changes in news consumption over the years through its social media pages, which have collectively amassed almost 80,000 followers, and thanks Brian for the positive impact that *Paisley on the Web* continues to make in Renfrewshire.

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***[S7M-00671](#) David Torrance: Mandy Hunter's 30 Years of Service to the Linton Lane Centre—**That the Parliament congratulates Mandy Hunter on reaching the remarkable milestone of 30 years of service at the Linton Lane Centre in Kirkcaldy; recognises her outstanding dedication, leadership and commitment to the people of Kirkcaldy and the wider community; understands that Mandy has played a central role in the development of the centre, supporting services and groups including the Kirkcaldy Foodbank, The Grey Panthers, Pete's Man Chat, the Polish School, Stages Dance School, veterans' organisations, carers' groups, stroke support groups and numerous other community initiatives; acknowledges her leadership in helping the centre respond to local needs during times of challenge, including its role as a community support and crisis-response hub during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises her unwavering commitment to preserving and strengthening the centre, which has become a lifeline for people of all ages; commends her wider contribution to civic and community life through her support for organisations and events, including the Kings Theatre and Kirkcaldy Strong; recognises the high regard in which she is held by colleagues, volunteers, service users and residents, and the positive impact that she has had on countless lives over three decades; thanks Mandy for her exceptional service, compassion and belief in the power of community, and wishes her every success as she celebrates 30 years of dedicated service to the Linton Lane Centre and the people of Kirkcaldy.

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***[S7M-00670](#) Alexander Burnett: Inchmarlo Marks 40 Years of Service—**That the Parliament congratulates Inchmarlo House Care Home and Retirement Village, near Banchory, on its 40th anniversary; notes that more than 100 homeowners gathered to mark the occasion at a garden party attended by the Provost of Aberdeenshire, Judy Whyte; recognises what it sees as Inchmarlo's pioneering role in later-life living and its status as Scotland's first continuing care retirement community; commends the vision of its founder, Professor Charles Skene CBE, and the continuing leadership of his daughter, Pamela Norris; notes that, since its establishment in 1986, Inchmarlo has grown to provide more than 180 homes for people aged over 55 within the 100-acre Inchmarlo Estate; acknowledges the dedication, professionalism and care shown by staff, past and present, whose efforts have contributed greatly to the community's success over four decades, and thanks all those involved in supporting residents and the retirement community. **R**

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***[S7M-00669](#) Michelle Campbell: Hamilton Ross Group Wins Massey Ferguson Dealer of the Year —**That the Parliament commends the Hamilton Ross Group for winning the Massey Ferguson Dealer of the Year award; understands that this is the highest accolade presented annually by Massey Ferguson and is judged on overall performance across its dealer network throughout the UK and Ireland; notes that the Hamilton Ross Group also received the Market Share award, recognising its strong growth and commercial success within the network; commends the group's work in promoting the importance of the agricultural sector to Scotland's economy and its efforts to highlight the wide range of career opportunities available across the industry, and congratulates the Hamilton Ross Group on its significant achievement.

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***[S7M-00668](#) Jenny Young: East Loch Lomond Path Shortlisted for Britain's Favourite Path 2026 —**That the Parliament congratulates the East Loch Lomond Path, which is part of the West Highland Way, on being nominated as one of eight regional finalists in Britain's Favourite Path 2026; notes that the path, renowned for its beautiful and rugged features, was shortlisted from hundreds of nominations; understands that the annual competition is organised by the walking charity, Ramblers; thanks Ramblers for its work in promoting Scotland's paths and walking routes and for encouraging more people to take up walking and become physically active; recognises the significant health, social and economic benefits delivered by outdoor recreation, with the West Highland Way alone contributing

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£23m annually to the Scottish economy, and believes that continued investment in the path network can help deliver even greater benefits for individuals and communities in Scotland.

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***[S7M-00667](#) Maggie Chapman: Nae Pasaran, Resisting Fascism and Defending Democracy—**

That the Parliament recognises the 90th anniversary of the military coup that began on 17 July 1936 in Spanish Morocco and, on the following day, spread to mainland Spain, marking the beginning of the Spanish Civil War; notes that the coup sought to overthrow the democratically elected Second Spanish Republic, whose programme included rural land reform, secular education and the extension of rights, including women's suffrage; acknowledges that workers, trade unionists, loyal members of the armed forces and police, and ordinary citizens resisted the coup in many towns and cities in defence of democracy; notes that the conflict lasted almost three years and that the rebel forces received extensive military support from Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, while the Republican Government was constrained by the policy of non-intervention adopted by the UK Government and other European powers; recognises the solidarity shown by the tens of thousands of volunteers of the International Brigades from more than 50 countries; pays particular tribute to the more than 500 volunteers from Scotland who travelled to Spain to defend democracy and oppose fascism, many of whom never returned and remain buried on Spanish soil; remembers all those who lost their lives in the struggle against fascism and dictatorship; reaffirms the Parliament's commitment to democracy, international solidarity and opposition to fascism in all its forms; believes in the importance of challenging and opposing fascism wherever it arises, and declares, in honour of those who stood against Franco's coup and in enduring solidarity with all who resist fascism, "¡No Pasarán!"

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***[S7M-00666](#) David Torrance: Carr's Flour Mill Marks 200 Years in Kirkcaldy—**That the Parliament congratulates Carr's Flour Mill in Kirkcaldy on reaching its 200th anniversary in 2026; notes that the mill traces its origins to 1826, when Robert Hutchison established a grain processing enterprise on the Kirkcaldy waterfront, developing a business that has become one of Scotland's most enduring industrial success stories; recognises it as one of only a small number of remaining such mills in Scotland and as a major contributor to the nation's food manufacturing sector; acknowledges its long-standing role in supplying flour to bakers, food producers and retailers across Scotland and the wider UK, helping to support the production of everyday staples, ranging from bread and rolls to biscuits and traditional Scottish baking; commends the company for continuing to invest in modern milling technology while maintaining centuries-old skills and expertise; notes the importance of the mill as a significant local employer and economic anchor for Kirkcaldy and Fife, supporting almost 100 jobs and contributing to food security and the resilience of domestic food supply chains; welcomes the company's participation in initiatives promoting Scotland's rich baking heritage, including its support for the recently launched Scottish Bakers' Trail; notes the strong links between the mill and Kirkcaldy's maritime, industrial and commercial history through its prominent position at the town's harbour; recognises the generations of employees, millers, engineers, transport workers and support staff whose commitment has sustained the business over two centuries, and wishes everyone at Carr's Flour Mill continued success as it celebrates this remarkable bicentenary milestone.

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***[S7M-00665](#) Liam McArthur: Congratulating Orkney's Katie Coward on Earning the Cubitt Bar Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Katie Coward, who is from Orkney, on being awarded the Cubitt Bar Award in recognition of her 50 years of dedicated service with The Pony Club, which is an international voluntary organisation that provides young people with the opportunity to develop equestrian skills and knowledge through participation in sport, training and non-riding activities;

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understands that the Cubitt Bar awards are named after the late Hon. Guy Cubitt, who served as chairman of The Pony Club from 1945 to 1970, and that these awards serve to recognise individuals who have volunteered for 30, 40 or 50 years with it; believes that Katie has been a stalwart of the Orkney equestrian community, where she currently serves as the District Commissioner of the Orkney Branch of The Pony Club; further believes that, over the course of her service, she has supported countless young people and their families during their equestrian journeys; commends Katie for her many years of teaching, encouraging and inspiring Orkney's youth and for promoting the fantastic horsemanship learning opportunities offered by The Pony Club; congratulates her on this well-deserved award, and wishes Katie, and everyone at the Orkney Branch of The Pony Club, all the best for the future. **R**

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***[S7M-00664](#) Collette Stevenson: Support for FCDO Staff and PCS Union Members at Abercrombie House**—That the Parliament notes with concern that Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) members in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), including dedicated staff based at Abercrombie House in East Kilbride, are set to carry out a programme of industrial action in July 2026; understands that this dispute centres on a planned restructuring programme following what it believes has been FCDO's management's failure to provide crucial assurances against compulsory redundancies; expresses disappointment at reports that it has rejected proposals to avoid compulsory redundancies and has refused to share essential transparency data regarding staffing levels, vacancies and the number of employees remaining at risk; believes that workers in East Kilbride, and across the civil service, deserve transparency, respect and meaningful consultation when public services and livelihoods are threatened; commends the workers standing up for the future of public services, and urges FCDO management to return to meaningful negotiations with PCS immediately to resolve this dispute and to provide a firm guarantee of no compulsory redundancies.

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***[S7M-00663](#) Liam McArthur: Sheila Fleet Wins Store Design of the Year at UK Jewellery Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Orkney business, Sheila Fleet Jewellery, on winning Store Design of the Year at the UK Jewellery Awards in London on 8 July 2026; recognises that its new store on Hanover Street, Edinburgh, held off competition from large jewellery brands, including Pandora and Harrogate Jewellers, to win the title, with the judges stating that the store could easily assimilate in any major city worldwide; understands that the store's design takes inspiration from Edinburgh's geological features, including the volcanic rock on which Edinburgh Castle sits; celebrates the hard work of Sheila and everyone involved in the design of the Edinburgh store; wishes the company the very best in its future as it continues to expand across Scotland, and looks forward to seeing what the business is able to create at its new premises in Kirkwall, which are due for refurbishment over the coming months.

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***[S7M-00662](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulations to Chryston High School Pupil Amy Brown**—That the Parliament congratulates Amy Brown, an S5 pupil at Chryston High School, on being named one of the runners-up in the Senior category of the North Lanarkshire Scottish Young Musician 2026 competition; notes that Amy was recognised for her accomplished performance on the alto saxophone in what judges described as an exceptionally high-quality competition; understands that the event showcased the musical talent, hard work and dedication of young performers from across North Lanarkshire; commends Amy on her significant achievement and for representing both Chryston High School and the local community with distinction; recognises the important role that music education

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and performance opportunities play in developing young people's confidence, creativity and skills, and wishes Amy every success in her future musical studies and performances.

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***[S7M-00661](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Paisley-based Charity the Art Department on its Funding Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Paisley-based charity, the Art Department, on being awarded £75,000 by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland; recognises that this funding will enable the charity to continue delivering workshops and events over the next two years that widen access to creative participation for people of all ages and abilities; commends its community-led approach and commitment to making the arts accessible and inclusive; thanks the CEO, Steven Thomson, the staff and the volunteers, for their hard work, and wishes them all the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00660](#) David Smith: Best Wishes to England in the World Cup Semi-final**—That the Parliament wishes England the very best of luck in the team's World Cup semi-final against Argentina on 15 July 2026; notes, with some regret, that Scotland will not be the side carrying the hopes of the nation at this stage of the tournament; considers that, as constituent nations of the UK, it is right that everyone supports all the home nations when they represent the country on the world stage; hopes that England rises to the occasion, avoids the "usual" late drama and gives supporters a night to remember; believes that, while many MSPs rarely find themselves in agreement with the Prime Minister, his call for Scotland to get behind England on this occasion is one where common ground can be found; understands with regret that, despite the Prime Minister's encouragement, none of Scotland's Labour MSPs appear to have publicly followed his lead, and looks forward to the next encounter between Scotland and England, when it hopes Scotland can emerge victorious.

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***[S7M-00659](#) Andrew Baxter: Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail and the Celebration of Gaelic Culture Across the Highlands**—That the Parliament congratulates Fèis Rois on the launch of its 2026 Ceilidh Trail, which will see talented young traditional musicians perform in communities across the Highlands, and beyond, throughout the summer; considers that the Ceilidh Trail is an outstanding professional development programme that has, for more than two decades, provided young musicians with paid employment, performance experience and the opportunity to build successful careers in Scotland's traditional music sector; acknowledges that many former participants have gone on to become nationally and internationally recognised performers, enriching Scotland's cultural life; commends Fèis Rois for its wider work in enabling people of all ages to participate in traditional music, song, dance and the Gaelic language through an extensive programme of education, tuition and community engagement; believes that organisations such as Fèis Rois play a vital role in preserving, promoting and passing on the rich cultural heritage of the Highlands, strengthening Gaelic language and identity for future generations while contributing significantly to the creative economy and cultural tourism; understands that Fèis Rois has become one of Scotland's leading traditional arts organisations and that its Ceilidh Trail was recognised nationally when it received the Community Project of the Year award at the 2023 MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards, and wishes all of the young musicians every success as they embark on what it believes will be an unforgettable summer of music, performance and cultural exchange.

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***[S7M-00658](#) Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Alyth Parish Church's Annual Kirk Shop on Another Record-breaking Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Alyth Parish Church on another successful year of its 'Kirk Shop', raising over £13,000; acknowledges that this is a staple event in the Alyth community calendar selling items donated from across the local area; commends the volunteers

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who bring together this event; understands that volunteers make such a valuable contribution across the country and should always be celebrated, and wishes the Kirk Shop many more successful years.

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***[S7M-00657](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Paul Andrew, Harvard University's Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications**—That the Parliament congratulates Paul Andrew, Harvard University's Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications, on being awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree from the University of the West of Scotland in Paisley; recognises that Paul, who grew up in Paisley, received the honorary degree in recognition of his contribution to the public affairs and communications sector; notes that Paul's role at Harvard includes community and government engagement and that he has led the university's external affairs through several landmark moments, including the COVID-19 pandemic; commends Paul for the positive impact that he is making in his field as a representative of Paisley, and wishes him all the best for the future.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

***[S7M-00654](#) Claire Baker: Welcoming a New E-bike Share Scheme to Stirling City**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new e-bike share scheme in Stirling; understands that the initial three-year pilot will be delivered by £100,000 of funding from Stirling Council and £35,000 from the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN), through Transport Scotland's People and Place programme; further understands that the project will introduce a fleet of around 130 electrically assisted bikes, operating on a modern dockless system and supported by around 40 designated GPS-enabled parking locations; notes that deployment will focus on key transport corridors, including the city centre, the University of Stirling, Forth Valley College, Stirling railway station and Stirling Castle, as well as employment hubs and leisure facilities; commends Stirling Council's long-standing commitment to active travel and shared mobility, following the completion of its Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling infrastructure programme, and recognises that this scheme will improve access to cycling and sustainable travel in Stirling, supporting Scotland's ambitions for healthier communities and lower carbon emissions.

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***[S7M-00653](#) Laura Moodie: Congratulating South Lanarkshire Council on its Energy Saving Strategy**—That the Parliament commends South Lanarkshire Council for achieving energy savings and avoiding energy costs of over £1 million over two years; celebrates the resulting reduction in carbon emissions; understands that these savings were achieved through no or low-cost, climate-friendly adjustments to heating and building controls across the council's property estate; welcomes the increased availability of funding for frontline services as a result, and encourages other local authorities to follow South Lanarkshire Council's example in reducing costs and climate emissions, particularly in light of projected energy price rises.

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***[S7M-00652](#) Alex Kerr: Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Organisations Receive Funding Boost**—That the Parliament congratulates organisations throughout Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse on being awarded National Lottery funding; believes that Enabling You, Hamilton Information Project for Youth, Regen FX Youth Trust, Stonehouse Old Folks Welfare Committee, Hillhouse Link Tenant and Residents Association, The Machan Trust and Supporting our Community will all benefit greatly from the funding, which will contribute to support for families, summer activities and dealing with isolation and loneliness, and commends the National Lottery Community Fund for its continued support of what it sees as fabulous organisations that are the heart of communities.

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***[S7M-00651](#) Pauline McNeill: Scottish Rock and Roll Music Hall of Fame in Glasgow**—That the Parliament welcomes proposals to establish a Scottish Rock and Roll Music Hall of Fame in Glasgow through the redevelopment of the Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA); notes the strong support for the project from leading figures in Scotland's music industry, including Midge Ure, Dougie Payne, Lulu, Billy Sloan and Ronnie Gurr; recognises Scotland's outstanding contribution to music and its reputation for producing artists and performers whose influence far exceeds the country's size; further recognises Glasgow's international standing as a UNESCO City of Music and home to iconic live music venues such as King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, the Barrowland Ballroom and the Sub Club; believes that a national music hall of fame would be an important cultural asset for both Glasgow and Scotland, celebrating the nation's rich musical heritage, supporting cultural tourism and inspiring future generations of musicians, and calls on Creative Scotland and the Scottish Government to support Scotland's grassroots music venues, wider music industry and the establishment of a Scottish Rock and Roll Music Hall of Fame in Glasgow.

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***[S7M-00650](#) Kim Schmulian: Federation of Independent Retailers** —That the Parliament recognises the contribution that the Federation of Independent Retailers makes in supporting shopkeepers on high streets up and down the country; recognises the reported challenges currently faced by independent retailers in terms of shoplifting costs, anti-social behaviour, preventative security, surging prices due to fuel costs involved in production and delivery, non-domestic rates, as well as challenges of a changing HR landscape, and believes that such businesses need enhanced police-business partnerships, security equipment grants to deter criminal activity and promote safety, properly resourced trading standards officers and visible neighbourhood policing.

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***[S7M-00649](#) Liam McArthur: Reaffirming Opposition to the Relaxation of Firearms Reforms**—That the Parliament notes with concern recent public commentary suggesting that aspects of UK firearms legislation should be reconsidered; recognises that the reforms introduced in the aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy, in which 16 school children and their teacher, Gwen Mayor, were killed, have contributed significantly to protecting communities across Scotland and the wider UK from further gun violence over the past three decades; considers that any attempt to minimise the severity of that tragedy or the importance of subsequent firearms reforms is dangerous and deeply misguided; commends the efforts of the bereaved families, survivors and campaigners in Dunblane in securing these important reforms; believes that the lessons of Dunblane must never be forgotten, and calls on all those contributing to public debate on this issue to do so with sensitivity and due regard for the devastating impact of gun violence in Scotland and the UK.

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***[S7M-00648](#) Maggie Chapman: Friends of St Fittick's Park Outdoor Classroom Coordinator**—That the Parliament congratulates the Friends of St Fittick's Park SCIO on its recent award of £73,795 National Lottery Community Action funding to support the employment of an outdoor community classroom coordinator in Torry, Aberdeen; notes that the coordinator is responsible for outreach work, community engagement, delivering education and social events, and generating volunteering activity; recognises that Friends of St Fittick's Park has long been an important part of the Torry community and welcomes this additional aspect of its work, and wishes the group every success with its future activities.

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***[S7M-00647](#) Martyn Day: Nepali Mela Edinburgh 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates the organising committee of Nepali Mela Edinburgh 2026 and the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) UK, State Coordination Council – Scotland, on organising the second Nepali Mela Edinburgh, which was held at the Ross Bandstand in Princes Street Gardens on 13 July 2026; understands that the event celebrated Nepal's rich cultural heritage through arts, music, dance, handicrafts, tourism and authentic cuisine; recognises the important contribution that the Nepalese community makes to Scotland's cultural and civic life; believes that events such as Nepali Mela help to promote friendship, inclusion, cultural understanding and social harmony between Scotland's diverse communities; commends Chairman Sher Bahadur KC, Secretary Madhav Bhandari and everyone involved in organising and supporting the celebration, and wishes NRNA Scotland every success in holding further successful Nepali Mela events in the years to come.

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***[S7M-00646](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney's Creel Fishery Achieves World-First Certification** —That the Parliament congratulates Orkney's creel fishery on achieving world-first certification under the Community Catch Standard for Small Scale Fisheries; notes that this certification has been issued following an independent assessment by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), a global certification and assurance body dedicated to public health and product safety, which evaluated the fishery against the Community Catch Standard criteria; understands that Community Catch is a global initiative that empowers responsible small-scale fisheries in gaining market access through an affordable and accessible certification standard; believes that this certification demonstrates a strong standard in responsible sourcing, labour rights, community benefit, and environmental and marine stewardship; considers that this world-first accreditation establishes Orkney as a global leader in sustainable small scale fisheries management; acknowledges the importance of Orkney's fisheries to the local community, supporting nearly 300 jobs and contributing around £14 million per year to Scotland's economy; commends Alistair Buchan, chief executive of Orkney Fisheries Association, and Paul Knight, owner of Orkney Crab for their work in achieving this accreditation, and wishes them, and all those involved in supporting Orkney's creel fishery, all the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00645](#) Thomas Kerr: Glasgow City Parents Group**—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Glasgow City Parents Group in campaigning to safeguard education services for children and young people across Glasgow; notes concerns regarding Glasgow City Council's reported efforts to recover legal costs of approximately £44,000 from members of the group following judicial review proceedings relating to proposed education and teacher cuts; believes that citizens and community groups should be able to raise legitimate concerns about decisions affecting public services; acknowledges the important role that parents, carers and community organisations play in strengthening scrutiny of public decision-making; understands that many families, education professionals and elected representatives have expressed concern that the recovery of these costs could have a chilling effect on public participation, and calls on Glasgow City Council to halt the recovery of legal costs from the Glasgow City Parents Group and to work constructively with parents, carers and education stakeholders to ensure that future decisions affecting education command public confidence and place the interests of children and young people at their heart.

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***[S7M-00644](#) Jack Middleton: Rowie Added to the Oxford English Dictionary** —That the Parliament welcomes the news that rowie has finally been added to the Oxford English Dictionary; recognises that the north east roll was invented in the 19th century for fisherman to keep longer than bread; notes that the first evidence of the name rowie in print was found in the Aberdeen Journal in

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1898; understands that the rowie was temporarily banned by the Ministry of Food during The Great War due to shortages of lard; remembers that health guru, Gillian McKeith, also tried to ban rowies in 2006 as she felt they were too unhealthy; agrees that the proper name is a rowie, or an Aberdeen roll, never a buttery, and celebrates the distinct Doric dialect that is an intrinsic part of the culture in the north east of Scotland.

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***[S7M-00643](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Central Home to UK's Greatest City Beach**—That the Parliament welcomes comments from travel expert, Simon Calder, who has described Aberdeen as having the greatest city beach in the UK; notes Mr Calder's praise for the culture and cuisine available from Aberdeen's seaside establishments; understands that Aberdeen Maritime Museum and The Silver Darling restaurant were singled out as locations of interest for tourists to the city; understands that Aberdeen is also known as the best dolphin watching spot in the country, and thanks local businesses on the beachfront who continue to make Aberdeen a gem for tourists from across the globe.

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***[S7M-00642](#) Clare Adamson: Recognising National Playlist Day 2026**—That the Parliament recognises National Playlist Day, organised by the charity Playlist for Life, which takes place on 18 September 2026; believes that the day provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of the positive impact that personally meaningful music can have on people living with dementia, while encouraging people of all ages to create the soundtrack of their own lives; acknowledges that decades of scientific research have demonstrated the benefits of music in supporting memory, wellbeing and emotional connection for people living with dementia; notes that Playlist for Life established National Playlist Day in 2022 to encourage people across the UK to create personal playlists inspired by meaningful moments in their lives while increasing understanding of dementia, and recognises the significant contribution that Playlist for Life makes in supporting people living with dementia, their families and carers through the power of personally meaningful music.

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***[S7M-00641](#) Rachael Hamilton: The Gordon Arms in the Yarrow Valley Among Britain's Best Local Restaurants**—That the Parliament congratulates The Gordon Arms Restaurant with Rooms in the Yarrow Valley on being named among 100 Best Local Restaurants in Great Britain by *The Good Food Guide* for the third consecutive year; recognises what it considers is the outstanding achievement of being ranked 62nd in the UK, placing this family-run establishment among the country's leading independent restaurants; understands that 100 Best Local Restaurants celebrates restaurants that demonstrate exceptional food, hospitality, character and strong connections with their communities; acknowledges that this prestigious recognition follows around 60,000 nominations from diners across Great Britain, with the final 100 selected by anonymous inspectors by *The Good Food Guide*; notes the dedication, passion and commitment of Bryn, Oxana, their family and their small but dedicated team in creating a destination restaurant that showcases the quality and hospitality of the Scottish Borders; recognises the contribution that The Gordon Arms makes to the area's economy and tourism sector by attracting visitors to the Yarrow Valley, and congratulates everyone involved on this remarkable achievement, wishing them every continued success as they continue to provide memorable dining experiences for guests from Scotland and beyond.

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***[S7M-00640](#) Clare Adamson: Commemorating the Legacy of Sir Alexander Gibson**—That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in New Stevenston, honouring the life and legacy of Sir Alexander Gibson, one of Scotland's most distinguished conductors; recognises that

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Sir Alexander, known as the "maestro frae Motherwell", was the first Scot to become principal conductor and music director of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, serving from 1959 to 1984 as its longest-serving conductor; further recognises his founding of Scottish Opera in 1962 and his outstanding contribution to promoting Scotland's artistic and cultural reputation; notes that he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1967 and was knighted in 1977 for services to music; welcomes that the commemorative plaque was unveiled during what would have been his 100th birthday year, with members of his family in attendance and a special performance by Scottish Opera marking the occasion; acknowledges the importance of celebrating individuals whose achievements have brought distinction to their local communities and to Scotland, and considers the plaque a fitting tribute to Sir Alexander's enduring legacy and contribution to the nation's cultural life.

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***S7M-00639 Mark Simpson: University Of Aberdeen**—That the Parliament notes with grave concern the reported social media comments made by a member of staff at the University of Aberdeen, in response to the tragic death of Ann Widdecombe, including the statements “I hope it was an extremely painful death” and “I hope she was handcuffed to the bed as she screamed in agony”; notes the public outrage and the change.org/petition calling for a review of these remarks, which has gathered thousands of signatures; believes that such comments wishing extreme pain and suffering on individuals have no place in a civilised society and are completely unacceptable from staff at a publicly funded university; acknowledges the University of Aberdeen’s statement that it is reviewing the matter as a priority but urges swift and decisive action, including full transparency on the outcome; believes that publicly funded institutions must uphold the highest standards of decency, respect and professional conduct at all times, and calls on the Scottish Government and all of Scotland's universities to review and strengthen policies on staff conduct, hate speech and incitement to ensure public confidence in higher education.

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***S7M-00638 Clare Adamson: Recognising the Launch of *Because She Was Here* by Catherine McAllister**—That the Parliament congratulates Catherine McAllister, a registered nurse at University Hospital Wishaw, on the publication of her memoir, *Because She Was Here*, which will be launched on 1 August 2026; understands that the book tells the story of Catherine's daughter, Ellie, who died at the age of three, and reflects on grief, resilience, love and hope; commends Catherine for sharing her family's experience with honesty and compassion in the hope of supporting others affected by bereavement; recognises that the launch event will include a charity raffle in aid of the bereavement suite at University Hospital Wishaw, acknowledging the invaluable support that the service provides to families experiencing the loss of a baby or child; applauds Catherine's commitment, both as a bereaved mother and as a nurse, to giving back to a service that has supported so many families, and wishes her every success with the publication and the fundraising event.

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***S7M-00637 Paul McLennan: Scottish Young Carers Festival 2026**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 19th Scottish Young Carers Festival, which will take place from 4 to 6 August 2026; welcomes the three-day residential event, which receives funding from Scottish Government and is hosted by Carers Trust; understands that the festival will bring together more than 500 young carers from across Scotland, providing an important short break and access to age-appropriate opportunities, activities and experiences shaped by their needs and interests; acknowledges that the festival provides what it considers to be a unique platform for young carers to be children and young people first, relieving the pressures of their caring responsibilities; recognises the importance of short breaks in supporting young carers' health, wellbeing and future opportunities; further recognises the value of the festival in enabling young carers to connect with peers who share similar experiences and in

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creating opportunities for young carers to contribute their views and lived experience to national discussions; believes that young carers should be identified as early as possible in education, health and other public services so that their rights are upheld and they can access the support to which they are entitled; calls for every school, college and university to have a designated Young Carer or Student Carer Lead within its staff team; recognises what it sees as the vital contribution that local carer services make in supporting young carers and unpaid carers across Scotland; believes that young carers should have access to holistic support that enables them to achieve fair futures and fulfil their potential; values the immense contribution that young carers make to society, and wishes everyone attending the festival a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

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***S7M-00636 Victor Currie: Alcohol Harm Awareness and Support Services in the Highlands and Islands**—That the Parliament recognises the significant impact that alcohol misuse continues to have on individuals, families and communities across Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands; notes that alcohol-related harm remains a major public health challenge despite a recent reduction in alcohol-specific deaths nationally; acknowledges the barriers faced by people living in remote, rural and island communities when accessing treatment, recovery and mental health services; commends the work of frontline organisations, recovery groups, volunteers, NHS staff and third sector providers in supporting those affected by alcohol dependency and addiction; welcomes the development of innovative approaches, including virtual and community-based support services designed to reach people in remote areas; recognises the importance of early intervention, prevention, recovery and family support, and calls on all levels of government, public bodies and community partners to continue working together to reduce alcohol-related harm and ensure that those seeking help can access timely, effective and compassionate support, regardless of where they live.

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***S7M-00635 Dawn Black: St Cyrus Beach Recognised as One of the UK's Best Beaches**—That the Parliament congratulates the dedicated staff and volunteers at St Cyrus National Nature Reserve on its recognition as one of the best beaches in the UK in the 18th annual *Times* and *Sunday Times* 50 Best UK Beaches Guide; notes that St Cyrus was among six beaches in the north and north east of Scotland to feature in the guide; recognises the outstanding natural heritage of the reserve, including its dune system, which is one of the most botanically diverse habitats in the UK and supports 328 plant species, 160 varieties of birds and 548 species of insects; notes that the 375-million-year-old Heughs of St Cyrus lava cliffs shelter the reserve below and create a unique microclimate that supports a rich diversity of wildlife; commends all involved in the management and protection of the reserve for helping to preserve this nationally important natural asset, and encourages continued enjoyment of and appreciation for one of Scotland's most remarkable coastal environments.

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***S7M-00634 Dawn Black: Congratulats to Borrowfield Primary School on Receiving RHET's Prestigious 2026 Charles Brown Trophy**—That the Parliament congratulates Borrowfield Primary School in Montrose on being awarded the Royal Highland Education Trust's (RHET) 2026 Charles Brown Trophy; recognises that this prestigious trophy is awarded to schools that demonstrate excellence in partnership working with RHET; notes that Borrowfield was selected from more than 100 school across Angus and Dundee in recognition of its sustained commitment to food, farming and countryside education; commends the school's innovative outdoor learning programme, through which pupils grow food and gain first-hand experience of agriculture and the natural environment; recognises the positive contribution that this can make to children's understanding of where food comes from, sustainability and rural industries, and wishes everyone involved continued success.

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***[S7M-00633](#) Russell Findlay: The Importance of the Freedom of the Media Following the Case of Lawrence and Others vs. Associated Newspapers**—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the decisive and important outcome from the high-profile High Court of Justice of England and Wales civil litigation, *Lawrence and others vs. Associated Newspapers Limited*, which is the publisher of newspapers including the *Daily Mail* and the *Mail on Sunday*; notes that, in his detailed judgment, which runs to 436 pages, Mr Justice Nicklin dismissed in their entirety the seven claimants' 97 allegations of misuse of private information and breach of confidence; notes that the judge made numerous positive comments about the conduct, character and honesty of several *Daily Mail* and *Mail on Sunday* journalists, including what he described as the "truthful" and "honest" evidence of Stephen Wright, associate editor (investigations), whose journalism it believes is recognised as being critical in securing convictions for the 1993 murder of Stephen Lawrence; agrees with reported comments from former *Daily Mail* editor, Paul Dacre, that what he described as the "trumped-up" case represented, in his view, a "conspiracy" to destroy the newspaper and that the court victory is, he believes, an "overwhelming vindication of our journalism"; further agrees with reported comments from Mr Dacre that the case "raises profoundly disturbing questions about the conduct of elements of the legal profession"; notes with concern a statement reportedly issued by the Duke of Sussex and Baroness Doreen Lawrence, which described the judgment as a "complete and obvious whitewash"; believes that this allegation is wholly inaccurate and without foundation and that it undermines and disrespects the fundamental principle of judicial independence in the UK; notes that the cost of legal fees for the court action are estimated to be around £50 million and that significant court time is reported to have been taken up by the case; believes that in today's fragmented media and social media landscape, in which misinformation and disinformation are, in its view, rife, trusted and professional journalism has never been more important; considers that newspaper reporting plays a critical role in holding powerful individuals and organisations to account on behalf of the public across the UK, including Scotland, and believes that a free media must be cherished and protected from what it considers to be vexatious and costly litigation and unwarranted state regulation.

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***[S7M-00632](#) Clare Adamson: Murray Landscapes Achieves Gold Employer Charter Accreditation**—That the Parliament congratulates Motherwell-based family-run landscaping company, Murray Landscapes, on becoming the 100th business to achieve North Lanarkshire Council's Employer Charter accreditation; recognises that the company has been awarded the scheme's Gold Award in recognition of its exceptional commitment to fair work principles; notes that the Employer Charter promotes payment of the Real Living Wage, the employment of local people, the use of local businesses within supply chains where possible, and fair working practices that attract and retain employees; commends Murray Landscapes for building a strong reputation for delivering high-quality landscaping and grounds maintenance services, providing a reliable and customer-focused service through its dedicated and skilled team, and consistently delivering exceptional results for its clients; recognises the company's commitment to supporting local people, schools, hospitals, charities, grassroots sport and wellbeing initiatives through volunteering and practical assistance since 2016, and wishes everyone at Murray Landscapes continued success.

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***[S7M-00631](#) Stuart McMillan: Pioneering STEM Success at St Andrew's Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates St Andrew's Primary School in Greenock on becoming the first school in Scotland where every pupil has achieved a CREST Award; recognises this remarkable achievement as a testament to the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment of pupils, teachers and support staff; notes that the awards were achieved through a whole-school science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programme, with pupils undertaking a range of practical projects and developing important skills, including problem solving, record keeping, independent learning and teamwork;

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commends teacher, Jill Neeson, for leading the initiative and ensuring that every pupil had the opportunity to participate; acknowledges the leadership of head teacher, Alan Connick, and the wider school community in promoting innovation and excellence in education; recognises the importance of STEM learning in preparing young people for future opportunities, particularly in Inverclyde with its strong links to engineering, manufacturing, science and maritime industries, and wishes all at St Andrew's Primary School continued success in their future learning and achievements.

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***[S7M-00630](#) Stuart McMillan: Branchton Community Centre Receives National Lottery Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates Branchton Community Centre in Greenock on securing a £217,195 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund for the next three years; recognises what it sees as the valuable contribution that the centre makes to the local community through its wide range of activities, classes, support services, community shop, breakfast club and family programmes; understands that the funding will help sustain and expand these services, support staff and development officers, and provide resources for additional activities and community engagement; acknowledges the centre's work in supporting residents of all ages, including those with additional support needs and people living in local care homes; commends the dedication of the staff, volunteers and participants who make the centre a vibrant community hub, and wishes everyone involved every success as they continue to strengthen community wellbeing and reduce social isolation across Branchton and the wider Inverclyde area.

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***[S7M-00629](#) Marie McNair: New Public Access Defibrillator at Talbot Arms in Milngavie**—That the Parliament welcomes the installation of a new public-access defibrillator cabinet on the exterior wall of the Talbot Arms in Milngavie; understands that KM Electricals carried out the installation free of charge; recognises the contribution of both organisations in improving access to potentially life-saving equipment within the local community; celebrates the role that businesses play in expanding Scotland's network of publicly accessible defibrillators; notes the importance of rapid access to defibrillators in improving outcomes following cardiac arrest, and encourages communities across Scotland to support the installation, maintenance and promotion of public-access defibrillators.

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***[S7M-00628](#) Colin Beattie: St Matthew's Catholic Church in Rosewell Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates St Matthew's Catholic Church in Rosewell on receiving a National Lottery Community Funding Grant worth £2,100; understands that this funding will be used to install a public disabled toilet in the church; commends the work of everyone at St Matthew's, and wishes them the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00627](#) Colin Beattie: Newtongrange Development Trust Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates the Newtongrange Development Trust (NDT) on receiving a National Lottery Community Funding Grant worth £10,000; understands that this funding will be used to support the continuation of the trust's community garden project for a further two years; commends the work of the NDT, and wishes all the staff the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00626](#) Colin Beattie: Roslin Community Development Trust Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Roslin Community Development Trust on being awarded a National Lottery Community Funding Grant worth £900; understands that this funding will support the group to develop and sow a wild meadow near Roslin Glen Country Park; thanks everyone at the trust for their important work, and wishes them the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00625](#) Colin Beattie: Bright Sparks SCIO Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Bright Sparks SCIO on receiving a grant from the National Lottery Community Funding Grant worth £40,862; understands that this funding will be used to support the delivery of the group's six youth clubs based at its centre in Bonnyrigg, supporting children and young people aged between five and 18 with additional supports needs; commends the organisation's valuable work, and wishes all the staff the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00624](#) Colin Beattie: Ploughing Championships Scotland Limited Awarded National Lottery Community Funding Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Ploughing Championships (Scotland) Limited on receiving a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund worth £3,850; understands that this funding will support the delivery of the 2026 Scottish Ploughing Championships in Pathhead, and thanks the organisation for its valuable work in organising the championships.

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***[S7M-00623](#) Colin Beattie: Midlothian Community Action Awarded National Lottery Community Fund Grant**—That the Parliament congratulates Midlothian Community Action on receiving a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund worth £8,778; understands that this funding will be used to bring together young volunteers and older adults to celebrate the Commonwealth Games 2026 and to promote wellbeing and social connection; thanks Midlothian Community Action for what it sees as its valuable work and commends all the staff and volunteers for their dedication, and wishes them the best for the future.

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***[S7M-00622](#) Keith Brown: Celebrating National Lottery Community Fund Awards in Clackmannanshire and Dunblane**—That the Parliament congratulates the community organisations across the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency that have recently secured support from the National Lottery Community Fund; recognises the funding awarded to Hearts and Minds Limited, Ochil Youths Community Improvement, Play Alloa, Sauchie Active 8 SCIO, Wee County Walkers, Children's Health Scotland, Tullibody Community Garden, Greenbridge Ventures CIC, Alliance4growth and Recyke-a-bike Ltd; acknowledges that these awards will support a diverse range of projects, including therapeutic support for people living with dementia, opportunities for children and young people with complex disabilities, initiatives to tackle loneliness and social isolation, community gardening, volunteering, cycling, health and wellbeing programmes, support for ethnic minority families, rehabilitation work within HMP Glenochil and the continued development of strong local community organisations; believes that these projects demonstrate the compassion, innovation and dedication that exists throughout Clackmannanshire and Stirling, with volunteers, staff and community leaders giving their time and energy to improve the lives of others; recognises the transformative impact that National Lottery funding continues to have in enabling local organisations to grow, innovate and respond to the needs of their communities; notes that National Lottery players raise more than £30 million each week for good causes, with over 84 per cent of grants supporting grassroots organisations; welcomes the publication of the National Lottery Community Fund's 2024–25 Impact Report, *Communities Making the Difference*, which highlights the remarkable contribution that community organisations across Scotland make in building stronger, healthier and more resilient communities; thanks everyone involved in these projects for their commitment to supporting others and strengthening community life across the Clackmannanshire and Stirling areas, and wishes all of the successful organisations every success as they continue their invaluable work.

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***[S7M-00621](#) Thomas Kerr: Remembering Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe**—That the Parliament notes the death of the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe at the age of 78; extends its sincere condolences to her family, friends and all those who knew her; recognises her many years of public service as a Member of Parliament, government minister and later Member of the European Parliament; acknowledges that

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she was a politician of strong convictions who remained steadfast in her beliefs throughout her career; further acknowledges her commitment to freedom of speech, democratic debate and public service; notes her willingness to speak openly on matters of conscience, faith and national identity, often in the face of what it sees as significant criticism; recognises the enduring Christian faith that informed much of her public life and work; believes that her determination to defend her sincerely held views earned respect from many, including those with whom she disagreed, and pays tribute to her contribution to public life, which it believes will be remembered by many.

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***[S7M-00620](#) Amanda Lindsay: Keeping Dogs and All Pets Safe During Hot Weather**—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of keeping dogs and other pets safe during periods of hot weather; notes advice that dog owners should consider walking their pets during the cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening; recognises the importance of ensuring that animals have access to fresh drinking water and adequate shade; highlights the risk of injury from hot pavements and the need to check ground temperatures before exercising dogs; stresses that pets should never be left unattended in vehicles, where temperatures can quickly reach dangerous levels; welcomes the warm weather guidance published by Dogs Trust and other animal welfare organisations; notes that pets may also be vulnerable to sunburn and heatstroke, and encourages pet owners to take appropriate precautions to protect the health and wellbeing of their animals during periods of high temperatures.

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***[S7M-00619](#) Amanda Lindsay: Urging Water Safety and Responsible Behaviour Around Water Courses and Coastal Areas During Hot Weather**—That the Parliament echoes the pleas from Scottish Water for residents of West Lothian and all local authorities across Scotland to stay safe and not take risks around watercourses such as reservoirs, rivers, lochs and coastal waters during the summer months; understands that the latest figures issued by the National Water Safety Forum show that there were 39 accidental drownings in Scotland in 2025 and 202 across the UK with most occurring at inland locations such as reservoirs, rivers and lochs or lakes; believes that the call from Scottish Water follows some dangerous and anti-social behaviour by groups of young people at reservoirs across Scotland, including diving from water towers, which are working parts of reservoirs, and a number of accidental drownings in England and Wales during hot weather; considers that deep, cold water is a particular danger at reservoirs and dams, steep banks, spillways, overflow, and that underwater pipework can also present real hazards; believes that inland waters such as reservoirs also remain dangerously cold, even in warm summer weather, and are hazardous for cold water shock, which is an involuntary physiological response when the body is suddenly immersed in cold water and which can lead to rapid gasping, a spike in heart rate, and hyperventilation; notes that this makes it difficult to control breathing or to swim effectively and impacts animals as well as humans; urges parents, guardians and relatives to keep children and pets safe, and asks everyone to act responsibly around reservoirs and other watercourses.

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***[S7M-00618](#) Amanda Lindsay: Springfield Partnerships Awarded Large Affordable Development of the Year at the Homes for Scotland Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates

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Springfield Partnerships, part of The Springfield Group, on receiving the Large Affordable Development of the Year title for the transformation of Deans South in Livingston at the Homes for Scotland Awards; understands that the homes at Deans South were impacted by Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and had been abandoned; further understands that whilst most residents had been relocated, nine families who owned their homes, were trapped living in condemned properties for over 20 years; acknowledges that due to a multiple partnership, including Springfield and The Wheatley Group along with extensive support and engagement with former Dean's residents throughout construction, this area, which some saw as being 'forgotten', is a thriving development with 88 of the 136 homes already occupied and work underway on the third and final phase of the site; understands that the transformation of this abandoned estate has now been recognised by industry experts, who then awarded the site the Homes for Scotland's Large Affordable Development of the Year, and commends everyone involved on their sterling endeavours in this regard.

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[*S7M-00617](#) **Patricia Gibson: For All Animals, Scottish SPCA**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role that the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals plays in improving the lives of all pets, wildlife and farmed animals across Scotland; notes that it is the only animal welfare charity with enforcement authority, meaning that its work goes beyond rescuing animals in distress; applauds the work of the inspectors, who thoroughly investigate reports of animal cruelty and neglect, as well as supporting people to look after their animals, the special investigations officers, who diligently tackle serious organised and protracted welfare crimes, such as the illegal puppy trade, and the animal rescue officers, who provide a responsive, caring and compassionate service when responding to animal rescue calls; acknowledges the work undertaken in communities to support animal owners, educate the public on animal welfare issues and provide rescue, rehabilitation and fostering services for animals in need; applauds the leading role the organisation has taken in shaping the national debate on animal welfare, working in partnership to drive meaningful change in animal welfare legislation, and supports its vision to make Scotland the best place in the world for animals to live.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Helen McDade*, Steven Bonnar*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Victor Currie*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00613](#) **Paul McLennan: Preston Tower Project Wins National Architecture Award** (lodged on 10 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford*

[S7M-00612](#) **Finlay Carson: Recognising 30 Years of Service by PIRSAC Volunteer Gavin Lockhart** (lodged on 10 July 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Laura Moodie*, Stuart McMillan*

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[S7M-00611](#) **Maggie Chapman: Proposed closure of Dundee Botanic Gardens** (lodged on 10 July 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*, Patrick Harvie*, Kristopher Leask*, Ariane Burgess*, Ross Greer*, Dawn Black*, Graham Simpson*, Cara McKee*, Iris Duane*, Victor Currie*, Laura Moodie*, Katie Hagmann*, Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Max Bannerman*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Thomas Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Neil Bibby*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Amanda Lindsay*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00607](#) **Martyn Day: Political Prisoners and Human Rights in Bangladesh** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Katy Clark*, David Torrance*

[S7M-00606](#) **Cara McKee: Welcoming Alcohol Awareness Week 2026** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Jackie Baillie*, Victor Currie*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Laura Moodie*, Dawn Black*, Kate Nevens*, Paul McLennan*, Stuart McMillan*, Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00605](#) **Liam McArthur: Aly Kemp Completes National Three Peaks Challenge for MS-UK** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Helen McDade*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Ross Greer*

[S7M-00600](#) **David Green: Congratulations to Caroline McMorran on Recognition for Outstanding Service** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Andrew Baxter*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

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

New Support: David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00598](#) **James Adams: Recognising Duncan's Eggs on its Selection as Official Supporter of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026 and Team Scotland** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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[S7M-00596](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Congratulating the Re-establishment of Queensferry Rugby Club** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00595](#) **Jackie Baillie: Protecting Scotland's Coastguard Rescue Officers** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-00594](#) **Katie Hagmann: Celebrating the Success of Logan Primary School Girls Team** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-00590](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Loch Lomond Brewery on Being Named Overall Cask Champion at Scotland Indie Beer Awards** (lodged on 9 July 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Amanda Lindsay*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-00589](#) **Julie MacDougall: Kinghorn Youth Isla Burston Seeks to Break South Pole Record** (lodged on 8 July 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*, Thomas Kerr*, Helen McDade*, Joe Long*, Adam Harley*, Paul McLennan*

[S7M-00585](#) **Claire Baker: Celebrating 70 Years of the Isle of May as a National Nature Reserve** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Joe Long*

[S7M-00582](#) **Lorna Slater: Scottish Public Services Ombudsman** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Kate Nevens*

[S7M-00581](#) **Tim Eagle: Peter Bloomfield Recognised for Veterans' Work** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

[S7M-00579](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Ellen McBride on her Retirement as Church Representative on West Dunbartonshire Educational Services Committee** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-00576](#) **Jamie Langan: Recognition of The Hawick Paper's Contribution to Hawick** (lodged on 6 July 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00567](#) **Julie MacDougall: Kirkcaldy War Memorial and Gardens Selected as 2026 Area Winner Award** (lodged on 3 July 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-00561](#) **Tim Eagle: Thanks to Scotland's Teachers and All Those Working in Scotland's Schools** (lodged on 2 July 2026)

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S7M-00560](#) **David Linden: 20 Years of Dogs Trust in Glasgow** (lodged on 2 July 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-00555](#) **Kate Nevens: Imprisonment of Human Rights Activist Manahel al-Otaibi** (lodged on 1 July 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Ross Greer*

[S7M-00495](#) **Alexander Burnett: Crathes Charity Horse & Dog Show Supporting the Equine Grass Sickness Fund** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Miles Briggs*, David Smith*, Jamie Langan*

[S7M-00494](#) **Mark Ruskell: Recognising the People's Emergency Briefing Film** (lodged on 25 June 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

[S7M-00491](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Protecting Scotland's Rural Communities from Crime** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

[S7M-00490](#) **Paul McLennan: National Award Success for Fraser Short** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*

[S7M-00365](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Voluntary Guidelines for Paddleboard Retailers** (lodged on 15 June 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S7M-00351](#) **Willie Rennie: The People's Emergency Briefing Screenings** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*

[S7M-00170](#) **Andrew Baxter: Impact of Motability Changes in the Highlands and Islands** (lodged on 27 May 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S7M-00003](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Arthritis Awareness Month** (lodged on 14 May 2026)

New Support: Alyn Smith*, Clare Haughey*

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Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 13 July 2026

[S7W-01671](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's fifth report, 'Procurement' (Module 5), which is due to be published on 14 July 2026.

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 15 July 2026

[S7W-01714](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in implementing the accepted recommendations of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's Module 1 report, which was published on 18 July 2024.

Written Questions lodged on 13 July 2026

[S7W-01659](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment in the British Sign Language National Plan 2023-2029 to promote and support the learning of BSL as a second language for hard-of-hearing and deafened people, whether any specific financial assistance is available to deafened or hard-of-hearing adults wishing to undertake an accredited in-person BSL course, and, if none is available, whether it will establish any such support.

[S7W-01660](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding whether revenues raised by municipal harbour authorities must be ring-fenced for local harbour maintenance and development, in light of reported stakeholder concerns regarding the draft Oban Harbour Revision Order.

[S7W-01661](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what Transport Scotland's expected timeline is for a final decision on the Argyll and Bute Council Oban Harbour Revision Order (HRO), which was submitted to Transport Scotland in November 2023.

[S7W-01662](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment Transport Scotland has made of the alternative Harbour Empowerment Order (HEO) submitted by the Oban Community Harbour Development Association (OCHDA), and whether these proposals will be fully considered prior to a final decision on the future of Oban Harbour.

[S7W-01663](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps Transport Scotland is taking to mitigate any potential marine safety risks in Oban Harbour while a final decision remains pending on the establishment of a single Statutory Harbour Authority.

[S7W-01664](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate Transport Scotland has made of the potential financial costs and duration of a public local inquiry or hearing, should one be triggered by any unresolved objections to the proposed Oban Harbour Revision Order.

[S7W-01665](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) local authorities and (b) Trading Standards Scotland regarding the potential benefits of allowing local

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authorities, rather than Police Scotland, to apply for closure orders against any commercial premises that sell age-restricted products to children.

[S7W-01666](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to amend the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 to grant local authority Trading Standards services closure powers for commercial premises equivalent to those available under section 80(5) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in England and Wales.

[S7W-01667](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of current enforcement mechanisms available to Trading Standards Scotland when dealing with any premises involved in the sale of illicit tobacco and vaping products, compared with the closure order mechanisms available to Trading Standards in England and Wales.

[S7W-01668](#) Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what criminal offences are available to address the dissemination of disinformation by individuals or communication platforms where there is intent to stir up conflict, hostility or disorder within communities, or where a person is reckless as to the likelihood of doing so, and whether it is considering the introduction of any new legislation to address such conduct.

[S7W-01669](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to developing a national wool strategy, with a view to supporting Scotland's wool sector.

[S7W-01670](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what financial return it has realised for each of the NHS capital programmes financed by the non-profit distributing public private partnership model.

[S7W-01672](#) Jack Middleton: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects a £2 bus fare cap to be rolled out in Aberdeen.

[S7W-01673](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to fulfil its duties under section 12 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025.

[S7W-01674](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration has been given to the development of a funding model that recognises the heritage and community value of listed places of worship in Scotland.

[S7W-01675](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to comments by the Food & Drink Federation Scotland, as reported in *The Sunday Times* on 12 July 2026, that such a policy could lead retailers to source a greater proportion of imported food products in place of domestically produced goods.

[S7W-01676](#) Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to comments from the Scottish Retail Consortium, as reported in *The Sunday Times* on 12 July 2026, that, 12 weeks on from the policy announcement, the organisation remains "completely in the dark on even the most rudimentary details" of the proposals.

[S7W-01677](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the funding of private specialist assessment or treatment in circumstances where an NHS board is unable to provide the required service and is unable to secure an onward NHS referral within a clinically appropriate timescale.

[S7W-01678](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements are in place to ensure that patients can access diagnosis or treatment where no NHS board is able to accept a referral to the required specialist service due to capacity or workforce pressures.

[S7W-01679](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether current cross-board referral arrangements provide equitable access to specialist services

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across NHS Scotland, particularly in specialties where service provision is limited by workforce shortages.

[S7W-01680](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what methodology is used to determine the frequency of train services on the Milngavie line and what would be required to restore a service frequency of four services per hour outwith peak times.

[S7W-01681](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to reforming permitted development rights in order to accelerate the deployment of mobile telecommunications infrastructure.

[S7W-01682](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether current domestic abuse services, addiction services and mental health services are trained to recognise male victimisation, post-separation abuse and coercive control where the victim is male.

[S7W-01684](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific support pathway exists for male victims of domestic abuse who are also dealing with addiction recovery, family breakdown, child contact loss and suicide risk.

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[S7W-01683](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide a breakdown by local authority for male victims and female suspected perpetrator domestic abuse incidents in each of the last five financial years.

[S7W-01685](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the efficacy of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund.

[S7W-01686](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on local authorities using funding from their allocation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund towards (a) staff salaries, (b) business expenses, (c) club car hire, (d) travel expenses and (e) other miscellaneous expenses not relating directly to grant funding or training.

[S7W-01687](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how it monitors the use of funding from the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund, in light of reports suggesting that the Highland Council spent £1.4 million of its allocation of funding on operational costs between 2022-23 and 2025-26.

[S7W-01688](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to meet with the chief executive of Highland Council to discuss reports that the local authority spent £1.4 million of its allocation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund on operational costs between 2022-23 and 2025-26.

[S7W-01689](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to assist local authorities by making the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund application process easier for applicants to navigate.

[S7W-01691](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01147 by Hannah Mary Goodlad on 1 July 2026, whether the First Minister has reached a decision on whether the Scottish Government will provide local authorities with planning guidance on proposed green data centres.

[S7W-01692](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01148 by Hannah Mary Goodlad on 2 July 2026, when it will publish guidance on what factors are prevalent in a green data centre.

[S7W-01693](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many missed outpatient appointments there have been in each year since 2021, broken down by NHS board.

[S7W-01694](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many missed GP appointments there have been in each year since 2021, broken down by NHS board.

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S7W-01695 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been diagnosed with dementia in each year since 2021.

S7W-01696 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review prescribing policies in care homes.

S7W-01697 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many adult day care facilities and services have operated in each local authority area in each year since 2021.

S7W-01698 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government when will it appoint a new National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care.

S7W-01699 Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government how many appointments to assess sleep apnoea have taken place in each year since 2021, broken down by NHS board.

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S7W-01690 Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its Emergency Heating Oil Scheme, how many applications in each local authority area have been (a) received, (b) approved, broken down by the total amount paid out, and (c) rejected. **R**

S7W-01700 Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to expand access to children's mental health services, in light of recent Public Health Scotland data indicating that the number of children waiting to receive treatment has increased by 2.5% since March 2025.

S7W-01701 Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that all CAMHS referrals are assessed, handled and prioritised appropriately, in light of reports that, in 2025-26, CAMHS received an estimated 34,200 referrals for child mental health support, while around 15,200 commenced treatment during the same period.

S7W-01702 Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact on children and young people of approximately 42,000 nationally waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment since March 2025, and what action it is taking to reduce waiting times, in light of available NHS board data suggesting median waits ranging from 22 to 141 weeks.

S7W-01703 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what cross-directorate governance arrangements are in place to hold individual directorates accountable for delivering the aims of the first National Good Food Nation Plan, given its cross-cutting scope across health, climate, nature and food policy.

S7W-01704 Dawn Black: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to carry out a rapid review of the available evidence on the risks associated with the long-term use of the contraceptive injection, Depo-Provera.

S7W-01705 Dawn Black: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that healthcare professionals across all NHS boards are aware of the potential risks associated with the long-term use of the contraceptive injection, Depo-Provera, and that users receive clear, consistent and appropriate advice.

S7W-01706 David Barratt: To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its commitment to support the future of the site, whether it will consider including the former ethylene plant at Mossmorran within the purview of the Forth Green Freeport.

S7W-01707 Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address the recruitment of GPs in rural and remote practices where people are reportedly experiencing difficulties securing appointments due to unfilled vacancies.

S7W-01708 Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to source an alternative liquid hydrocortisone product for people with adrenal insufficiency, following the permanent discontinuation of liquid hydrocortisone manufactured by ADVANZ PHARMA.

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[S7W-01709 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has make representations to Pfizer regarding submitting a UK licensing application for the ACT-O-VIAL hydrocortisone system.

[S7W-01710 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Department of Health and Social Care regarding encouraging manufacturers to submit a licensing application for the ACT-O-VIAL hydrocortisone system.

[S7W-01711 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the average waiting time is for autism assessments in the Highlands and Islands parliamentary region.

[S7W-01712 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for autism assessments in the Highlands and Islands parliamentary region.

[S7W-01713 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what additional investment it plans to introduce to reduce waiting times nationally for autism assessments.

[S7W-01716 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish Law Commission project, Consolidation: Nature Conservation, whether it has requested that opportunities to strengthen or harmonise protections for different species be considered as part of that project.

[S7W-01717 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to provide financial support to indoor pig farmers to incentivise the early adoption of cage-free farrowing pens.

[S7W-01718 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the potential economic impact on Scotland and the UK's ongoing trade negotiations with the EU, what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding retaining the UK's ability to set import controls on animal welfare grounds, for example to ban fur imports and sales.

[S7W-01719 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01042 by Kirsten Oswald on 7 July 2026, regarding the number of incidents involving possession of a knife or bladed article that have been recorded in schools in each of the last five years, whether it will provide a breakdown of these figures by local authority.

[S7W-01720 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01249 by Stephen Flynn on 9 July 2026, for what reason it has not prepared its own analysis of the proportion of Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions that is attributable to rail transport.

[S7W-01721 Liam Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01249 by Stephen Flynn on 9 July 2026, what figures, data sources and evidence it relies on when considering the proportion of Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions that is attributable to rail transport, and what assessment it has made of the accuracy and reliability of that information.

[S7W-01722 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will list the membership of the Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce.

[S7W-01723 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set out the work programme and timetable for the Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce.

[S7W-01724 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce will reconsider the downgrading of specialist neonatal units at Wishaw and Dundee.

[S7W-01725 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce will consider the provision of miscarriage services as part of its work.

[S7W-01726 Helen McDade:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that a 13-year-old girl accommodated at St Mary's Kenmure secure accommodation centre had her request to be transferred away from young male offenders with whom she was placed, denied, for what reason the request was denied and what risk assessment was undertaken in relation to her safety and wellbeing before that decision was made.

[S7W-01727 Helen McDade:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many children are currently placed in each of Scotland's four secure accommodation centres on welfare grounds only, and in how many

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cases such children are accommodated within the same living unit as children detained under criminal justice legislation.

[S7W-01728](#) Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether housing girls placed for welfare reasons alongside older male offenders detained under criminal justice legislation is compatible with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

[S7W-01729](#) Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of the disproportionate use of restraint of girls at St Mary's Kenmure, what the outcome has been of the Care Inspectorate and Mental Welfare Commission's 2025–26 shared visits to secure accommodation centres, and what action, if any, has been taken as a consequence.

[S7W-01730](#) Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 and the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Act 2026 receiving Royal Assent in May 2026, what its timescale is for implementing the provisions of these Acts and for issuing the statutory guidance required to prohibit face-down prone restraint of children in secure accommodation.

[S7W-01731](#) Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that no external review of restraint practices at St Mary's Kenmure has been commissioned, and that the Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture has requested a copy of any such review, whether it will commission or require an external review to be undertaken.

[S7W-01734](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to update its foreign direct investment strategy, and what discussions it has had, or plans to have, with the UK Government regarding this.

[S7W-01735](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop a strategy to encourage foreign investors to create jobs in Scotland.

[S7W-01742](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Accounts Commission report, *Best Value: Inverclyde Council*, which was published on 9 July 2026, what action it has taken to promote the adoption of digital and modernised administrative and service delivery strategies by local authorities.

[S7W-01744](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the decision of some local authorities to introduce or increase charges for services while simultaneously increasing council tax rates.

[S7W-01745](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the funding it provides to local authorities, in light of reports that these bodies are increasingly unable to deliver critical infrastructure and capital investment projects for residents.

[S7W-01746](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Audit Scotland's *Local Government Budgets 2026/27* report, which stated that local authorities identified a combined budget gap of £528.6 million, what action it is taking, or plans to take, to support local authorities in addressing these budget gaps and preventing them from increasing in future years.

[S7W-01747](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the proposed housing development on West Road, Saline, West Fife.

[S7W-01748](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce stricter penalties for antisocial behaviour on buses.

[S7W-01749](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it has provided, or plans to provide, to support research on the treatment of mesothelioma.

[S7W-01751](#) Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Mesothelioma Network's *Annual Report 2024/25*, which reported that 103 NHS Scotland staff are directly involved in mesothelioma services, what steps it is taking to increase workforce capacity within mesothelioma multi-disciplinary teams.

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[S7W-01753](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding and other support it has provided, or plans to provide, to the University of Glasgow and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital to support research into the development of treatment for mesothelioma.

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[S7W-01732](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Accounts Commission report of 1 July 2026, *The 2023/24 audit of Clackmannanshire Council, Continued late reporting of audited accounts*, and the accompanying Audit Scotland news release, *Collective leadership needed to tackle significant audit delays at Clackmannanshire Council*, which stated that “for the last five years, unaudited accounts have not been presented to the council on time, and the delays have been worsening. This means the council is making significant choices, including setting budgets and agreeing council tax levels, without the most up to date financial information. This is critical, especially at a time when all councils must make significant savings, with the cost of delivering services rising faster than available funding”, what its response is to the report; how it will ensure that (a) Clackmannanshire and (b) other local authorities now meet their audit deadlines; what consultation it plans with (i) COSLA and (ii) other relevant stakeholders regarding implementing the report’s findings, and whether it is aware of other local authorities in a similar position and if so, (A) which authorities and (B) what action it is taking.

[S7W-01736](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to conduct or encourage joint research into interlinked sociobehavioural issues regarding male a) alcohol and b) drug deaths.

[S7W-01737](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to any gaps in available data related to potential correlations between domestic abuse against men, substance abuse and likelihood of recovery from addiction.

[S7W-01739](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to children and parents seeking family reunification following a parent's recovery from substance misuse.

[S7W-01740](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to supporting research into issues affecting males, including depression, separation from family and substance misuse, and to developing targeted support programmes to address these issues.

[S7W-01741](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to improve public engagement with and participation in feedback and consultation exercises conducted by local authorities.

[S7W-01743](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Accounts Commission report, *Best Value: Inverclyde Council*, which was published on 9 July 2026, what support it has provided to ensure that local authorities can develop ambitious long-term financial plans.

[S7W-01750](#) **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the contrast between the three to five written complaints made annually and the safeguarding concerns identified by the Care Inspectorate and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, what specific steps it will take to improve children's confidence in the internal complaints system at St Mary's Kenmure.

[S7W-01752](#) **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture report on its June 2025 visit to Scotland, which was published on 2 July 2026, by what date it will implement the outstanding recommendations of this report in relation to children's secure accommodation, and how it will report progress.

[S7W-01754](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions and correspondence it has had with the UK Government and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) regarding the impact of driving test waiting times on access to work, education, healthcare and other services in Scotland.

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[S7W-01755](#) Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to make teplizumab available through NHS Scotland and, if so, what is the anticipated timescale for its introduction.

[S7W-01756](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government, following the conclusion of *Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care: cancer strategy for children and young people 2021–2026*, when it plans to publish its next long-term cancer strategy for children and young people and what role the third sector will have in informing and developing that strategy.

[S7W-01757](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the £3.2 million budget for the Young Patients Family Fund, as set out in the 2026-27 Scottish Budget, will be sufficient to meet anticipated demand from families of children and young people with cancer, and whether the fund will be kept under review to ensure that it meets need.

[S7W-01758](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to children and young people with cancer, and their families, to meet the cost of travelling to and from treatment; what assessment it has made of the adequacy of this support and, in light of recent commitments by the UK and Welsh governments to introduce dedicated travel funds, how such support provided in Scotland compares with the support available elsewhere in the UK.

[S7W-01759](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01050 by Ben Macpherson on 13 July 2026, when the CLD Workforce Plan will be completed and published.

[S7W-01760](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01053 by Ben Macpherson on 13 July 2026, when the National CLD Workforce Survey will be completed and its findings made available to view.

[S7W-01761](#) Duncan Dunlop: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's plan to set out "evidence informed approaches for educators to identify and support children with additional needs, including for autistic children with a Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) profile", whether it will adopt a similar approach.

[S7W-01762](#) Duncan Dunlop: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to revise guidance to local authorities on supporting autistic children with a Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) profile.

[S7W-01763](#) Duncan Dunlop: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop national training programmes to support educators to identify and respond to children's needs, and what funding and resources it will provide to ensure that staff across nurseries, schools and colleges receive such training.

[S7W-01764](#) Duncan Dunlop: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it plans to have with the independent panel of experts developing recommendations for the UK Department for Education and UK Department of Health of Social Care on the design, structure and content of the draft National Inclusion Standards and Specialist Provision Packages.

[S7W-01765](#) Jamie Langan: To ask the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body for what reason it continues to fly the EU flag outside the main entrance more than six years after the withdrawal of the UK, including Scotland, from the EU.

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[S7W-01766](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the current number of ophthalmology specialty training places is sufficient to meet projected demand arising from an ageing population and the increasing prevalence of chronic eye conditions.

[S7W-01767](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government when it last published a workforce plan for eye care services, and whether it will commit to publishing an ophthalmology-specific workforce assessment, in light of reports of rising demand for services.

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[S7W-01768](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many ophthalmology specialty training places have been (a) available and (b) filled, in each of the last five years.

[S7W-01769](#) **Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set out the process by which the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP), which it is co-sponsoring with the UK Government, will be approved, and when it expects that process to be concluded.

[S7W-01770](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the consultation, due to be carried out in conjunction with the UK Government, on the phasing out of farrowing crates, including the timetable for its completion.

[S7W-01771](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to respond to the recommendation in the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission's *Exotic Pet Working Group: final report*, published on 11 November 2022, to introduce a permitted list of species that can legally be kept as pets in order to address animal welfare issues associated with the trade and keeping of exotic pets.

[S7W-01772](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the funding arrangements and eligibility criteria for residents in England who seek to work in Scotland but require additional qualifications to meet national occupational standards in sectors such as social care.

[S7W-01773](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) Amey and (b) Transport Scotland, in advance of refurbishment work on the A96 Fochabers New Bridge, regarding engagement with businesses in (i) Fochabers and (ii) Mosstodloch.

[S7W-01774](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) Amey and (b) Transport Scotland, in advance of refurbishment work on the A96 Fochabers New Bridge, regarding how disruption arising from work will be minimised.

[S7W-01775](#) **Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the UK Foundation medical training programme, what information it has regarding whether (a) any reserve list places are being made available in Scotland to applicants and (b) the full quota of places in Scotland, including the 72 additional places previously announced, has been made available to eligible doctors.

[S7W-01802](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to establish an equivalent to the UK Government's Local News Fund for England and Wales. **R**

[S7W-01803](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it plans for Cooperative Development Scotland in delivering the provisions of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill.

[S7W-01804](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government how many specialist advisers are directly employed to provide advice and support through Cooperative Development Scotland.

[S7W-01805](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses and people have been supported by Cooperative Development Scotland in each year since 2021-22.

[S7W-01806](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding Cooperative Development Scotland will receive under the 2026-27 Budget.

[S7W-01807](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Fair Work Agenda, whether Cooperative Development Scotland support is dependent on businesses and people adhering to fair work principles.

[S7W-01808](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what analysis it has conducted of the potential impact on customer demand and stocking of products in grocery stores that are located close to the border with England.

[S7W-01809](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its analysis is

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of the potential impact on product substitution and imports should the policy compel retailers to consider sourcing cheaper products from abroad.

[S7W-01810](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, whether it is engaging with representatives of the retail sector and food producers to address the root causes of higher food prices.

[S7W-01811](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to reported concerns that the policy could encourage customers to travel further to purchase goods that would otherwise be bought in a convenience store closer to them and therefore increase transport-related emissions.

[S7W-01812](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what assessment has been carried out of the potential impact of this policy on convenience stores and newsagents.

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

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Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Commercial Payments Bill LCM-S7-5

Lodged on 19 June 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-S6-66a

Lodged on 4 February 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 February 2026

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2026)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)

Representation of the People Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-7

Lodged on 24 June 2026

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Affirmative Instruments

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

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

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 23 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 21 September 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026

Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

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The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 16 July 2026:

PE2226: Require Business Improvement District levies to be limited to a single percentage of rateable value

PE2227: Keep Business Improvement District ballots independent with information kept secret until closed

PE2228: Protect Scotland’s volunteer-run community fairs and gala days

PE2229: Make Childcare Choice a Right in Scotland

PE2230: Guarantee a neurodevelopment assessment within 6 months for children displaying risk behaviours

PE2231: CAMHS Staff Need Resources, Children Need Assessments

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

New Documents

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 14 July 2026—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Immigration and Asylum Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-9)

Other Documents

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

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/154) laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 July 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2025 to 2026 (SG/2026/151) laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (ELC/2026/02) laid under Paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Office of Rail and Road Annual report and accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/170) laid under section 74(3A) of the Railways Act 1993

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/144) laid under section 19 and schedule 5 of the Railway Act 2005

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 July 2026 and is subject to parliamentary procedure—

BBC Group Annual Report & Accounts 2025/26 (BBC/2026/01) laid under the Memorandum of Understanding

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 July 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2025/160) laid under Section 7 of the National Heritage Act 1980

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/159) laid under Sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2025/147) laid under Section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 SG/2025/161 laid under Sections 34(3) and 35(5) of the National Lottery etc Act 1993

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

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2025/26 and Programme 2026/27 (SCJC/2026/01)
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

Scottish Civil Justice Council Strategic Plan 2026-2029 (SCJC/2026/02) laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 10 June 2026

Duncan Dunlop has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 10 June 2026.

Duncan Dunlop

At col 16, para 5, line 1—

Original text—

Similarly to Mark Ruskell’s data centre in Fife, a 150-hectare data centre that would cover an area larger than 200 football pitches is proposed for the wilderness of the Lammermuir Hills, in the Borders.

Corrected text—

Similarly to Mark Ruskell’s data centre in Fife, a 150-hectare data centre development area that would cover an area larger than 200 football pitches is proposed for the wilderness of the Lammermuir Hills, in the Borders.

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 24 June 2026

The Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands (Jim Fairlie) has identified an error in his contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 24 June 2026.

Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands

At col 3, para 3, line 1—

Original text—

I point out to the member that we are doing this in concert with the UK Government. There is a joint consultation ongoing as we speak, and I have confirmed with Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ministers our agreement to do that joint consultation. Therefore, we will be working closely with the UK Government and other devolved Administrations on the delivery of the programme.

Corrected text—

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