

Thursday 25 June 2026

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Oaths and Affirmations

**followed by** General Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: NHS Capital Projects

**followed by** Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Action Mesothelioma Day 2026

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Public Audit Committee

**10:00am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**10:00am** Public Petitions Committee

**10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**10:30am** Climate Action Committee

**11:00am** Public Service Reform Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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**followed by** General Questions

- 1. Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what urgent action it is taking to bring forward planning guidance on AI data centres in order to enable local authorities to fully and properly assess their impact on local communities and the environment. ([S7O-00126](#))
- 2. Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure continuity of prescribing, clinical oversight and support for young people with autism and other neurodevelopmental conditions as they transition to adult healthcare services, particularly in relation to the prescribing of treatments and medications initiated in childhood that provide benefit in adulthood, including whether it has issued any guidance to NHS boards. ([S7O-00127](#))
- 3. Q Manivannan:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in increasing use of its New Refugee Doctors Project, including to support medically qualified refugees from Gaza. ([S7O-00128](#))
- 4. Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking forward in partnership with East Lothian Council, Taylor Wimpey and Hargreaves, to deliver and expand the housing development at Blindwells, which has been classified as a strategic housing site. ([S7O-00129](#))
- 5. David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Police Scotland's review of the deployment of forensic tagging spray, including when it expects a decision on their future operational use. ([S7O-00130](#))
- 6. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to renew its strategy on preventing knife crime, particularly among young people. ([S7O-00131](#))
- 7. David Kirkwood:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the First Minister's commitment on 26 May regarding the opening of new railway stations, when it will publish details of the potential locations and their development timetables. ([S7O-00132](#))
- 8. Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the operation of the Accessible Vehicles and Equipment Scheme, including whether any of the changes to the UK Motability Scheme, such as reduced mileage allowances, increased excess mileage charges and changes to lease conditions, will apply to people using the scheme in Scotland and, if so, when. ([S7O-00133](#))
- 9. Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to provide sanitation facilities for the Traveller community living on land that it owns in Granton, Edinburgh. ([S7O-00134](#))
- 10. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the importance of community cohesion and resilience, including the role that local galas play in promoting this. ([S7O-00135](#))

**followed by** First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population

**[S7M-00469](#) Neil Gray: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—That the Parliament recognises the scale and complexity of the current prison population, which is above the design and

operational capacity of the estate and causes significant associated operational and safety risks for prison staff; notes that Scotland has one of the highest prison populations in western Europe; acknowledges the underlying drivers, including the growing number of individuals convicted of serious violent and sexual offences who receive longer sentences, reflecting progress in how the justice system supports victims and holds offenders to account; notes that the cost per prisoner per year to the public purse is £52,000; recognises the importance of effective rehabilitation to reduce re-offending and to benefit the communities that individuals return to; agrees that public safety is paramount and that it is vital that victims are supported and have confidence in the justice system, and agrees, therefore, that a balanced package of measures to increase capacity in the prison estate, expand effective community sentencing, and enact preventative measures to stop people entering or re-entering the prison system, are necessary to achieve a sustainable prison population now and in the future.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S7M-00469.2](#) Pauline McNeill: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00469, in the name of Neil Gray (Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population), insert at end "; is concerned that the current prison population crisis is chronically hampering effective rehabilitation; calls on the Scottish Government to increase its investment in GPS technology and speed up its roll out, and notes that the current approach to rehabilitation, community justice and early release is failing to address the prison population crisis.

**[S7M-00469.1](#) Amanda Bland: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00469, in the name of Neil Gray (Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population), leave out from "acknowledges" to end, and insert "notes that data on prison population published in 2025 show that 63% of current prisoners have been incarcerated before, highlighting the highly cyclical nature of the prison population; expresses concern that the Scottish Government has sought to attribute the unsustainable prison population to external factors, while not fully acknowledging the extent to which failings in both its rehabilitation programme and its approach to tackling the longer term issues have a comparatively much bigger impact; agrees that these failings, combined with the use of early release, put the public at increased risk, and resolves that more intensive support is required to support individuals out of a life of crime and offending, alongside the introduction of minimum sentences for crimes as a stronger deterrent."

**[S7M-00469.3](#) Maggie Chapman: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—As an amendment to S7M-00469, in the name of Neil Gray (Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population), leave out from second "operational" to end and insert "human rights and safety risks for staff and prisoners; further recognises the importance of prioritising harm reduction across the justice system; believes that incarceration should always be the last resort, once all other alternatives have been exhausted; notes that Scotland has one of the highest prison populations in western Europe, including a disproportionate remand population; acknowledges the underlying drivers, including poverty, inequality, homelessness and experience of the care system; notes that the cost per prisoner per year to the public purse is £52,200; recognises the need for effective rehabilitation to reduce offending and re-offending and to benefit the communities that individuals return to; agrees that public safety is paramount and that it is vital that victims and survivors should be at the heart of the justice system, and must be supported and have confidence in it, and agrees, therefore, that a balanced package of measures to expand effective community sentencing and other alternatives to prison, such as restorative justice, bail supervision and supported accommodation, and to enact preventative measures to stop people entering or re-entering the prison system, including sustained investment in housing, mental health services, youth work, addiction services and community support, as part of a transformative justice approach, are necessary to achieve a sustainable prison population now and in the future."

**[S7M-00469.5](#) Stephen Kerr: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—As an amendment to S7M-00469, in the name of Neil Gray (Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population), leave out from “acknowledges the underlying drivers” to end, and insert “recognises that the current pressures on Scotland's prison estate were repeatedly highlighted by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and were described as 'not unexpected'; notes that prison overcrowding did not emerge suddenly but follows years of warnings regarding prison capacity, rehabilitation, safety and prisoner welfare; rejects any suggestion that the current situation is unavoidable; notes with concern that more than a quarter of Scotland's prison population is comprised of remand prisoners awaiting the conclusion of court proceedings; believes that persistent court backlogs and delays across the justice system are significant contributors to prison overcrowding and are preventing victims, witnesses and accused individuals from obtaining timely justice; notes that over 1,300 foreign national offenders are currently held within Scotland's prison estate and believes that greater use should be made of appropriate repatriation arrangements; expresses alarm at the record number of deaths in custody, including a record number of suicides; recognises the impact that overcrowding is having on rehabilitation, purposeful activity and public protection; agrees that public safety, justice for victims and confidence in the rule of law must remain paramount; believes that Scottish Ministers must set out the reasons why repeated warnings regarding overcrowding, remand levels, deaths in custody and prison conditions were not acted upon sooner; further believes that achieving a sustainable prison population requires action to reduce court delays, address the high remand population, improve access to rehabilitation and offender programmes, increase the effective repatriation of foreign national offenders where appropriate, and provide sufficient prison capacity to meet operational demand, and believes that the long-term sustainability of Scotland's prison population depends upon addressing the underlying causes of overcrowding rather than relying on the early release of prisoners as a substitute for effective management of the justice system.”

**[S7M-00469.4](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00469 in the name of Neil Gray (Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population), insert at end “; further notes the persistently high remand population and the contribution that court delays and wider pressures within the justice system have on overcrowding in the prison estate; believes that public protection, rehabilitation, alternatives to custody and a reduction in reoffending must be pursued together rather than in competition with one another; further believes that investment in addiction treatment, mental health services, supported housing and effective community justice are essential to reducing offending and easing the pressure on prisons, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish a long-term strategy for achieving a sustainable prison population that commands public confidence and adequately supports victims and their rights to information, protection and safety.”

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: NHS Capital Projects

**followed by** Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

**[S7M-00455](#) Stephen Kerr: Scottish Commission for Public Audit**—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's proposal to appoint Miles Briggs, Michael Marra, Jenni Minto and Kate Nevens to be members of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S7M-00492](#) Jamie Hepburn: Committee Membership** —That the Parliament agrees that James Adams be appointed as a member of the Climate Action Committee.

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Action Mesothelioma Day 2026

**[S7M-00343](#) Marie McNair: Action Mesothelioma Day 2026**—That the Parliament recognises Action Mesothelioma Day 2026, which will be marked on 3 July; understands that this is a national event held each year to raise awareness of mesothelioma and asbestos; notes that mesothelioma is a rare but aggressive form of cancer that is usually caused by exposure to asbestos, with tiny fibres getting into the lungs and damaging them over time; understands that over 2,700 people in the UK are diagnosed with the condition each year, including around 200 in Scotland; notes that the cancer most commonly occurs in the lining of the lung, but can also be found in the lining of both the abdomen and the heart, with symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain, coughing and tiredness; recognises the importance of grassroots activism to seek justice for victims, including the campaign, Cape Must Pay!, which calls for the former asbestos manufacturer Cape plc, which is now owned by Altrad, to donate £10 million to mesothelioma research; acknowledges with concern what it sees as the time bar injustice for mesothelioma victims and welcomes the Scottish Law Commission report, *Report on Damages for Personal Injury*; notes the calls for action to be taken to implement the report's findings; welcomes the events taking place across the country and encourages everyone to "Go Blue for Meso" by joining or organising a Blue Light Walk to raise awareness or fundraise; applauds the longstanding and ongoing work of the Clydebank Asbestos Group, which has provided information and support to people with asbestos-related conditions for over 30 years, and hopes for a successful Action Mesothelioma Day 2026.

## Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

### Public Audit Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
4. **Legacy report:** The Committee will consider the Session 6 Public Audit Committee's Legacy Report.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

### Public Petitions Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declarations of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 1st Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
4. **Presiding Officer's Guidance on Conduct in the Chamber** The Committee will consider changes to the Presiding Officer Guidance on Conduct in the Chamber.
5. **Rules for Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Climate Action Committee 1st Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 10:30AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private and whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

### **Public Service Reform Committee 2nd Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 11:00AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will further consider its approach to developing its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 June 2026

### Tuesday 1 September 2026

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** General Questions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### Wednesday 2 September 2026

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### Thursday 3 September 2026

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm** General Questions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Tuesday 8 September 2026**

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** General Questions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## **Wednesday 9 September 2026**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**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.

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- \*...\* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

## Motions for debate

[S7M-00469](#) **Neil Gray: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population**—That the Parliament recognises the scale and complexity of the current prison population, which is above the design and operational capacity of the estate and causes significant associated operational and safety risks for prison staff; notes that Scotland has one of the highest prison populations in western Europe; acknowledges the underlying drivers, including the growing number of individuals convicted of serious violent and sexual offences who receive longer sentences, reflecting progress in how the justice system supports victims and holds offenders to account; notes that the cost per prisoner per year to the public purse is £52,000; recognises the importance of effective rehabilitation to reduce re-offending and to benefit the communities that individuals return to; agrees that public safety is paramount and that it is vital that victims are supported and have confidence in the justice system, and agrees, therefore, that a balanced package of measures to increase capacity in the prison estate, expand effective community sentencing, and enact preventative measures to stop people entering or re-entering the prison system, are necessary to achieve a sustainable prison population now and in the future.

Supported by: Kirsten Oswald

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Supported by: Kate Nevens\*

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put the public at increased risk, and resolves that more intensive support is required to support individuals out of a life of crime and offending, alongside the introduction of minimum sentences for crimes as a stronger deterrent."

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S7M-00495](#) Alexander Burnett: Crathes Charity Horse & Dog Show Supporting the Equine Grass Sickness Fund**—That the Parliament recognises the success of the Crathes Charity Horse & Dog Show, which has been held annually at the Milton of Crathes Events Field near Banchory since its establishment in 2021; commends its role in encouraging participation in equestrian and dog showing activities following the COVID-19 lockdowns; notes that the show hosts over 70 showing classes for horses, ponies and dogs and continues to attract competitors from across Scotland, from the Scottish Borders to Shetland; applauds the organisers' commitment to charitable fundraising, having raised £4,000 in 2026 for the Equine Grass Sickness Fund, bringing the total raised since 2021 to £26,000; recognises what it sees as the vital work of the Equine Grass Sickness Fund in seeking a cure for this devastating disease affecting equines; notes the show's receipt of the Silver Salver Award for commitment to fundraising; congratulates Robin and Karen Stewart on receiving the Heidi Award in April 2026 in recognition of their longstanding support for the charity, and thanks the main organisers, Robin and Karen Stewart and Susanne Shepherd, for their dedication to supporting both the equestrian community and important veterinary research. **R**

**\*[S7M-00493](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Scotland's World Class Letters Campaign**—That the Parliament welcomes Royal Mail's World Class Letters campaign, which invites children and young people aged between 4 and 18 across Scotland to send letters of support to the Scotland squad competing at the 2026 FIFA World Cup; notes that the campaign comes as Scotland prepares to compete at a World Cup tournament finals for the first time in 28 years, rekindling excitement and national pride among supporters of all ages; recognises the value of letter writing in bringing people together, strengthening communities and encouraging young people to express themselves through the written word; understands that letters can be sent free of charge to the Scotland World Cup Squad via World Class Letters, Freepost Scotland; further understands that entries submitted between 18 June and 19 July 2026 will be entered into a prize draw, with winning entries securing £1,500 worth of sports kit for a nominated school or sports club; commends Royal Mail for promoting literacy, creativity and participation in sport through this initiative; encourages schools, youth organisations, sports clubs, parents and guardians to support young people in taking part, and wishes the Scotland squad every success in the 2026 World Cup.

Supported by: Ross Greer\*, Laura Moodie\*, Kristopher Leask\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Gillian Mackay\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Helen McDade\*

**\*[S7M-00492](#) Jamie Hepburn: Committee Membership** —That the Parliament agrees that James Adams be appointed as a member of the Climate Action Committee.

**\*[S7M-00491](#) Rachael Hamilton: Protecting Scotland's Rural Communities from Crime**—That the Parliament notes NFU Mutual's *Rural Crime Report 2026*, which found that the estimated cost of rural crime in Scotland increased by 14% to £1.4 million during 2025, in contrast to a 6% decrease across the UK as a whole; recognises the significant impact that rural crime, including theft of agricultural machinery and equipment, can have on farmers, rural businesses and communities; welcomes the work of organisations, including the National Rural Crime Unit and the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC), in tackling offending and supporting rural communities; notes that the Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act 2023 enables theft prevention measures such as immobilisers and forensic marking to be installed as standard on certain agricultural equipment elsewhere in the UK; believes that consideration should be given to whether similar measures could strengthen efforts to deter theft and improve recovery rates in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue working with Police Scotland, industry representatives and rural stakeholders to address the growing challenge of rural crime and to better protect those who live and work in Scotland's countryside.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Andrew Baxter\*, David Smith\*, Miles Briggs\*, Jamie Langan\*

**\*[S7M-00490](#) Paul McLennan: National Award Success for Fraser Short**—That the Parliament congratulates Fraser Short, restaurant and bar manager at The Leddie in Aberlady, on being named one of the UK's top hospitality talents at the 2026 Acorn Awards; notes that the awards recognise the 30 brightest individuals under the age of 30 working in the hospitality industry, with Fraser among a select number of Scottish recipients; recognises his contribution to establishing The Leddie's dining reputation, supporting staff development and enhancing the overall guest experience as well as his commitment to training and professional development within the team; understands that the Acorn Awards are widely regarded as one of the most prestigious honours in the hospitality sector, and commends Fraser for his achievement and for contributing to East Lothian's growing reputation for excellence in hospitality and tourism.

**\*[S7M-00489](#) Paul McLennan: Chez Roux Wins Romantic Dining of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Chez Roux, located at Greywalls Hotel in Gullane, on winning the Romantic Dining of the Year category at the inaugural Scottish Dining Awards; notes that the awards ceremony, which was held in Glasgow, celebrated excellence across Scotland's food and drink sector; recognises that Chez Roux's success reflects the high quality of its culinary offering and its commitment to delivering an exceptional customer experience; notes the important role that establishments such as Chez Roux play in enhancing East Lothian's reputation as a leading destination for hospitality and tourism, and commends the team at Chez Roux for their contribution to showcasing the very best of Scotland's dining experience.

Supported by: Colin Beattie\*, Alex Kerr\*, Heather Anderson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**\*[S7M-00488](#) Paul McLennan: Ocean Vertical Achieves B Corp Certification**—That the Parliament congratulates Dunbar-based Ocean Vertical on becoming Scotland's latest Certified B Corporation; recognises that B Corp certification, awarded by the non-profit organisation B Lab, is granted to businesses that meet rigorous, independently verified standards of social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency; understands that Ocean Vertical, an ethical outdoor adventure company founded in 2019, has embedded sustainability, community engagement and responsible land and coastal use at the heart of its operations; notes that the company achieved a B Impact Assessment score of 85, exceeding the qualifying threshold, and joins what it considers to be a growing global movement of businesses seeking to use enterprise as a force for good; understands that Ocean Vertical's work supports local tourism and outdoor activity in East Lothian while promoting environmental stewardship, and commends the company, its founders and staff for their leadership in demonstrating that commercial success can be balanced with positive social and environmental impact.

Supported by: Colin Beattie\*, Heather Anderson\*

**\*[S7M-00487](#) Paul McLennan: The Brig & Barrel Wins Pub of The Year**—That the Parliament congratulates The Brig & Barrel in Belhaven on being named Pub of the Year at the Scottish Hospitality Awards for the third consecutive year; recognises that the Scottish Hospitality Awards have celebrated excellence across the sector since 2016; commends the team at The Brig & Barrel for their continued dedication to delivering an exceptional experience for customers; acknowledges the important role that local hospitality venues play in supporting East Lothian's economy, tourism and community life, and wishes everyone at The Brig & Barrel continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Jamie Langan\*, Heather Anderson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S7M-00486](#) Holly Bruce: Scotland's Extreme Weather Events Become More Frequent and Severe Due to Climate Change**—That the Parliament believes that Scotland and the UK are experiencing extreme weather events that are made more frequent and severe due to climate change; affirms the climate science, which demonstrates that existing global oil and gas reserves already far exceed what can be safely burned in a world committed to limiting warming to 1.5°C; believes that this makes developing the Rosebank oil and gas field incompatible with climate goals; notes that it is estimated that Rosebank's emissions will total 254 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, which

equates to six times Scotland's annual climate emissions; understands that the majority of Rosebank's oil will be used for export and not contributing to energy security; agrees with the head of the International Energy Agency that new fields such as Rosebank "would not change much for the UK's energy security, nor would they change the price of oil and gas"; considers that, as the climate imperative intensifies, geopolitical instability highlights that continued reliance on volatile fossil fuels leaves households and businesses exposed to global price shocks, and affirms the vital importance of delivering a fair and equitable transition for Scotland's workers in the energy sector.

Supported by: Ross Greer\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Laura Moodie\*, Iris Duane\*, Patrick Harvie\*, Cara McKee\*

\*[S7M-00485](#) **Katie Haggmann: Cumnock Walking Football Tackling Social Isolation**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Cumnock Juniors Community Enterprise's walking football initiative in helping with the response to loneliness and social isolation by bringing older adults together for weekly sessions; believes that these sessions bring social connection and help the participants gain confidence, get fitter and boost their mental health; celebrates what it sees as the high level of camaraderie demonstrated by all taking part, and congratulates Cumnock Juniors on, it understands, being one of 52 organisations nationally to receive a share of over £1 million from the Scottish Government's Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund.

\*[S7M-00484](#) **Paul McLennan: Welcoming Funding for Home-Start East Lothian**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's continued investment in tackling social isolation and loneliness through its Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund; notes that a total of £1.05 million has been allocated to extend support for 52 organisations across Scotland until March 2027; recognises that this funding will enable the delivery of vital opportunities for connection, including community activities, warm spaces and social support for those most at risk of loneliness, such as older people, carers, disabled people and young parents; welcomes the inclusion of Home-Start East Lothian among the organisations benefiting from this funding, supporting its work providing volunteer-led befriending to families experiencing isolation; commends the important role that Home-Start East Lothian plays in strengthening families and building resilient communities across East Lothian, and believes that sustained investment in grassroots organisations is essential to improving wellbeing and reducing loneliness across Scotland.

Supported by: Collette Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Dawn Black\*

\*[S7M-00483](#) **Finlay Carson: Reverend Alex Cairns Appointed MBE in The King's Birthday Honours** —That the Parliament warmly congratulates the Reverend Alex Cairns who has been appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in The King's Birthday Honours List; acknowledges that the 94-year-old from Sandhead received the prestigious award in recognition of his services as a volunteer to communities across South Scotland, particularly Wigtownshire; understands that he has given a remarkable lifetime of service to both the church and the wider community, serving as minister to several congregations, including Leswalt and Ervie-Kirkcolm, and that he has continued to make what it considers to be an outstanding contribution in the years since his retirement; praises his valued and active role at Stoneykirk Parish Church, in Sandhead, where he is involved in Toskerton, the Fellowship Bible Study Group, the Guild, the Worship Team as well as the Wednesday café and local fundraising for groups such as the Stoneykirk Community Council, Sandhead Strollers, Ardwell Community Kirk, the local Christian Aid committee and Stranraer Rotary, and wishes Rev Cairns continued success and good health as he works tirelessly for the good of many.

Supported by: Stephen Kerr\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Senga Beresford\*, Craig Hoy\*, Jamie Langan\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Collette Stevenson\*

\*[S7M-00482](#) **Karen Adam: Recognising Shona Watson as Banffshire and Buchan Coast's Local Hero**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the tireless and life-changing work of Shona Watson, who runs the Buchan Giving Tree, a community charity based in Peterhead that supports families and individuals across the north east; congratulates Shona on being chosen as Banffshire and Buchan Coast's local hero for the current parliamentary session; thanks her for her determined

work in supporting those experiencing poverty or hardship by providing resources, food, clothing, furniture and gift packages; celebrates her birthday and Christmas gift initiative, which provides presents and food to families so that no child or young person goes without during holidays and for birthdays; believes that none of this would be possible without the sheer amount of time and effort put into the Buchan Giving Tree by Shona and her volunteers; thanks Shona for starting this wonderful organisation; recognises her as a true pillar of the community; acknowledges the importance of the Buchan Giving Tree to people and families across the north east, and wishes Shona and the Buchan Giving Tree every success in the continuation of their fantastic work.

Supported by: Collette Stevenson\*, Heather Anderson\*, Clare Haughey\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*

**\*[S7M-00481](#) David Smith: Recognising Innovative Crime Prevention Messaging by Police Scotland Argyll and West Dunbartonshire**—That the Parliament commends Police Scotland Argyll and West Dunbartonshire for what it sees as its creative and engaging public safety campaign encouraging residents to protect their homes, vehicles and property during the recent spell of warm weather; notes that the social media message humorously referenced the appearance of a rare "bright orb in the sky" and the declaration of a national state of "Taps Aff", while delivering serious and practical crime prevention advice; recognises the importance of innovative communication methods in reaching wider audiences and encouraging public engagement with community safety messages; notes the advice provided regarding securing homes, safeguarding keys, locking vehicles and protecting valuable equipment; believes that effective policing is supported by strong public awareness and partnership working with communities, and wishes Police Scotland continued success in promoting crime prevention and public safety across Argyll and West Dunbartonshire.

Supported by: Victor Currie\*, Mark Simpson\*, Max Bannerman\*, Jamie Langan\*, Senga Beresford\*, Amanda Lindsay\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**\*[S7M-00480](#) Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 25 June 2026—

after

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* Oaths and Affirmations

delete

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

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*followed by* General Questions

*followed by* First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

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5.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

**\*[S7M-00478](#) Paul McLennan: Recognition of Keith Chalmers-Watson in The King's Birthday Honours 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Keith Chalmers-Watson, of Fenton Barns, East Lothian on being appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in The King's Birthday Honours 2026; notes that Keith has dedicated more than 50 years to wild bird research and conservation; recognises his role as a founding member of the World Pheasant Association in 1975 and his service as its chair from 2013 to 2021; commends his international work supporting conservation, education and breeding programmes for endangered game birds; notes the success of efforts to protect and reintroduce species such as the Edwards's pheasant in Vietnam, as well as ongoing work to conserve the critically rare Bornean peacock-pheasant; acknowledges that Fenton Barns is home to a significant proportion of the global captive population of this species; recognises the contribution of Keith's family in supporting this work; understands that this honour reflects decades of passion and dedication to conservation, and thanks Keith for his outstanding contribution to wildlife preservation and to the reputation of East Lothian, both nationally and internationally.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Heather Anderson\*, Collette Stevenson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S7M-00477](#) Paul McLennan: Commending John Harfield's Fundraising Cycle for Richmond's Hope**—That the Parliament commends John Harfield, of North Berwick, for undertaking the Ride to the Sun cycling challenge in support of the children's bereavement charity, Richmond's Hope; notes that this demanding event involves an overnight journey of approximately 100 miles, beginning in the evening and concluding the following morning; recognises that John took on this challenge over the Father's Day weekend to raise funds for a cause that has provided meaningful support to his family; acknowledges what it sees as the vital work of Richmond's Hope in offering bereavement support to children and young people through tailored programmes and therapeutic care; highlights the importance of such fundraising efforts in enabling charities to continue delivering their services to families across East Lothian and beyond, and thanks John for his commitment to supporting others in their time of need.

**\*[S7M-00476](#) Paul McLennan: Celebrating 10 Years of MADE Arts Hub in Haddington**—That the Parliament congratulates MADE in East Lothian on the 10th anniversary of its Arts Hub in Haddington; notes that the hub was established in 2016 by local artists seeking to create a shared, collaborative creative space; recognises that it has developed into a valued community asset supporting artists, makers and the wider public through workshops, exhibitions and social activities; acknowledges its role in promoting creativity, wellbeing and social inclusion, including by providing opportunities for people to learn new skills and connect with others; notes its commitment to sustainability through the provision of affordable art and craft materials for reuse; welcomes its continued contribution to the cultural life of East Lothian; understands that it has set out ambitious plans for future development and improved premises, and wishes everyone involved continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Clare Haughey\*, Heather Anderson\*, Collette Stevenson\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**\*[S7M-00475](#) Julie MacDougall: Celebrating Fife Local Hero Ruby McDonald BCyA**—That the Parliament celebrates the achievements of Glenrothes resident, Ruby McDonald, ahead of the Scottish Parliament's 2026 Opening Ceremony; acknowledges Ruby's dedicated campaigning to ensure that young people living with disabilities can participate fully in sport; further acknowledges that she does this primarily through her role as an athlete and peer mentor with Disability Sport Fife, as well as through volunteering in school and youth sports clubs; understands that Ruby's work has been widely recognised, including through receiving a British Citizen Youth Award (BCyA) in October 2024 and winning numerous awards from other major advocacy organisations; commends Ruby for using her own experiences to become a voice for those who rely on care and for challenging the stigma that can be associated with this, and wishes her the best in her studies at Fife College and anticipates her continued success in future volunteering endeavours.

Supported by: Senga Beresford\*, Duncan Massey\*, David Smith\*, Max Bannerman\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Victor Currie\*, Jamie Langan\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S7M-00474](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Oyster Project Secures Funding to Restore Species**—That the Parliament congratulates the Orkney oyster project on securing funding of £1 million from Heriot-Watt University, which will support a five-year project to restore and stabilise oyster populations; understands that this project will boost marine biodiversity, improve water quality and lay the foundations for a more sustainable fishery for generations to come; commends Professor Bill Sanderson, one of the UK's leading oyster restoration experts, and Professor Sandy Kerr, director of the Heriot-Watt International Centre for Island Technology in Orkney, for volunteering their time and expertise to this long-term programme; recognises that, with this expertise and the financial backing of Heriot-Watt University, steps can be taken to increase oyster populations, create a flourishing market and develop job opportunities, while also improving the marine environment, and wishes the project every success in reintroducing an essential species back into Orkney waters.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Andrew Baxter\*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*, Paul McLennan\*, Finlay Carson\*, Max Bannerman\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Kristopher Leask\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**\*[S7M-00473](#) Jack Middleton: Impact of the UK Government's Oil and Gas Policy on Aberdeen**—That the Parliament notes with concern the findings of a new report, *Delivering Positive Energy*, published by the Energy Transition Institute at Robert Gordon University; notes that the report details what it sees as the disastrous impact that would be felt by Aberdeen if jobs in the oil and gas sector continue to decline; acknowledges the report's findings on the beneficial impact that a stable oil and gas sector will have on the renewables sector; welcomes reports that Aberdeen could benefit substantially from increased funding in to renewable energy projects; believes that the report should act as a warning to the UK Government, showing the impact that it considers its hostile policies continue to have on Aberdeen and its workers, and calls on any potential future Prime Minister to commit to scrapping the Energy Profits Levy and removing the current Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero from his post.

Supported by: Dawn Black\*, Alyn Smith\*

**\*[S7M-00472](#) Jack Middleton: Re-energising the North, Transforming Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of SSEN Transmission's *Re-energising the North, Transforming Scotland - 2026 Economic Report*, which establishes the economic impact of the transmission operator's £29 billion Pathway to 2030 investment programme; considers that this investment is not limited to developing and delivering transmission and will deliver long-term economic growth and prosperity across Scotland; notes that this investment forecasts support for up to 24,000 jobs across Scotland with 10,000 in the north of Scotland; understands that this investment will add £3.5 billion of GVA to the north of Scotland economy; appreciates that transmission investment, alongside investment in clean power infrastructure is projected to grow the Scottish economy by up to 3% in the long term, and believes that transmission infrastructure will unlock new opportunities across Scottish industry and manufacturing through a long term pipeline of work creating confidence for business to invest and grow.

Supported by: Heather Anderson\*, Dawn Black\*, Collette Stevenson\*, Andrew Baxter\*, Liam McArthur\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Karen Adam\*

**\*[S7M-00471](#) David Barratt: Beath High School Drama Club Named Scottish Youth Champions at the SCDA One Act Play Festival Youth Final**—That the Parliament congratulates Beath High School in Cowdenbeath on its Drama Club winning the Scottish Community Drama Association (SCDA) One Act Play Festival Youth Final at Perth Theatre on 13 June 2026, to become the Scottish Youth Champions; notes that the club is only the second Fife team to win and the second high school in all of Scotland to ever achieve this accolade; recognises the hard work of the 38-member cast and crew; notes the impressive efforts of the school to support the pupils; recognises that 2026 is the SCDA centenary year, and notes that this marks 100 years of it supporting community theatre across Scotland, during which time it has championed more than 120 theatre clubs, promoted participation,

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creativity and skills development and provided valuable opportunities to build confidence and resilience by working together towards a common goal.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Heather Anderson\*, Joe Long\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**\*[S7M-00470](#) Murdo Fraser: The Enchanted Forest in Perthshire's Record-breaking Community Funding** —That the Parliament congratulates The Enchanted Forest in Perthshire on the record-breaking community funding awarded through its Community Fund Programme; celebrates that £134,044 has been given to 36 community groups to help them continue what it sees as their exceptional work, retaining Highland Perthshire's reputation as a leading place to live and visit in Scotland; understands that The Enchanted Forest has become a staple event in Pitlochry, contributing strongly to the visitor economy, and wishes it all the best for 2026 and the future.

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S7M-00468](#) Liam McArthur: Success for Orkney Stock Judges at Royal Highland Show** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Miles Briggs\*, Victor Currie\*, Finlay Carson\*, Paul McLennan\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Max Bannerman\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S7M-00467](#) Jamie Langan: Celebrating Global Britain** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian\*, Amanda Bland\*

**[S7M-00466](#) Thomas Kerr: Armed Forces Day 2026** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland\*, Andrew Baxter\*

**[S7M-00465](#) Gillian Mackay: 45th Anniversary of MND Scotland** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall\* R, Neil Bibby\*, Finlay Carson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Lloyd Melville\*, Andrew Baxter\*

**[S7M-00464](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Healing Arts Scotland Week 2026** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Ross Greer\*, Laura Moodie\*, Patrick Harvie\*, Cara McKee\*

**[S7M-00460](#) Martyn Day: Malcolm Finlayson and Rotary Club of Grangemouth Raise Funds for Strathcarron Hospice and CHAS** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Lloyd Melville\*

**[S7M-00459](#) Michael Marra: Completion of Kanzen for Life Centre in Dundee** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson\*, Miles Briggs\*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*, Paul McLennan\*, Alexander Burnett\*, Jamie Langan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Jackie Baillie\*, Lloyd Melville\*

**[S7M-00456](#) Jackie Dunbar: 10th Anniversary of the Brexit Vote** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville\*

**[S7M-00450](#) Clare Adamson: Forget-Me-Not Friends Programme** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

**[S7M-00449](#) Clare Adamson: Refugee Festival Scotland 2026** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton\*, Stuart McMillan\*

**[S7M-00448](#) Clare Adamson: Pretty Muddy 2026** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

**[S7M-00447](#) Liam Kerr: Recognition of the Winners of Chess Scotland and NEJCA's Primary and Secondary Individual Championships 2026** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*, Stuart McMillan\*

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

New Support: Michelle Campbell\*

[S7M-00443](#) **Liam McArthur: Birsay Drama Group Success** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

[S7M-00439](#) **Finlay Carson: Dumfries and Galloway College Recognised for Excellence in Learning and Student Success** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

[S7M-00438](#) **Alexander Burnett: Celebrating Aberdeenshire West Recipients of The King's Birthday Honours List 2026** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Craig Hoy\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Colin Beattie\*, Meghan Gallacher\*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*, Miles Briggs\*

[S7M-00436](#) **Jackie Baillie: Celebrating the Original World Cup Coming Home to Renton** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton\*, Neil Bibby\*, Finlay Carson\*

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

New Support: Jack Middleton\*, Neil Bibby\*, Alexander Burnett\*

[S7M-00433](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Recognising the Contribution of the British Council to Education and Culture** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton\*

[S7M-00432](#) **Patricia Gibson: Riverside Scotland Wins Award for Kilwinning Retrofit Programme** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby\*

[S7M-00431](#) **Thomas Kerr: Congratulations to For Women Scotland on Landmark Supreme Court Victory** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay\*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby\*

[S7M-00429](#) **Julie MacDougall: Celebrating the Heritage of Kirkcaldy Linoleum** (lodged on 22 June 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*

[S7M-00428](#) **Graham Simpson: AI Data Centres** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher\*

[S7M-00426](#) **Jackie Baillie: Celebrating 70 Years of Osaka Kwai Judo Club in Alexandria** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby\*, Alexander Burnett\*

[S7M-00423](#) **Marie McNair: Allander Rotary Duck Race Raises Funds and Smiles** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby\*

[S7M-00422](#) **Holly Bruce: Celebrating Scotland's Tartan Army and the Glasgow-Boston Twinning Partnership** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess\*, Iris Duane\*, Heather Anderson\*, Zen Ghani\*, Mark Ruskell\*, Thomas Kerr\*, Senga Beresford\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Lorna Slater\*, Miles Briggs\*, Karen Adam\*, Cara McKee\*, Paul McLennan\*, Katie Hagmann\*, Max Bannerman\*, Q Manivannan\*, Jamie Langan\*, Gary Bouse\*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill\*, Ross Greer\*, Colin Beattie\*

[S7M-00421](#) **Patricia Gibson: The Owl and Pussycat Nursery, Irvine, Praised Following Inspection** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby\*

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

New Support: Lorna Slater\*

[S7M-00404](#) **Keith Brown: Graham's Family Dairy Expansion with Asda** (lodged on 18 June 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton\*

[S7M-00396](#) **Willie Rennie: The Albert Tavern is Scottish Cider Pub of the Year 2026** (lodged on 17 June 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby\*

[S7M-00375](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Recognising Children's Hospice Week** (lodged on 16 June 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby\*, Andrew Baxter\*

[S7M-00348](#) **Donald MacKinnon: Welcoming Hebridean Refugee Week** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter\*

[S7M-00344](#) **Paul McLennan: Commending Held In Our Hearts** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter\*

[S7M-00339](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognising PTSD Awareness Day** (lodged on 11 June 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter\*

[S7M-00322](#) **Murdo Fraser: Celebrating the Highland Chocolatier's Five Star Status** (lodged on 11 June 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter\*

[S7M-00284](#) **Finlay Carson: Recognising the Contribution of Elspeth Macdonald to Scotland's Fishing Industry** (lodged on 10 June 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett\*

[S7M-00274](#) **Alexander Burnett: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust** (lodged on 4 June 2026)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*

[S7M-00258](#) **Liam Kerr: Nuclear Power in Scotland** (lodged on 3 June 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter\*

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

New Support: Finlay Carson\*

[S7M-00229](#) **Tim Eagle: Dual the A96 in Full** (lodged on 2 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr\*

[S7M-00177](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Brothers Cycle for The Archie Foundation** (lodged on 10 June 2026)

New Support: Finlay Carson\*

[S7M-00022](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Replacement for the Gilbert Bain Hospital** (lodged on 15 May 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*

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

New Support: Claire Baker\*

## Questions

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

## Written Questions

### Written Questions lodged on 24 June 2026

[S7W-01264](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the finding in the Scottish Land Commission's report, *Rural Land Market Insights 2026*, that Scotland's rural land market is currently experiencing its slowest conditions since the 2008 financial crisis, whether it will delay implementation of the lotting provisions contained in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025, until a full assessment has been made of their potential impact on investment and land values in Scotland. **R**

[S7W-01268](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the three workstreams of its Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Data Short Life Working Group, which was established in January 2026, including by what date the output from workstream one, which is an analysis of available data on child sexual abuse and exploitation, will be published.

[S7W-01269](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will bring forward legislation or guidance to address the issue identified by the National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Strategic Group that all but one of the crime codes in the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 defines children as aged 15 and under, rather than under 18, as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024.

[S7W-01270](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government following the closure of the Listed Places of Worship Scheme, whether it will implement a replacement scheme as has been done in England.

[S7W-01271](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any Barnett consequential funding has arisen from the introduction of the Places of Worship Renewal Fund in England, which replaced the UK-wide Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

[S7W-01272](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the findings of the report by Alzheimer Scotland, *Better Care, Full Stop*, including calls for (a) quicker diagnosis, (b) improvements to (i) post-diagnosis support, (ii) community-based support, such as specialist therapeutic and complex care day services, (iii) home care services, in particular, better training for care staff, (iv) palliative care and (v) residential care, (c) access to appropriate training in dementia care, peer support groups, professional counselling and psychological support for carers and supporters, (d) a care pathway comparable to other conditions such as cancer, (e) better co-ordination between health and other services involved in care of people with Alzheimer's, (f) more respite care, (g) annual health checks and (h) access to self-directed support budgets.

[S7W-01273](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that existing guidance for people relating to GP practices catchment areas is sufficiently clear, including whether it clearly explains that people are not required to register with a new GP practice when their current practice's catchment area is revised and they no longer live within it.

[S7W-01274](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of any instances of GP practices sending out communications to people that could be interpreted as misleading, in that they imply a requirement for them to register with another practice when the catchment area of their current one is revised and they no longer live within it, and if so, what action it has taken in response.

[S7W-01275](#) **Amanda Lindsay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted, or plans to conduct, a feasibility study for westbound slipways at junction 3 of the M9 and, if so, what the current status of that study is.

[S7W-01276 Katherine Sangster](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that social workers are taking children home to ensure their safety due to a lack of alternative accommodation, (a) what action it is taking and (b) how it will ensure that this does not become normal practice

[S7W-01277 Katherine Sangster](#): To ask the Scottish Government what is being done in the short term to mitigate any risks for children where there is a lack of safe alternative accommodation

[S7W-01278 Katherine Sangster](#): To ask the Scottish Government what is being done in the short term to mitigate any risks to social workers when action is taken to house a child in their own home overnight, where there is a lack of safe alternative accommodation.

[S7W-01279 Kate Nevens](#): To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to tackle far-right extremism and radicalisation, including online, and what steps it is taking to ensure that communities are kept informed about threats to their safety.

[S7W-01280 Kate Nevens](#): To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to communities affected by reported attacks targeting Muslims in Edinburgh, and how it will ensure that engagement with affected communities includes a diverse range of voices, including women, LGBTQ+ people, recent migrants and people of different ages.

[S7W-01281 Kate Nevens](#): To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to improve the safety and security of mosques and other places of worship, in light of reported attacks targeting Muslims in Edinburgh and the reported wider rise in anti-Muslim hostility, and what support it will make available to communities concerned about their daily safety.

[S7W-01282 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding reported long waiting times for callers to the 101 non-emergency telephone service, and what action is being taken to reduce waiting times and improve public access to this service.

[S7W-01283 Katherine Sangster](#): To ask the Scottish Government what consideration is being given to ensuring that local authorities that have already implemented bans on mobile phones in schools do not incur additional costs when any national guidance is introduced.

[S7W-01284 Emma Roddick](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to commence provisions in the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 to allow local authorities to propose by-laws to prevent wildfires.

[S7W-01285 Emma Roddick](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has an agreed definition of collective advocacy and, if so, whether it will set this out.

[S7W-01286 Emma Roddick](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has an agreed definition of relational care, if so, (a) whether it will set this out and (b) how it will promote and support its approach to the provision of such care.

[S7W-01287 Emma Roddick](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering how to (a) better promote and (b) ensure social responsibility in public contracts in care provision.

[S7W-01288 Emma Roddick](#): To ask the Scottish Government, ahead of summer 2026, how it is monitoring the effectiveness of the wildfire prevention by-laws of the Cairngorm National Park Authority, and how it will share with other bodies any best practice identified.

[S7W-01289 Katherine Sangster](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its news release of 14 January 2026, *Expansion of breakfast clubs*, whether it will clarify the difference in wording between the references to the “introduction of universal breakfast club services by August 2027” and “a national breakfast club programme across all primary and special schools from August 2027”, including the distinction between “by” and “from”, and confirm (a) which description most accurately reflects its policy intention and (b) when the services will begin.

[S7W-01290 Katherine Sangster](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of any work force planning issues to support the delivery of universal breakfast clubs in all primary and

special schools.

[S7W-01291](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has engaged with COSLA on any work force planning issues to support the delivery of universal breakfast clubs in all primary and special schools.

[S7W-01292](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government how many extra school staff it anticipates local authorities will need to recruit in order to support the delivery of universal breakfast clubs in all primary and special schools.

[S7W-01293](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government Government how much funding will be allocated per local authority to support the delivery of universal breakfast clubs in all primary and special schools.

[S7W-01294](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding will be allocated per pupil to support the delivery of universal breakfast clubs in all primary and special schools.

[S7W-01295](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that schools can maintain individual flexibility while delivering universal breakfast clubs in all primary and special schools.

[S7W-01296](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish Prison Service staff were (a) disciplined, (b) sanctioned and (c) dismissed from their role for inappropriate relationships with prisoners in each year since 2015.

[S7W-01297](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many misconduct investigations have been carried out by the Scottish Prison Service in relation to prison staff in each year since 2015.

[S7W-01298](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to prevent the smuggling of (a) alcohol, (b) drugs, (c) weapons and (d) mobile phones into prisons.

[S7W-01299](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the total headcount of prison officers in the Scottish Prison Service in each year since 2015.

[S7W-01300](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many remand prisoners have not been offered a right to work, as is stipulated in The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, in each year since 2015.

[S7W-01301](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of people currently held on remand who are from a care experienced background.

[S7W-01302](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of people currently in prison who have a diagnosis of neurodivergence.

[S7W-01303](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a headcount of the number of individuals aged 65 and over who have been held (a) in custody and (b) on remand in each year since 2015.

[S7W-01311](#) **Morven-May MacCallum:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking to address reported long waiting times for GP appointments.

[S7W-01312](#) **Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost of employing special advisers was in 2025-26.

[S7W-01313](#) **Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the names of each special adviser it currently employs, broken down by (a) responsibility and (b) pay band.

## Progress of Legislation

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

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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.

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

### Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

## Legislative Consent Memorandums

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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)*

### **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)*

### **National Security (State Threats) Bill LCM-S7-4**

Lodged on 17 June 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 June 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

### **Sporting Events Bill LCM-S7-1**

Lodged on 5 June 2026

*Lead committee – Economy, Tourism and Energy*

### **Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill LCM-S7-2**

Lodged on 15 June 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 23 June 2026

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

### Affirmative Instruments

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

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

### Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment by 23 September 2026**

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

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

**Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026**

**Lead Committee report due by 30 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)

## Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 24 June 2026:

PE2217: Bring the Food Standards Agency hygiene rating scale to Scotland, and make it mandatory to display

PE2218: Introduce mandatory women's health training for all GPs and NHS healthcare professionals

PE2219: Review the Mandatory Minimum Five-Year Prison Sentence for Firearms Offences

PE2220: Support Retrofit Training for a Greener Scotland and Just Transition

PE2221: Waive the Additional Dwelling Supplement for people not buying additional homes for commercial gain

PE2222: Neutralise the Impact of Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity (LCWRA) Cuts in Scotland

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

## New Documents

### Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 24 June 2026—

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

### Other Documents

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

**Climate Change Committee: Progress in reducing emissions - 2026 report to Parliament (SG/2026/132)** laid under section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008

**HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Operational Training and Development in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2026/116)** laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

**HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Planning and Preparedness of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the XXIII (23rd Edition) Commonwealth Games 2026 SG/2026/126** laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

**Investigation into the effectiveness and enforcement of engine idling laws in Scotland (ESS/2026/03)** laid under 29(b) of the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

**Post-school education and skills reform : A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/5)** laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Biometrics Commissioner – Outcomes Report 2021/25 (SBC/2026/02)** laid under Section 20(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

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