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Business Bulletin

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Chamber Desk arrangements during the Summer Recess

During the summer recess from 27 June to 30 August, the Chamber Desk will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 3.30 pm on a Friday. Normal opening arrangements will resume on Monday 31 August.

Business Bulletins

During the summer recess, Business Bulletins will be published once a week on each Monday, commencing from Monday 29 June until Monday 31 August, when normal publication will resume.

Portfolio and General Questions w/c 31 August

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for General Questions on 1 September and 3 September, and Portfolio Questions on 2 September is 12 noon on Monday 24 August. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day.

Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 26 August to submit their questions. The submitted questions will appear in the Business Bulletin on Monday 31 August.

The Portfolios on 2 September will be Social Justice and Housing, and Economy, Tourism and Transport.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 24 June 2026

Tuesday 1 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

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.

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-00508](#) Liam McArthur: £5,000 Raised for Respite Facility Aurrida House**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkwall respite facility, Aurrida House, on its fancy dress event, which has raised over £5,000 to date; recognises that this fundraising initiative comes after a generous donation was made to Aurrida House in memory of the late Kirkwall businessman Victor Chase; understands that Aurrida House provides vital support for young people with additional needs and their families; acknowledges that the money raised will go towards buying play equipment for the service users, including a swing set and climbing frame; further acknowledges that the funds raised are still being counted and that the final total will be announced in due course; thanks all those who donated money to the cause, and hopes that users of Aurrida House and their families have a lot of fun using the new equipment.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-00506](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Nursery Staff Raise Money for Cancer Research UK**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff of Children's Hour Nursery in Clydebank for raising £1,840 for Cancer Research UK by completing the Pretty Mudder 5K challenge; notes that the event is part of the national Race for Life series and saw the team complete a 5km obstacle course, which involved crawling, climbing and sliding through the mud; understands that the team were inspired to take part due to the impact that cancer has had on so many lives; recognises that the money raised will support Cancer Research UK's work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer and its aims to improve survival rates and bring forward new scientific breakthroughs; congratulates the team on this fantastic achievement, and wishes its members all the best for the future.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-00505](#) Jamie Hepburn: Membership of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**—That the Parliament agrees to nominate Keith Brown as a full member and Jenny Young as an alternate member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

***[S7M-00503](#) Alan Brown: Celebrating Scott Montgomery and The Killie Community**—That the Parliament congratulates Scott Montgomery, hub operations lead at The Killie Community, on winning the Employee of the Year category at the Scottish Charity Awards 2026; recognises what it sees as his remarkable journey from joining the charity following the loss of his son to becoming a leading figure in

the delivery of programmes that support thousands of people across Ayrshire each year; commends his dedication to improving the lives of others through initiatives that are tackling loneliness, social isolation, disability exclusion, addiction and poor mental health, and notes that he has helped to lead programmes supporting more than 3,000 people annually while raising over £17,000 for the charity through fundraising efforts; recognises the outstanding work of The Killie Community across Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley and the wider Ayrshire area, using the power of football to tackle poverty, improve health and wellbeing, support education and employability and create stronger and more connected communities; acknowledges the charity's work with some of the area's most vulnerable individuals and families, as well as innovative initiatives such as its Beat to Treat partnership, which is helping to reduce waiting times for heart failure diagnosis; notes that The Killie Community was named Ayrshire's Charity of the Year in 2025; thanks all its staff, volunteers and trustees for their continued service to communities across Ayrshire, and wishes Scott every success at the awards.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

*[S7M-00502](#) **Alan Brown: Paying Tribute to Ian Higgins and His Legacy at Bonnyton Thistle FC**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing of Ian “Higgy” Higgins, long-serving President of Bonnyton Thistle Football Club, at the age of 60; recognises his decades of dedication to football in Kilmarnock and across Ayrshire, and his pivotal role in the development of Bonnyton Thistle from a local boys’ club into a respected senior club competing in the West of Scotland Football League, including its rise through the football pyramid and move to Townholm; understands that he devoted countless hours to supporting players, volunteers and the wider football community, and was widely respected across grassroots, youth and junior football for his commitment to creating opportunities for young people through sport; notes that he passed away doing the work he was so passionate about at his spiritual home of Bonnyton Thistle, and the many tributes paid by clubs, supporters, volunteers and community organisations reflecting the high regard in which he was held throughout Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley and beyond; expresses its condolences to his wife, children, wider family, friends and all at the club, and recognises that he leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to be felt throughout Ayrshire football and the local community for many years to come.

*[S7M-00500](#) **Patricia Gibson: Celebrating the Work of Ayrshire Charity NODA**—That the Parliament commends the important work carried out by NODA (No One Dies Alone) Ayrshire; understands that NODA is an Irvine-based registered charity set up in 2018 and run by volunteers, which provides emotional support and companionship to people facing crisis or dealing with trauma or end of life issues across all of Ayrshire; notes that NODA has trained 32 volunteers to provide a nourishing presence to those lonely and isolated at the end of life; understands that NODA also provides psychotherapeutic therapies, holistic support and wellbeing services by supporting people to live better and more fulfilled lives; wishes everyone associated with NODA every possible success in the future in its mission to ensure that not only no one should die alone, but also that people should be supported through trauma and difficult times, to live the best lives they can, and applauds this charity as it goes from strength to strength.

Supported by: David Smith*, Katie Hagmann*, Lloyd Melville*, Thomas Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*

*[S7M-00499](#) **Michael Marra: Big Noise Scotland is Delivering Change in Communities**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of a new independent evaluation of the Big Noise programme in Scotland by the Glasgow Centre for Population Health; notes the evaluation's findings that the programme is generating "positive and sustained" change in the communities in which it operates; further notes that Big Noise provides critical support to children and young people experiencing disadvantage, helping to address the impacts of poverty, including isolation, barriers to opportunity and post-school outcomes; commends the programme's success in improving skills, confidence, social connection and emotional wellbeing; recognises its contribution to communities across Scotland since 2008; celebrates the particular impact of Big Noise's after-school provision; acknowledges the achievements of the young people who have taken part in the programme, as well as the commitment

of its staff and volunteers, and wishes Big Noise every success for the future.

Supported by: Neil Bibby*, Colin Beattie*, Jenny Young*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-00498](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating the 76th Orkney North Isles Sports**—That the Parliament congratulates all the athletes, officials, volunteers and supporters involved in the 76th North Isles Sports event, which took place in Stronsay on 20 June 2026; believes that it was another highly successful day of inter-isle sporting competition; understands that this annual event sees athletes from Eday, North Ronaldsay, Papay, Sanday, Stronsay and Westray compete in a number of sporting categories, including netball, football, long jump, high jump, shot put and tug o' war; recognises that Westray retained its spot as top team of the day, taking home the coveted Millenium Cup, as well as the Schools Cup and the adults' trophy, the Challenge Cup, but that each team put on a great performance and contributed to the success of the event; considers that there were several standout moments at the competition, including Westray's Lizzie Marcus breaking a 39-year record with her 4.59 metre long jump, siblings Martha and Wilbur Bremner of Stronsay both winning their respective shot put categories, and team Stronsay defending their tug o' war title, which they have held since 2017, after an exhilarating final against Sanday; recognises the important role of local sporting events, like the North Isles Sports, in bringing communities together and fostering lifelong friendships through friendly sporting rivalry; thanks all of those involved in facilitating another highly memorable weekend of sporting competition in the north isles, and wishes the North Isles Sports every success for the future.

Supported by: Andrew Baxter*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-00497](#) Lloyd Melville: Arbroath Fest Returns Bigger and Better for 2026**—That the Parliament welcomes the return of Arbroath Fest, which will take place on 31 July and 1 August 2026; celebrates the festival's expansion to a two-day event following its successful debut in 2025; recognises the ambition of festival founder Andrew McDonald, of Andreou's Bistro, and Arbroath Music Festival CIC, in growing a major live music event for the town; notes that the main event at Inchcape Park will feature two stages for the first time, with Idlewild headlining a line-up including Fatherson, Calum Bowie, Balaston, Ben Walker, Sardinex, EXO, Brown Bear and emerging artists; believes that Arbroath Fest is helping to put the town firmly on Scotland's festival map, while supporting original music, attracting visitors and boosting local businesses; celebrates the food, market stalls and family-friendly entertainment that will form part of the weekend, and wishes Andrew, the organisers, performers, traders and everyone attending a fantastic Arbroath Fest 2026.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-00496](#) Lloyd Melville: Caroline Millar Appointed MBE for Services to Agritourism**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Angus farmer and agritourism leader, Caroline Millar, on being appointed an MBE in The King's Birthday Honours; recognises what it sees as her outstanding contribution to transforming Scotland's agritourism sector and strengthening the rural economy; celebrates almost two decades of leadership, advocacy and innovation, including her role in establishing Scottish Agritourism in 2020 and helping to grow a sector, which is now worth almost £300 million and welcomes more than 2.5 million visitors each year; notes Caroline's leadership in Scotland's successful bid to host the inaugural Global Agritourism Conference in Aberdeen; recognises her work with her husband in establishing The Hideaway Experience at Balkello Farm and her achievement in purchasing Wester Keith in 2021; commends Caroline for championing farmers, rural businesses and sustainable rural development, and wishes her continued success in helping shape the future of Scotland's rural economy.

Supported by: Collette Stevenson*, Jamie Langan*, Karen Adam*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul McLennan*, Alexander Burnett* **R**

***[S7M-00494](#) Mark Ruskell: Recognising the People's Emergency Briefing Film** —That the Parliament recognises the film, *The People's Emergency Briefing*; believes that it highlights the risks posed by the current climate emergency by bringing together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis; notes that this includes how the country faces intensifying weather extremes, including up to one in four UK homes being at risk of flooding by 2050 and the increased risk of wildfires and heatwaves; recognises that the current trajectory of a 3-4°C warming threatens systemic societal disruption and significant loss of native biodiversity and nature; considers that the film is important in the current context of reported increasing misinformation around the climate emergency; notes that there have been multiple screenings of it across the country, including in Aberdour, Aberfeldy, Stirling, Kirkcaldy and Cupar in Mid-Scotland and Fife; supports calls for the film to be televised nationally to showcase the nature and scale of the climate emergency, including how it demonstrates the reason why these threats matter to people's lives, and supports calls for both the Scottish and UK government to take decisive action to deliver critical legislation, investment and public engagement to fully tackle the crisis.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Patrick Harvie*, Alyn Smith*, Cara McKee*, Iris Duane*, Maggie Chapman*, Gillian Mackay*, Holly Bruce*, Laura Moodie*

***[S7M-00479](#) Victor Currie: Safeguarding Scotland's Coastal Communities and Fishing Industry** —That the Parliament recognises the immense economic, cultural and environmental importance of Scotland's seas and coastlines; notes what it sees as the vital contribution that marine industries, particularly Scotland's world-class fishing and aquaculture sectors, alongside tourism, shipping and renewable energy, make to the economy of the Highlands and Islands and coastal communities across Scotland; acknowledges the growing challenges facing marine ecosystems, such as pollution and marine litter; believes that productive, well-managed seas are essential to sustaining local livelihoods, safeguarding national food security and preserving Scotland's maritime heritage; recognises the absolute importance of working in close partnership with fishing communities, industry leaders and scientific experts to achieve the practical management of marine resources, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to deliver robust support and targeted investment to grow Scotland's fishing fleets and secure a prosperous, long-term future for the coastal communities that depend upon them.

Supported by: Max Bannerman*, Amanda Lindsay*, Dawn Black*, Senga Beresford*, David Smith*, Kim Schmulian*, David Kirkwood*, Duncan Massey*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00493](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Scotland's World Class Letters Campaign (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Neil Bibby*, Julie MacDougall*, Lloyd Melville*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle* **R**, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Meghan Gallacher*, Senga Beresford*, Kim Schmulian*, Craig Hoy*, Amanda Bland*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Russell Findlay*, Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00489](#) **Paul McLennan: Chez Roux Wins Romantic Dining of the Year Award** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00488](#) **Paul McLennan: Ocean Vertical Achieves B Corp Certification** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00487](#) **Paul McLennan: The Brig & Barrel Wins Pub of The Year** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Paul Sweeney*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00486](#) **Holly Bruce: Scotland's Extreme Weather Events Become More Frequent and Severe Due to Climate Change** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

[S7M-00485](#) **Katie Hagmann: Cumnock Walking Football Tackling Social Isolation** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*

[S7M-00484](#) **Paul McLennan: Welcoming Funding for Home-Start East Lothian** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00483](#) **Finlay Carson: Reverend Alex Cairns Appointed MBE in The King's Birthday Honours** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-00482](#) **Karen Adam: Recognising Shona Watson as Banffshire and Buchan Coast's Local Hero** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00481](#) **David Smith: Recognising Innovative Crime Prevention Messaging by Police Scotland Argyll and West Dunbartonshire** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-00478](#) **Paul McLennan: Recognition of Keith Chalmers-Watson in The King's Birthday Honours 2026** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00476](#) **Paul McLennan: Celebrating 10 Years of MADE Arts Hub in Haddington** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00475](#) **Julie MacDougall: Celebrating Fife Local Hero Ruby McDonald BCyA** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00474](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Oyster Project Secures Funding to Restore Species** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00473](#) **Jack Middleton: Impact of the UK Government's Oil and Gas Policy on Aberdeen** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-00472](#) **Jack Middleton: Re-energising the North, Transforming Scotland** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00471](#) **David Barratt: Beath High School Drama Club Named Scottish Youth Champions at the SCDA One Act Play Festival Youth Final** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*

[S7M-00470](#) **Murdo Fraser: The Enchanted Forest in Perthshire's Record-breaking Community Funding** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-00469.5](#) **Stephen Kerr: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population** (lodged on 24 June 2026)

New Support: James Adams*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle* R

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Patricia Gibson*

[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: Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-00453](#) **Clare Adamson: Driving Digitally Locally Across Wishaw** (lodged on 23 June 2026)

New Support: Calum Kerr*

[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: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Russell Findlay*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S7M-00425](#) **Duncan Dunlop: Congratulations to Peebles High School on its Successful 2026 Model UN** (lodged on 19 June 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Calum Kerr*, Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-00401](#) **Alexander Burnett: Celebrating the Success of the Banchory Charity Stock Judging Event** (lodged on 18 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S7M-00399](#) **Miles Briggs: Currie Community High School Debate Team** (lodged on 17 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S7M-00392](#) **Miles Briggs: Milestone Win for Scotland Women's National Cricket Team** (lodged on 17 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

[S7M-00382](#) **Miles Briggs: Alcohol Focus Scotland and Alcohol Health Alliance Report, A Clear Way Forward: The Case for Better Alcohol Labelling** (lodged on 16 June 2026)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S7M-00361](#) **Finlay Carson: South of Scotland Horse Trials, Kirkcudbrightshire** (lodged on 15 June 2026)

New Support: Liam Kerr*

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

New Support: Calum Kerr*

[S7M-00352](#) **George Adam: Craig Ferguson Completes His Tartan Trek** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: Calum Kerr*

[S7M-00288](#) **Keith Brown: University of Stirling Art Collection Recognised as Nationally Significant** (lodged on 8 June 2026)

New Support: Calum Kerr*

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

New Support: Heather Anderson*

Questions

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

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 25 June 2026

[S7W-01304](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many premises it anticipates will be excluded from non-domestic rates relief as a result of the proposed exclusion of vape shops, including how many of these premises are specialist vape retailers as opposed to mixed-use convenience stores or other types of retailer.

[S7W-01305](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government's statement to the Parliament on 23 June 2026 on Non-domestic Rates, how it will define a vape shop for the purposes of determining eligibility for non-domestic rates relief and what criteria will be used to distinguish a vape shop from other retail premises that sell vaping products.

[S7W-01306](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has set a threshold for the proportion of a retailer's turnover, floor space or product range that must be attributable to vaping products for a premises to be classified as a vape shop and therefore excluded from non-domestic rates relief.

[S7W-01307](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it plans to provide to local authorities and assessors regarding the classification of premises that sell vaping products alongside groceries, newspapers, confectionery or other retail goods.

[S7W-01308](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the risk that retailers offering a limited range of vaping products could be excluded from non-domestic rates relief, even where such products represent only a small proportion of their overall business activity.

[S7W-01309](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what appeals process will be available to a business that has been classified as a vape shop and excluded from non-domestic rates relief.

[S7W-01310](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Amey regarding the condition of the footpath alongside the A725 Hamilton Road in East Kilbride; what assessment has been made of its current condition; what steps are being taken to ensure that necessary repairs and vegetation management are carried out within the timescales set out in Amey's trunk road maintenance contract, and what plans there are to develop this as a core cycle route in line with the East Kilbride Active Travel Network plan.

[S7W-01314](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on (a) security of supply and (b) electricity price volatility of Torness Nuclear Power Station's generating capacity being unavailable during periods of high demand and low renewable generation.

[S7W-01315](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what staff resources within (a) it and (b) Education Scotland are allocated to the delivery of Learning for Sustainability, and what its position is regarding whether these are sufficient to deliver the outstanding actions in *Learning for sustainability: action plan 2023 to 2030*.

[S7W-01316](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of *Learning for sustainability: action plan 2023 to 2030*.

[S7W-01317](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with (a) Education Scotland and (b) other stakeholders in delivering the actions contained in *Learning for sustainability:*

action plan 2023 to 2030.

[S7W-01318](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S7O-00110, S7O-00114 and S7O-00115 by Gillian Martin on 24 June 2026 and S7F-00023 by John Swinney on 25 June 2026, what plans it has to provide a formal definition of a green data centre and, in the absence of such a definition, how it will develop guidance on how planning authorities can assess the environmental credentials of proposed hyperscale data centres.

[S7W-01319](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answers to questions S7O-00110, S7O-00114 and S7O-00115 by Gillian Martin on 24 June 2026 and S7F-00023 by John Swinney on 25 June 2026, what action it is taking to assess the cumulative electricity demand and energy-security impact of all the proposed hyperscale AI data centres.

[S7W-01320](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has held with NHS boards regarding the proposed changes to Royal Mail second class delivery schedules, including any impact that these might have on postal communications to and from patients.

[S7W-01321](#) Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to improve patient safety for children when blood gas testing identifies abnormal results such as significantly raised lactate levels, including whether it will introduce a national patient safety standard requiring abnormal blood gas or blood test results in children to be repeated, verified or formally reviewed before discharge decisions are made where those results have been attributed to sample quality, environmental factors or other concerns about reliability.

[S7W-01322](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of individuals held on remand subsequently received a custodial sentence in each of the last five financial years.

[S7W-01323](#) Lloyd Melville: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with Angus Council regarding the reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) that was discovered in local authority and privately owned homes in Monifieth. **R**

[S7W-01324](#) Lloyd Melville: To ask the Scottish Government what further steps it plans to take to ensure that communities are protected from the impacts of flooding, including the communities along the Dighty Burn in South Angus and Dundee that were affected during Storm Babet in 2023. **R**

[S7W-01325](#) Lloyd Melville: To ask the Scottish Government how its planned investment in housing during the period 2026 to 2032 will benefit Angus.

[S7W-01326](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how many energy infrastructure planning applications currently under consideration by ministers or the Energy Consents Unit have missed a National Energy System Operator (NESO) grid connection deadline or milestone required to secure a grid connection offer.

[S7W-01327](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it records the number of planning applications that are being considered by ministers or the Energy Consents Unit and no longer have a viable route to grid connection and, if so, what the latest figure is.

[S7W-01328](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that planning applications continuing through the planning process, where there is no realistic prospect of a grid connection being secured, represents an efficient use of public resources.

[S7W-01329](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to grant any exemptions to the ban on using or supplying rodent glue traps under the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024.

[S7W-01330](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what efforts have been made to communicate the upcoming ban on using or supplying rodent glue traps to major online sellers, including those such as Amazon and eBay.

[S7W-01331](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the (a) content and (b) rollout of its communications strategy around the upcoming ban on using and

supplying rodent glue traps, as referenced in the letter sent to the Member by the Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands on 25 March 2026.

[S7W-01332](#) **Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025, whether it will provide a timetable and a date by which it anticipates that all aspects of the legislation to be operational.

[S7W-01333](#) **Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether Crown Estate Scotland has stopped the Community Land Accelerator pilot and what plans it has to publish its findings from the pilot.

[S7W-01334](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to increase the excess mileage fee, including standard rate VAT, which is applied via the Motability Scheme in Scotland, to match the fee applied to excess mileage from 1 July 2026 through the scheme in the rest of the UK.

[S7W-01335](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reduce the standard mileage available via the Motability Scheme in Scotland to match the new standard mileage available from 1 July 2026 through the Motability Scheme in the rest of the UK

[S7W-01336](#) **Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding a coordinated oversight framework for large-scale data centre developments, including those supporting AI infrastructure, in light of the intersecting issues that such developments raise across devolved planning powers and reserved matters, including energy and digital infrastructure.

[S7W-01337](#) **Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the increasing scale and strategic significance of proposed data centre developments, whether it will consider establishing a centralised ministerial oversight framework, similar in principle to the Energy Consents Unit for major energy infrastructure, to ensure a coordinated national approach to assessing cumulative impacts on energy demand, water use, land use and infrastructure, while also ensuring meaningful community benefit and alignment with Scotland's net zero ambitions.

[S7W-01350](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether a rapid cancer diagnostic pathway for aggressive cancers is currently in place across all NHS boards, and if so, how consistently it is implemented across Scotland.

[S7W-01351](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the accessibility and effectiveness of existing rapid cancer diagnostic pathways for patients with suspected aggressive cancers.

[S7W-01352](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what work has been undertaken to expand and/or standardise rapid diagnostic pathways specifically for aggressive cancers.

[S7W-01353](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of current waiting times between diagnosis and treatment for aggressive cancers.

[S7W-01354](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any mandatory escalation procedures are currently in place where an NHS board is unable to meet cancer waiting time standards.

[S7W-01355](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding meeting faster cancer diagnosis targets, what assessment it has made of current diagnostic capacity, including imaging and pathology.

[S7W-01356](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of current surgical and oncology workforce capacity in relation to cancer treatment waiting times.

[S7W-01357](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans are in place to increase diagnostic, surgical and oncology capacity to support faster diagnosis and treatment of aggressive cancers.

[S7W-01358](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current median and maximum waiting times are for (a) diagnosis following urgent suspicion referral and (b) treatment following

diagnosis for aggressive cancers.

[S7W-01359](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government what its current position is on supporting the Scottish Land Fund to enhance opportunities for community right to buy and ownership, in light of previous Scottish National Party manifesto commitments in this area.

[S7W-01360](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how much will be allocated to the Scottish Land Fund for 2027-28.

[S7W-01361](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will begin the process of appointing the new Land and Communities Commissioner to the Scottish Land Commission, in order to enable the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025.

[S7W-01362](#) **Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration has been given to the impact of water scarcity on food production in Scotland. **R**

[S7W-01363](#) **Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding water scarcity in 2025, what (a) action has been taken to assess its impact, particularly on the east coast, (b) lessons have been learnt and (c) is being implemented in 2026 as a result.

[S7W-01364](#) **Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is planning to take to ensure that agriculture, food production and food security in Scotland are not significantly impacted by combined environmental and global factors, including water scarcity, drought and soaring prices of and limited access to fertiliser as a result of the closure of Strait of Hormuz. **R**

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Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Commercial Payments Bill 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)

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)

New Documents

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 25 June 2026—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Financial Services and Markets Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-8)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 25 June 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: Annual Report 2025-26 (SG/2026/124) laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 11 June 2026

The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Kirsten Oswald) has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 11 June 2026.

Minister for Victims and Community Safety

At col 124, para 3, line 4—

Original text—

Since the programme began in 2008, £158 million has been invested in supporting diversionary activities, supporting 1.4 million young people.

Corrected text—

Since the programme began in 2008, £156 million has been invested in supporting diversionary activities, supporting 1.4 million young people.

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