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Royal Assent

The Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 14 May 2026.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

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

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Motions

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

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

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

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-00008](#) Emma Roddick: Capacity of Raigmore Hospital and Highland Healthcare**—That the Parliament notes reported concerns regarding the current capacity of Raigmore Hospital in Inverness; acknowledges the role of the National Treatment Centre Highland in addressing elective surgery waiting lists; recognises the dedication of NHS staff in delivering healthcare services across Scotland, including in Inverness and Nairn; notes the view that the delivery of high-quality care must be supported by adequate clinical space and staffing levels; further notes calls for a review of hospital capacity in the region, and remains mindful of what it sees as the ongoing importance of ensuring that healthcare infrastructure meets the evolving needs of the Highland population.

Supported by: Jack Middleton*, Hannah Mary Goodlad*, Miles Briggs*, Andrew Baxter* **R**, Q Manivannan*

***[S7M-00006](#) David Torrance: Launch of the Kirkcaldy Muslim Scout Group**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Kirkcaldy Muslim Scout Group at Kirkcaldy Central Mosque and Community Centre; congratulates the volunteers, families and community partners who have worked to establish this new section of the Scouting movement; notes that the Group will offer children aged four to 10-and-a-half a fun, inclusive and welcoming space to learn new skills, make friends and take part in games, crafts and outdoor-focused activities; recognises that Scouting in Scotland is the largest mixed volunteer-led youth movement in the country, supporting 35,000 young people and delivered by over 10,000 adult volunteers; understands that Scouting in Kirkcaldy, as part of the East Scotland Region, continues to grow and provides thousands of young people with opportunities to build confidence, resilience, teamwork, leadership and communication skills that prepare them for life; acknowledges what it sees as the wider impact of the Scouting movement across Scotland in helping young people develop practical skills, such as first aid, outdoor skills and problem solving, alongside the personal qualities of responsibility and respect for others; commends the work of the Muslim Scout Fellowship and community leaders in supporting the development of Scouting in Scotland's diverse communities, and wishes the Kirkcaldy Muslim Scout Group every success as it begins its programme of activities and welcomes children and families from across the community. **R**

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Jack Middleton*, Julie MacDougall*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-00007](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Inverness Caledonian Thistle on League Success**

—That the Parliament recognises the success of Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club in securing a promotion to the Scottish Championship; applauds what it sees as the tenacity shown by the players, coaching staff and board following a challenging period for the club; considers that this success reaffirms the vital relationship between the club and the City of Inverness; believes that the club is an integral cultural and economic asset to the Highlands; expresses its gratitude to the dedicated supporters who showed up to cheer on the team each week, and hopes to see another such motion celebrating the next promotion in the not too distant future.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Jack Middleton*, Colin Beattie*, Kristopher Leask*, Steven Bonnar*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

***[S7M-00005](#) Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen Awarded Funding from British Heart Foundation**

—That the Parliament welcomes the recent announcement that the University of Aberdeen has been awarded a major five-year programme grant worth over £1.1 million from the British Heart Foundation in order to drive forward research that could lead to a new way of protecting people from heart disease; understands that the project, which is being led by Aberdeen's Cardiovascular and Diabetes Centre, will build on earlier discoveries showing that blocking a key enzyme in immune cells may help to reduce the build-up of fat in the arteries, a process known as atherosclerosis, which causes most heart attacks and strokes; notes that the funding will also bring together an international team, with partners at the universities of Liverpool, Leeds, Dundee, Copenhagen, Leiden and Nantes, who will explore whether this approach could benefit those at high risk of heart disease, including those with inherited high cholesterol; understands that, if clinical trials are successful, this could eventually lead to a new type of cholesterol-lowering medicine, which could be used either on its own or in combination with statins, offering hope to those who don't respond well to current treatments; recognises that pioneering studies such as this one are vital, given that across the UK, where every three minutes, someone dies due to cardiovascular disease; believes that this must change in the future; notes the hard work and dedication of all members of the team involved in the research, and wishes them all the best with their work going forward.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Mark Simpson*, Julie MacDougall*, Martyn Day*, Jack Middleton*, Duncan Massey*

***[S7M-00004](#) Keith Brown: Congratulations to Clackmannanshire Women's Aid on its 50th Anniversary**

—That the Parliament congratulates Clackmannanshire Women's Aid on reaching its 50th anniversary in 2026; recognises the organisation's outstanding contribution over the past five decades in supporting women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse and gender-based violence; acknowledges that, since its founding in 1976, the organisation has supported thousands of women and children on their journeys to safety, recovery and independence; commends the dedication of its staff, volunteers and supporters, whose work has helped establish Clackmannanshire Women's Aid as a vital part of the local community through the provision of refuge accommodation, outreach support, advocacy and prevention education; believes that, while much progress has been made, the need for these services remains as urgent as ever and that there must be a renewed commitment to creating a future free from violence against women and girls; welcomes the programme of events and activities planned throughout 2026 to celebrate the anniversary, amplify the voices of survivors and raise awareness across the wider community, and wishes everyone involved with Clackmannanshire Women's Aid every success for the future as it continues its essential work across the Wee County.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Kenneth Gibson*, Julie MacDougall*, Jack Middleton*, Mark Ruskell*, Calum Kerr*, Holly Bruce*, Iris Duane*, Kate Nevens*, Q Manivannan*, Ross Greer*, Helen McDade*

***[S7M-00003](#) Rachael Hamilton: Arthritis Awareness Month**—That the Parliament welcomes the first Arthritis Awareness Month, which takes place in May 2026 in Scotland and across the UK; acknowledges that arthritis and other musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions affect over 1.7 million people

in Scotland, can strike at any age, including during childhood, and can impact all aspects of life; expresses its commitment to improving the MSK health of Scotland through prevention, early diagnosis, supported self-management and timely access to multidisciplinary services and treatment; recognises that reducing long waiting times for orthopaedic surgery is a priority, and applauds what it sees as the excellent work of Arthritis UK in Scotland to raise awareness of arthritis and change lives through world-class research, campaigning and service delivery.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Andrew Baxter*, Tim Eagle*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Kenneth Gibson*, Julie MacDougall*, Meghan Gallacher*

***S7M-00002 Rachael Hamilton: Congratulations to NHS Borders Staff Recognised at RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Borders staff members Michelle Brownlee and Karen Bacon on their recognition at the RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards 2026; notes that Michelle Brownlee, who is a healthcare support worker in the intensive therapy unit at Borders General Hospital, was named runner up in the Nursing Support Worker of the Year category in recognition of her 19 years of dedication to patient care, staff support and improving outcomes for patients with complex needs; further notes that Karen Bacon, who is an ITU clinical nurse educator, was highly commended in the Learning in Practice category for her work developing education and training programmes for nursing staff across NHS Borders; recognises the important contribution both make to patient care, staff wellbeing and recruitment within intensive care services in the Scottish Borders, and thanks all NHS Borders nursing staff and healthcare workers for the care and professionalism they show to patients every day.

Supported by: Tim Eagle*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Langan*, Kenneth Gibson*, Senga Beresford*, Meghan Gallacher*, Helen McDade*, Calum Kerr*

***S7M-00001 Rachael Hamilton: National Fishing Remembrance Day 2026**—That the Parliament recognises National Fishing Remembrance Day 2026, which took place on 10 May 2026; understands that the day serves as an opportunity to remember and honour those who have lost their lives in the UK fishing industry; recognises the importance of the fishing sector to many coastal and rural communities across Scotland and the wider UK; believes that commercial fishing remains one of the most dangerous professions in the country, with around 11,000 people working in often challenging and unpredictable conditions at sea; acknowledges the lasting impact that tragedies within the fishing industry have on families, friends and local communities; recognises the work of organisations such as The Fishermen's Mission in supporting current and former fishermen and their families, and believes that National Fishing Remembrance Day also provides an important opportunity to continue raising awareness of safety at sea, improved working practices and support for those employed within the industry.

Supported by: Tim Eagle*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Max Bannerman*, Duncan Massey*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Langan*, David Torrance*, Mark Simpson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Julie MacDougall*, Meghan Gallacher*, Victor Currie*, Helen McDade*

Questions

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 14 May 2026

[S7W-00001](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government how many retained fire stations have had a fire appliance unavailable for 50% of the time or more in the last five years.

[S7W-00002](#) **Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timescale is for announcing the (a) location and (b) opening date of the proposed walk-in GP clinic for East Ayrshire.

[S7W-00003](#) **Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what Barnett consequential funding is expected to arise from the support granted to the British Steel plant, Scunthorpe steelworks.

[S7W-00004](#) **Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact might be (a) on its climate emission targets and (b) job creation in North East Scotland of the funding allocated by the UK Government to the East Coast Cluster and HyNet carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) clusters compared with the Acorn cluster, and what assessment it has made of this funding.

[S7W-00005](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the diagnosis, guidance and care for people living with Ehlers-Danlos syndromes and hypermobility spectrum disorders in the Highlands and Islands.

[S7W-00006](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its commitment to dualling the A96, particularly in relation to the completion of the Nairn Bypass, at the earliest practicable opportunity.

[S7W-00007](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reopen the Local Bridge Maintenance Fund.

[S7W-00008](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its position on the proposed Moray FLOW-Park development.

[S7W-00009](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to dual the (a) A96 and (b) A9, including what budget has been committed to both projects, and the up-to-date timeline for completion.

[S7W-00010](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to support NHS Grampian in increasing bed capacity at Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin.

[S7W-00012](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to bring forward legislation during the first year of the current parliamentary session to provide for further regulation of (a) vape products and (b) the storage of lithium-ion batteries.

[S7W-00017](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the reported rises in non-domestic rates that came into effect on 1 April 2026.

[S7W-00018](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards setting up a dedicated service for people in the Highlands and Islands with myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS).

[S7W-00019](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what policies it has in place to support and encourage the maintenance of residential tenement buildings.

[S7W-00020](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many social homes have been built in Glasgow in each year since 2007.

[S7W-00021](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many rail passengers have used (a) Easterhouse, (b) Garrowhill, (c) Shettleston, (d) Carntyne, (e) Baillieston, (f) Mount Vernon and (g) Carmyle stations in each year since 2022, and what assessment it has made of these figures.

[S7W-00022](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the average overall change in rail fares paid per passenger for services to or from stations in Glasgow since peak rail fares were abolished on 1 September 2025.

[S7W-00023](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how much Pupil Equity Funding has been allocated to schools in Glasgow in each of the last five years.

[S7W-00024](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote financial education in the curriculum.

[S7W-00025](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting lists for child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

[S7W-00026](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what policies are in place to reduce fuel poverty in Glasgow.

[S7W-00027](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding future refurbishment works and estate improvements at Lightburn Hospital.

[S7W-00028](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of the neonatal workforce.

[S7W-00029](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the number of trading standards officers employed by local authorities in Scotland, and what assessment it has made of this.

[S7W-00030](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote apprenticeships (a) in bricklaying and (b) overall.

[S7W-00031](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what leasing arrangements are in place for Shettleston Police Station.

[S7W-00032](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the supply and demand for allotments in Glasgow.

[S7W-00033](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes menopause cafes.

[S7W-00034](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to increase the provision of men's sheds.

[S7W-00035](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many road traffic collisions involving electric scooters, electric bikes and pedestrians there have been in each year since 2016.

[S7W-00036](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reduce NHS audiology waiting lists.

[S7W-00037](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what disability adaptations are in place in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde facilities to accommodate female wheelchair users who require smear tests.

[S7W-00038](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of World Migratory Bird Day on 9 May 2026 and the reported decline in the number of swifts in recent years, when it plans to consult on the changes to building regulations required to bring into force the requirement for swift bricks included in the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011.

[S7W-00039](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when the First Minister last met the co-leaders of Aberdeen City Council.

[S7W-00040](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42499 by Jenni Minto on 29 December 2025, whether it will provide a detailed timetable for the

independent review of maternity services in Caithness, including (a) key milestones, (b) planned community engagement sessions, (c) stakeholder consultation periods and (d) the anticipated publication date for the final report.

[S7W-00041](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42497 by Jenni Minto on 29 December 2025, what steps it has taken to ensure meaningful and consistent involvement throughout the independent review of maternity services in Caithness of (a) Caithness Health Action Team (CHAT), (b) local midwives and (c) families with recent experience of maternity services in the area.

[S7W-00042](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Scottish Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce, when (a) it last met, (b) it is next scheduled to meet and (c) the minutes of its most recent meeting will be published.

[S7W-00043](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it plans to deliver on its commitment, which it made during the 2026 Scottish Parliament election campaign, to undertake a national review of maternity services.

[S7W-00044](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what role ministers will have in overseeing the independent review of maternity services in Caithness, and how this will be communicated to local communities.

[S7W-00045](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce will consider the impact of travel distances and weather-related disruption on patient safety and outcomes, and whether it will specially examine the sustainability of reinstating consultant-led maternity services in Caithness.

Progress of Legislation

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

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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 LCM-S6-73

Lodged on 26 February 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026

Report – Lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security) (5th Report, 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)

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)

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 LCM-S6-74

Lodged on 27 February 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 12 March 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 March 2026

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 16 May 2026

Lead Committee report due by 16 May 2026

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\)_\(Firth of Clyde\) Revocation Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/95\)](#) (17 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

The lead committee given is the lead committee which considered the instrument in Session 6. Parliamentary committees for Session 7 are yet to be established.

Subject to annulment by 6 June 2026

Lead Committee report due by 6 June 2026

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Miscellaneous Amendment\)_\(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/135\)](#) (10 March 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

The lead committee given is the lead committee which considered the instrument in Session 6. Parliamentary committees for Session 7 are yet to be established.

New Documents

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 May 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Health and Care Professions Council Corporate Strategy 2026–2031 (SG/2026/120) laid under Article 44(2) of the Health Professions Order 2001

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