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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
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Selection of the Parliament's Nominee for First Minister

As announced by the Presiding Officer, the selection of the Parliament's nominee for First Minister will take place at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19 May.

The nomination period will open at 9.30am and close at 1.30pm on Tuesday. Nominations must be submitted on official nomination forms. These will be available to collect from the Parliamentary Business Team in T1.03, from 9.30am on Tuesday. Completed forms must be returned there by 1.30pm.

Royal Assent

The Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 15 May 2026.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

As appointed by the Presiding Officer

Tuesday 19 May 2026

2:00 pm Selection of First Minister

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.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-00020](#) Colin Beattie: A GP Walk-in Centre in Midlothian North** —That the Parliament notes the view that there is a need for a GP walk-in centre to be opened in Midlothian North; understands that Midlothian is the fastest-growing local authority in Scotland, which, it believes, should make Midlothian North a priority for a walk-in GP centre; acknowledges that improving access to GP services is a priority for the people of Scotland, and welcomes what it understands has been the successful trial of GP walk-in centres across the country as a step towards improving access.

***[S7M-00019](#) Colin Beattie: Improving Bus Services in Rural Areas**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the need for a cohesive bus network in rural areas; understands that some services in Midlothian North have been reduced or cancelled to the detriment of residents, including the withdrawal of Lothian Buses' 46 service; believes that this damages the local economy and disproportionately impacts vulnerable people in their access to jobs, healthcare and education; welcomes the commitment to a £2 bus fare cap, and notes the view that this must coincide with an improvement to rural bus networks.

***[S7M-00018](#) Colin Beattie: Recognising the Damaging Impact of Antisocial Behaviour** —That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the damaging impact that antisocial behaviour has on communities, including in Midlothian North; understands that this behaviour impacts on residents' safety and hurts local businesses; believes that there is a need to support young people and their families to ensure that such behaviour is stopped at the source; recognises the hard work of Police Scotland in dealing with the issue, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to review and continue to support programmes aimed at preventing youth antisocial behaviour.

Supported by: Julie MacDougall*, Calum Kerr*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-00044](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Half Marathon 2026** —That the Parliament welcomes the news that a further 1,000 places have been added to the Aberdeen Half Marathon 2026; notes that the event, which will take place on 18 July 2026, is one of Scotland's newest running events; acknowledges that demand has been phenomenal with initial places selling out swiftly; understands that the course will show off some of the North East region's most stunning scenery with the start line placed in the historic Duthie Park; believes that the event is an excellent opportunity to promote health, wellbeing and community participation through sport; encourages people across the North

East region to join Jack Middleton MSP in taking on the 13.1 mile challenge, and celebrates that organisers hope that a successful half marathon can lead to the launch of an Aberdeen Marathon in 2027. **R**

Supported by: Collette Stevenson*, Steven Bonnar*, Bob Doris*, Mark Simpson*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jamie Hepburn*, Emma Roddick*, Colin Beattie*, Paul McLennan*

*[S7M-00043](#) **Clare Adamson: Music, Dementia Awareness and Alzheimer Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises and commends Johnny Collington, originally from Irvine and raised in Lanarkshire, for his work using music to support people living with dementia; notes that Mr Collington was inspired to take up the guitar following his father Stan's diagnosis with dementia, using music as a way to connect with him during his care; further notes that his father, Stan, originally from Motherwell, sadly passed away in February aged 99; commends Mr Collington for his regular performances in care homes and community settings across Scotland, bringing live music to people with dementia and their families; welcomes his upcoming performances at the Edinburgh Fringe festival in support of Alzheimer Scotland, raising awareness of dementia and the role of music in improving wellbeing and connection, and commends his dedication to using his personal experience to support others, promote understanding of dementia, and contribute to the work of Alzheimer Scotland.

*[S7M-00042](#) **Clare Adamson: Illuminate Dance Studio Fundraising for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity**—That the Parliament recognises and commends the junior and senior dancers at Illuminate Dance Studio in Wishaw for their outstanding contribution to a fundraising event in support of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity; notes that the "Purple Party" charity night, organised by Clare Thompson, raised over £1,600 for the charity, which provides vital care and support to children and families across Scotland; acknowledges that the event was inspired in part by the studio's personal connection to the hospital, with some dancers having received care there, and commends all those involved, including the dancers, families and organisers, for using their talents and community spirit to support such an important cause.

*[S7M-00041](#) **Clare Adamson: Motherwell Schools Receive Asda Foundation Young Futures Fund Grants**—That the Parliament welcomes the award of £1,000 grants from the Asda Foundation's Young Futures Fund to Braidhurst High School PTFA and Taylor High School in Motherwell; recognises the role of Bernadette Harte, who is a community champion at Asda Motherwell, for supporting the successful applications and presentation of the funding; notes that the Young Futures Fund is designed to improve mental health and wellbeing for young people; further notes that Braidhurst High School will use its funding to develop a breakfast club space, while Taylor High School will use its grant to improve access to essential toiletries and wellbeing resources for pupils, and commends all those involved in supporting practical initiatives that promote inclusion, dignity and improved wellbeing for young people in North Lanarkshire.

*[S7M-00040](#) **Clare Adamson: Wishaw Runner's Charity Fundraising Challenge**—That the Parliament recognises and commends James Paterson, from Wishaw, for undertaking an extraordinary fundraising challenge consisting of a 400-mile run from Larkhall to London, followed by participation in the London Marathon, in support of Children First, which is Scotland's national children's charity; notes that Mr Paterson, who is a long-standing supporter of Children First, has raised more than £30,000 over the past 15 years through endurance running events, including multiple marathons and a 24-hour virtual track run; further notes that his latest challenge has already raised over £8,100, with funds supporting the charity's work to improve the lives and wellbeing of children across Scotland; acknowledges the support of his family and the wider Lanarkshire community in encouraging his efforts, and commends his dedication, perseverance and charitable commitment in using sport to make a positive difference to the lives of children.

*[S7M-00039](#) **Clare Adamson: Mooring Hotel Named As Finalist in Prestige Hotel Awards Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the Best Western Moorings Hotel in Motherwell has been named as a finalist in the Prestige Hotel Awards Scotland; recognises that the hotel has been shortlisted in the Best Historic or Heritage Hotel and Best Value Accommodation

categories, reflecting its contribution to local tourism and hospitality; notes that the Prestige Hotel Awards highlight excellence in Scottish hospitality based on public nominations and voting across a wide range of service categories, and commends the Best Western Moorings Hotel, its staff and management team for their commitment to quality service, guest experience and supporting the local economy in North Lanarkshire.

***[S7M-00038](#) Collette Stevenson: Congratulating Christine Kincaid on her Retirement from Royal Mail**—That the Parliament congratulates Christine Kincaid from East Kilbride on her retirement from Royal Mail after 38 years of dedicated service to the local community; notes that Christine began her career at the Strathaven office in 1987 before continuing her service at the East Kilbride office from 1989, providing a reliable and constant presence to the community during this period; acknowledges Christine's hard work, dedication and the positive impact she has had on the local community, and wishes her all the very best for her retirement.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Bob Doris*, Steven Bonnar*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*

***[S7M-00037](#) Clare Adamson: North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre Receives Funding from Royal Society's Places of Science Scheme**—That the Parliament welcomes the award of funding from the Royal Society's Places of Science scheme to the North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre in Motherwell, which is one of 27 small museums across the UK to receive support from the Royal Society; congratulates the Heritage Centre team on their successful project marking 30 years since the demolition of Ravenscraig Steelworks, exploring the site's industrial, environmental and scientific legacy; notes that the project will engage local primary school pupils through museum and archive-based learning, helping them to understand how steel was produced and its impact on the local environment; further notes that pupils will take part in activities on the former steelworks site, recording and measuring biodiversity and observing how nature is regenerating the area, and recognises the importance of this initiative in connecting local heritage with STEM education, supporting community engagement and inspiring curiosity about science in everyday life. **R**

***[S7M-00036](#) Clare Adamson: Scottish Opera Pop-Up Performances in Schools and the Importance of Arts Education in Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Scottish Opera in delivering its Pop-up Opera programme, bringing live and accessible performances into schools and communities across Scotland, including in Motherwell and Wishaw; recognises the value of these short-form productions in introducing children and young people to opera and live performance in an engaging and inclusive way; notes that initiatives such as these help to support the Curriculum for Excellence by enhancing creativity, confidence, communication skills and cultural awareness among pupils; understands that access to theatre and live music in schools can help reduce barriers to participation in the arts and inspire future involvement in Scotland's cultural sector; believes that sustained investment in arts education is essential to ensuring equal opportunities for young people regardless of background, and commends Scottish Opera, teaching staff and local authorities for their continued commitment to making high-quality cultural experiences available to pupils across Scotland. **R**

***[S7M-00035](#) Clare Adamson: Clyde Valley Anglers Fundraising for Children's Charities in Lanarkshire**—That the Parliament congratulates the Clyde Valley members of United Clyde Angling Protection Association on their successful fundraising efforts, raising a bumper donation of £5000 for the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation and Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) through a community event; recognises the valuable work of the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation in granting wishes and creating positive experiences for seriously ill children, and the work of CHAS in providing hospice care and support for babies, children and young people with life-shortening conditions across Scotland; understands that the funds raised will help both charities continue delivering emotional, practical and specialist support to children and families in need; notes the importance of voluntary sporting and community groups in strengthening local ties and supporting charitable causes, and commends all those involved for their generosity, teamwork and commitment to improving lives in Lanarkshire and across Scotland.

***[S7M-00034](#) Clare Adamson: Celebrating Wishaw Pupils' Stage Performance, Local Talent and School Arts**—That the Parliament commends the pupils of Calderbridge Primary School in Coltness on their recent stage performance, which showcased their creativity, confidence and dedication to the performing arts; recognises the importance of arts education in schools in supporting young people's personal development, communication skills and wellbeing; notes that opportunities for pupils to take part in live performance can help build confidence, teamwork and aspiration; believes that school-led arts initiatives play a valuable role in strengthening community engagement and cultural participation across North Lanarkshire, and celebrates the efforts of teaching staff, families and partners who support young people in accessing and thriving within creative education opportunities. **R**

***[S7M-00033](#) Clare Adamson: New College Lanarkshire DFN Project SEARCH Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the students from New College Lanarkshire's DFN Project SEARCH programme for their outstanding achievements and positive destinations at University Hospital Wishaw; recognises the success of the partnership between New College Lanarkshire, NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Council and DFN Project SEARCH in supporting young people with additional support needs into meaningful employment; understands that the programme provides supported internships, work-based learning and employability training designed to build confidence, independence and skills for the workplace; notes that the initiative has contributed to strong employment outcomes for graduates, with many progressing into paid employment following completion, and commends the students as well as the staff and employers involved for their commitment to inclusion, skills development and improving life chances for young people in Lanarkshire and across Scotland.

Supported by: Calum Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Steven Bonnar*, Jackie Dunbar*, Jamie Hepburn*

***[S7M-00032](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Hays Travel Fundraiser for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the Motherwell branch of Hays Travel on raising £1,800 for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland through a successful ladies' afternoon tea event held at the Moorings Hotel; recognises the efforts of Nicole Carroll, Fiona Harris, Jennifer Wilson and Jim Woods in organising and supporting the fundraiser; understands that the charity supports more than 3,500 children, young people and adults across Scotland who live with spina bifida and hydrocephalus through essential services, including family support, health advice and advocacy; notes that the fundraiser formed part of Hays Travel's Local Community Partnership initiative, which has raised more than £177,000 for charities nationwide since 2023, and commends everyone involved for their commitment to supporting local communities and raising awareness of important health charities across Scotland.

***[S7M-00031](#) Clare Adamson: The Last Foundations**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the new arts and heritage project, The Last Foundations, which marks 30 years since the demolition of Ravenscraig's iconic cooling towers and gas holders; notes the significant role that Ravenscraig played in Scotland's industrial history as one of Western Europe's largest steelworks, employing more than 13,000 people at its peak; welcomes the project's work with former steelworkers, residents and community groups to preserve personal stories and local heritage through photography, film and oral history; believes that arts and culture projects play an important role in reflecting community identity, supporting intergenerational understanding and preserving Scotland's industrial legacy, and commends all those involved in delivering the project across Motherwell, Wishaw and the wider Lanarkshire area.

***[S7M-00030](#) Clare Adamson: HPV Self-Sampling and Cervical Cancer Prevention in Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's rollout of high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) self-sampling kits as part of its commitment to eliminate cervical cancer in Scotland by 2040; notes reported concerns that cervical screening participation remains below the national target, with current uptake at around 63%; recognises that early detection through screening significantly improves treatment outcomes and saves lives; believes that HPV self-sampling can help remove barriers to participation by providing greater accessibility, privacy and convenience for those unable or reluctant to attend appointments, and commends healthcare professionals, charities and community

organisations working to improve women's health outcomes and reduce preventable cancers across Scotland.

***[S7M-00024](#) Duncan Massey: Ban on New Drilling in the UK Sector of the North Sea**—That the Parliament condemns proposals by the UK Government to formalise the ban on new drilling in the UK sector of the North Sea, as set out in the UK Government's forthcoming legislative programme; believes that under all possible scenarios, the UK will need oil and gas for decades, and further believes that it would be more sensible to maximise the use of the UK's own oil and gas resources rather than import them from neighbouring Norway or countries further afield.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Douglas Lumsden*, Graham Simpson*, Max Bannerman*, Mark Simpson*, Thomas Kerr*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*

***[S7M-00023](#) Rachael Hamilton: Jamie Tweedie Memorial Walk in Support of Brain Tumour Research**—That the Parliament commends all those who took part in the 100km walk along St Cuthbert's Way from 15 to 19 April 2026 in memory of Jamie Tweedie and in support of brain tumour research; recognises that participants walked from Melrose to Holy Island to raise awareness and funding for the Scottish Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence following Jamie's death from a Grade 3 Anaplastic Astrocytoma in May 2025; pays tribute to Jamie as a much loved husband, father, son, brother and friend, as well as a farmer and veteran of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was known for his kindness and generosity, and applauds everyone involved for what it sees as a moving and fitting tribute to his life and legacy.

Supported by: Meghan Gallacher*, Jamie Langan*, Calum Kerr*, Russell Findlay*, Marie McNair*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-00022](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Replacement for the Gilbert Bain Hospital**—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to commit to a full, new-build replacement of the Gilbert Bain Hospital in Shetland; notes that the existing hospital was opened in 1961 and has faced severe weathering and degradation in the decades since; believes that this risks leaving health services in Shetland in an unacceptable situation unless action is taken; commends NHS Shetland staff for their dedication and commitment to high quality services despite the challenges facing them; believes that island communities such as Shetland deserve world-class healthcare as much as any part of Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government ministers to engage urgently with NHS Shetland and deliver a new-build hospital for Shetland.

Supported by: Duncan Dunlop*, Liam McArthur*, Kristopher Leask*

***[S7M-00021](#) David Linden: 50 Years of St Joseph's RC Church in Tollcross**—That the Parliament recognises the 50th anniversary of St Joseph's RC Church in Tollcross, Glasgow; notes that in half a century of service, the church has been a beacon of faith and warm community spirit for local residents; thanks clergy and parishioners, both past and present, for their steadfast commitment to the faith, and commends the church for bearing witness to the gospel.

***[S7M-00017](#) Paul Sweeney: Celebrating Glasgow Trade Union Council's May Day March 2026**—That the Parliament recognises that the Glasgow Trade Union Council (GTUC) held its annual May Day March on 3 May 2026 in honour of International Workers' Day; notes the rich history of the labour movement and May Day celebrations in Glasgow; understands that a diverse coalition of trade unionists, community organisations, and their families marched through Glasgow from the Barrowland Park to the Glasgow University Union; acknowledges that the theme of the 2026 march was "The Fight of Our Lives", reflecting the pressing challenges faced by Glasgow's trade unionists, including the cost of living, the defence of public services, and the push for fair work and secure employment; celebrates Scotland's active and proud trade union movement, and wishes the GTUC, its affiliated unions, and all working-class people in Glasgow the very best for the year ahead.

Supported by: Carol Mochan*, Marie McNair*, Gillian Mackay*, Bob Doris*

***[S7M-00016](#) Paul McLennan: Haddington Community Fire Station Open Day Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Haddington Community Fire Station on the success of its May 2026 open

day, which welcomed hundreds of members of the public and raised more than £1,000 in support of firefighters affected by terminal illness; notes that the event provided a valuable opportunity for the community to engage with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and gain a better understanding of the vital work undertaken by firefighters; recognises the dramatic rescue demonstrations that were carried out on the day, including simulated rescues from height, smoke-filled environments and road traffic collisions, showcasing the exceptional skill, professionalism and teamwork of crews; commends all personnel and volunteers involved for their dedication, both in keeping communities safe and in supporting colleagues in times of need, and thanks all those who attended, contributed and supported the event for helping to strengthen community spirit in Haddington and across East Lothian.

***[S7M-00015](#) Paul McLennan: Commending Spring Fair Fundraiser for Our Community Kitchen**

—That the Parliament commends the organisers, volunteers and supporters of the spring fair fundraiser that was held at Haddington Bowling Club in aid of Our Community Kitchen in April 2026; notes that the event brought together local businesses and community members, offering a range of goods, refreshments and activities, including craft stalls, baking and a raffle; recognises that the fundraiser supports the important work of Our Community Kitchen in tackling social isolation and loneliness by bringing people together to enjoy home-cooked meals in a welcoming environment; applauds the continued commitment of volunteers and local residents in sustaining this vital community initiative, and thanks all those who participated and contributed to the success of the event, helping to strengthen community connections across Haddington and the wider East Lothian area.

***[S7M-00014](#) Paul McLennan: Commending North Berwick Coffee Morning Fundraising Success**

—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers and volunteers behind the annual Marie Curie coffee morning in North Berwick on what it sees as a magnificent success; notes that the event brought together members of the local community in a spirit of generosity and support while raising significant funds, which are reported to be £1,727, for Marie Curie's vital work supporting people with terminal illnesses and their families; recognises the continued importance of such community-led fundraising efforts in sustaining essential charitable services; applauds all those who contributed through baking, volunteering, donating and attending, and thanks the people of North Berwick for their ongoing commitment to supporting charitable causes and strengthening community spirit across East Lothian.

***[S7M-00012](#) Jamie Hepburn: St Margaret of Scotland Primary School Sings the Balamory**

Theme Tune—That the Parliament congratulates St Margaret of Scotland Primary School in Cumbernauld on having 10 of its pupils form the choir that recorded the theme tune for the relaunched CBBC show, *Balamory*, which began its latest broadcasting on 20 April 2026; recognises that this success came about as a consequence of the school collaborating with Voice Project Scotland, with whom it has worked with since 2018 and who recommended the pupils to audition; notes that shortly before Christmas 2025, the pupils took part in a recording session at a studio in Glasgow, which had to remain top secret until the show began broadcasting publicly, and welcomes that the voices of the 10 youngsters who formed the choir will be heard every time any person tunes in to watch *Balamory*.

Supported by: Miles Briggs, Clare Haughey, Calum Kerr, Fulton MacGregor, Colin Beattie, Steven Bonnar*, Iris Duane*, Bob Doris*, Jackie Dunbar*

***[S7M-00011](#) Steven Bonnar: Congratulating Bellshill Athletic Junior Football Club**

—That the Parliament congratulates Bellshill Athletic Football Club on winning the West of Scotland League Division Two title on 2 May 2026 following what it sees as a resounding home victory over Forth Wanderers; notes that this marks the club's first league title since the 2003-04 season and secures promotion to the seventh tier of Scottish football; further notes the club's outstanding season to date, winning 24 of 29 league matches with only two draws and three defeats; commends manager Kieran McGuinness, his coaching staff and players on their achievement; recognises the continued growth of the club both on and off the park, including the development of an academy comprising 24 teams and a growing matchday support, numbering several hundred people; acknowledges the efforts of the club committee, led by David Brown, alongside volunteers and supporters, in establishing the club as a

cornerstone of the Bellshill community, and wishes everyone connected with Bellshill Athletic continued success for the future.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn, Fulton MacGregor, Colin Beattie, Graham Simpson, Emma Roddick, Clare Haughey*, Jack Middleton*, Miles Briggs*, Gillian Mackay*, Jamie Langan*, Bob Doris*, Marie McNair*, Jackie Dunbar*

*[S7M-00010](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Congratulations to Cumbernauld United on Winning Promotion—** That the Parliament congratulates Cumbernauld United Football Club on securing promotion from the West of Scotland Football League First Division with a 3-0 victory over Neilston on 13 May 2026, and wishes the club well in its quest for success in the Premier Division in season 2026-27.

Supported by: Jack Middleton, Miles Briggs, Fulton MacGregor, Colin Beattie, Graham Simpson, Bob Doris*, Marie McNair*, Jackie Dunbar*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-00008](#) **Emma Roddick: Capacity of Raigmore Hospital and Highland Healthcare** (lodged on 14 May 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*

[S7M-00005](#) **Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen Awarded Funding from British Heart Foundation** (lodged on 14 May 2026)

New Support: Jamie Hepburn*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S7M-00004](#) **Keith Brown: Congratulations to Clackmannanshire Women's Aid on its 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 14 May 2026)

New Support: Jamie Hepburn*, Laura Moodie*

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

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Douglas Lumsden*

[S7M-00002](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Congratulations to NHS Borders Staff Recognised at RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards** (lodged on 14 May 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-00001](#) **Rachael Hamilton: National Fishing Remembrance Day 2026** (lodged on 14 May 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Russell Findlay*

Questions

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 15 May 2026

[S7W-00046](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will (a) make and (b) announce its decision regarding the proposed (i) Kintore to Tealing and (ii) Beaully to Peterhead electricity transmission infrastructure projects.

[S7W-00047](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is provided to reporters and inspectors regarding the consideration and weighting of representations submitted by (a) local residents, (b) community councils and (c) local authorities in relation to major electricity transmission infrastructure projects.

[S7W-00048](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether ministers or its officials have met representatives of SSEN Transmission regarding the timetable for a decision on the proposed Kintore to Tealing electricity transmission infrastructure project and, if so, on what dates.

[S7W-00049](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many officials in the Energy Consents Unit are currently assigned to determining major electricity transmission infrastructure applications.

[S7W-00050](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding consultations on major electricity transmission infrastructure projects, (a) what assessment it has made of the accessibility of the Energy Consents Unit's consultation process for (i) people in rural communities, (ii) older people and (iii) people with limited digital connectivity, (b) what consideration it has given to permitting representations to be submitted by email, (c) for what reason the Energy Consents Unit no longer accepts representations by email, and (d) whether it plans to review the current consultation arrangements.

[S7W-00051](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding representations submitted on major electricity transmission infrastructure projects, (a) what steps are taken to ensure that all representations are fully considered during the determination process, (b) whether it records the number of representations received by submission method, including online portal and by post, and, if so, what the breakdown has been in each of the last three years, and (c) how many representations have been (i) rejected and (ii) ruled invalid due to issues relating to the submission process in each of the last three years.

[S7W-00052](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding local authority participation in public inquiries relating to major electricity transmission infrastructure projects, (a) what financial, legal or technical support is available to local authorities participating in such inquiries, (b) whether it has assessed if local authorities have sufficient resources to participate effectively in such inquiries, (c) what discussions ministers have had with local authorities regarding the cost implications of participation in these, and (d) whether it has considered establishing dedicated funding support for local authorities involved in such inquiries and, if so, what the outcome has been of this.

[S7W-00053](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the impact of the Energy Consents Unit's consultation process on public confidence in decision making relating to major electricity transmission infrastructure projects and, if so, what the findings of that assessment were.

[S7W-00054](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will support and promote Gaelic, and whether this will include protecting staffing and resources across its departments and designating a minister responsible for the language.

[S7W-00055](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the roll-out of 20mph speed limits on roads managed by Transport Scotland

[S7W-00056](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the roll-out of 20mph speed limits on all appropriate roads by local authorities.

[S7W-00057](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to community speed watch initiatives.

[S7W-00058](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the suitability of current ecological focus area activities for farming in Orkney.

[S7W-00059](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the economic impact on the beef and dairy sector of potential future greening requirements on permanent grassland.

[S7W-00060](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with island agricultural sectors regarding the land requirement increase from 5% to 7% for greening measures.

[S7W-00061](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it plans to undertake ahead of any decision on the introduction of greening measures for permanent grassland.

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Armed Forces Bill 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)

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