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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Neil Gardner, Minister, Canongate Kirk

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse: Taking Action to Support Those Affected by Council Tax Debt

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market

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10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Angela Ross: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to address antisocial behaviour and retail theft in town centres and high streets across Edinburgh and Lothian East. (S7O-00415)

2. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the Scottish Urban-Rural Classification, including its application in the delivery of public services. (S7O-00416)

3. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, in coordination with the UK Government, to ensure that households and essential public services in Scotland are prepared for any prolonged disruption to electricity, water and telecommunications services, including the measures used to assess the effectiveness of that action. (S7O-00417)

4. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to simplify access to the Blue Badge scheme for older people who are in receipt of Pension Age Disability Payment who have significant mobility difficulties. (S7O-00418) **R**

5. Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to raise awareness of, and improve access to screening for young sudden cardiac death. (S7O-00419)

6. Max Bannerman: To ask the Scottish Government what the policy and practice of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service is regarding the provision of documentation relating to the death of a relative to members of the deceased's family where the death occurred in suspicious circumstances. (S7O-00420)

7. David Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent incidents of rioting and civil unrest across Europe, what action is being taken to prevent the same happening in Scotland. (S7O-00421)

8. Katie Hagmann: To ask the Scottish Government whether, as part of its plans for franchising and regulation, it will review existing bus service provision to identify communities that are poorly served or lack adequate public transport connections. (S7O-00422)

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse: Taking Action to Support Those Affected by Council Tax Debt

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market

S7M-01838 Tom Arthur: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—That the Parliament believes that every young person should have the opportunity to realise their potential and participate fully in the labour market; recognises that providing young people with the best start to their working lives is critical to Scotland's future economic prosperity; welcomes the fact that 95.7% of young people are going into positive destinations such as work, training, college or university three months after leaving school; welcomes the commitment to deliver at least 150,000 apprenticeships during the current parliamentary session; recognises the importance of ensuring that people receive the right support at the right time to progress towards and within work; welcomes the commitment to

review employability services in order to maximise effectiveness of support; acknowledges that some young people face additional barriers to making successful transitions from secondary education and that targeted, person-centred support is essential to helping them overcome these challenges, and supports continued action to ensure that every young person, regardless of background or circumstance, is supported to achieve a positive and sustained destination in education, training or employment.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01838.5 Daniel Johnson: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market— As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), insert at end "; is concerned by figures indicating that as many as one in six young people in Scotland are not in education, work or training; believes that there is a need to simplify vocational qualifications, to create lifelong learning pathways and to support the development of flexible courses that can be tailored to individuals and businesses, and calls on the Scottish Government to draw up proposals to devolve funding for lifelong learning and skills to regional leaders to bring together colleges, employers and training providers, to ensure that people are equipped with the skills industry needs and that local communities share in the benefits of investment."

S7M-01838.4 Angela Ross: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—As amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), delete after first "welcomes" to end and insert "; is concerned that thousands of young Scots remain detached from employment, education or training, despite years of Scottish Government promises; expresses concern that the Scottish Government has been unable to produce comparative not in education, employment or training (NEET) figures for all 16- to 24-year-olds in Scotland, instead relying on more favourable data from a narrower age range; notes that the Annual Population Survey indicates that one in six 16- to 24-year-olds in Scotland has NEET status; believes that a generation is being failed by a system that too often leaves young people without purpose, direction or hope for the future; recognises that work must be the surest route to financial independence and prosperity for young people, and believes that people should keep more of the money they earn and that every young person should have a clear pathway from education to productive employment, financial independence and economic security."

S7M-01838.2 Iris Duane: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market) insert at end "; agrees that the UK Government must act immediately to end age-based minimum wage discriminatory bands to ensure that young workers are paid a fair wage, and notes the need to establish a minimum standard for apprenticeships to ensure effective quality control and fair treatment for apprentices."

S7M-01838.3 Rachael Hamilton: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market— As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that, despite high rates of positive destinations, the proportion of school leavers entering employment has fallen; believes that the best way to support young people into work is to create a strong economy in which businesses can afford to hire and invest; regrets the decline in Modern Apprenticeship starts and the reduction in college-based skills training in Scotland despite continued employer demand for skills; questions the ambition of a target for 150,000 apprenticeships over the current parliamentary session, given that this is close to what the existing annual provision would already deliver; calls on the Scottish Government to reduce the cost of doing business, to expand apprenticeship opportunities and to rebuild vocational education, and believes that employability support should focus on helping

those who face genuine barriers into work rather than imposing further costs and interventions on employers."

S7M-01838.1 Liam McArthur: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), insert at end "; notes with concern that the number of 16 to 24-year-olds who are economically inactive because of health reasons reached 26,300 in 2024-25, more than double the figure recorded a decade earlier; further notes that the number of modern apprenticeship starts fell to 24,849 in 2025-26 and remains below pre-pandemic levels despite a shortage of skilled workers constraining Scotland's economy; recognises the need for improved data to better understand the barriers preventing many young people from participating in the labour market, and further recognises the importance of improving mental health services and neurodevelopmental assessment and support in order to enable young people to achieve their potential."

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sporting Events Bill - UK Legislation

S7M-01837 Stephen Flynn: Sporting Events Bill - UK Legislation —That the Parliament, noting that the Sporting Events Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 14 May 2026, makes provision that falls within the legislative competence of the Parliament and alters the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clauses 1 to 13, clauses 18 to 31, and Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 6.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance

S7M-00981 Bob Doris: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance—That the Parliament looks forward to this year's Hospice Care Week campaign by Hospice UK, taking place from 5 to 11 October 2026, with this year's theme being Don't Leave Hospice Care To Chance; values the important and compassionate work that is carried out by hospices across Scotland, with the majority of hospice care being delivered in the community; recognises the demographic challenges that are anticipated in the coming years, with research estimating that 10,000 additional people will be in need of palliative care in Scotland by 2048; notes the belief that there will need to be strong partnership and strategic planning in order to respond to such demographic challenge; welcomes the cross-party consensus in the last session of Parliament on the need to further support the palliative and end of life sector, and notes the belief that a constructive cross-party and cross-sector approach will be vital in this current session of the Scottish Parliament to build on that consensus and more importantly to best deliver for individuals approaching end of life, as well as their families.

Committee Meetings

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

Education and Gaelic Committee
7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 1

1. **Support for pupils with persistent absence – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from —

   Barry Syme, Glasgow Educational Psychology Service, representing the Association of Scottish Principal Educational Psychologists (ASPEP);
   Stuart Mathers, Head of Evidence Mobilisation, Education Endowment Foundation;
   Helen Waggott, President, Scottish Guidance Association;
   Dr Silvia Behrens, Research Associate (Urban Studies and Social Policy), University of Glasgow.

2. **Pre-Budget scrutiny 2027-28 – report (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. **Commercial Payments Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-5 and supplementary legislative consent memorandums LCM-S7-5a and LCM-S7-5b.

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

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 6

1. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – letter (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter on its culture scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

2. **Quarterly Devolution Oversight Monitoring Report (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to devolution oversight and its first quarterly devolution oversight monitoring report.

3. **Senedd Committee inquiry response (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft response to the Senedd Constitution, Justice and External Affairs Committee inquiry into its inter-institutional relations agreement.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 4

1. **Draft instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider—

   The draft Bankruptcy and Attachment (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026

   The draft Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026

   The draft Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026

   The draft Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026

   The draft Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026

2. **Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—

   The Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276)

   The Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277)

   The Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/285)

   The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/288)

3. **Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider—

   The Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/283 (C. 32))

   The Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/286 (C. 33))

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 October 2026

Wednesday 4 November 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Reform UK Debate: Economic Growth and Prosperity

followed by Reform UK Debate: Face Coverings in Public Places

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: The Lobular Moon Shot Project, Raising Awareness of Lobular Breast Cancer and the Lack of Research

Thursday 5 November 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Bus Network

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: World Diabetes Day 2026

Tuesday 10 November 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 11 November 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 November 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill

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

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees

Criminal Justice Committee
4 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 6

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.

2. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
   Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Gabrielle Cahen, Team Leader Fiscal Sustainability Strategy, Cat Dalrymple, Director of Justice, and Don McGillivray, Director for Safer Communities, Scottish Government.

3. **Instruments relating to Police conduct regulations – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the

   Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026;

   Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 from—

   Chris Brown, Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority;
   Rob Hay, Chief Superintendent, President, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents;
   David Kennedy, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;
   Craig Naylor, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland.

4. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under items 2 and 3.

5. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Rural Affairs Committee

4 November 2026
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private, and whether its consideration of a draft report on the Rural Support Plan should be taken in private at item 7 and future meetings.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its next meeting considering committee objectives and its work programme should be taken in private.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/284).

4. **Outdoor access in Scotland – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Dr Katrina Brown, Senior Researcher, James Hutton Institute;
   Malcolm Combe, Reader in Law, University of Strathclyde;
   Professor Peter Higgins, Environmental and Sustainability Education, University of Edinburgh; NatureScot Board Member.

5. **Outdoor access in Scotland – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 4.

6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.

7. **Rural Support Plan – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
4 November 2026
7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 5

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.

2. **Local government stakeholder roundtables – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from —
   Mo Baines, Chief Executive Officer, Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE);
   Jennifer Henderson, Member, Accounts Commission;
   Pippa Milne, Chair of SOLACE Scotland, and Argyll and Bute Chief Executive, SOLACE Scotland;
   John Mooney, Regional Organiser, UNISON;
   Heather Yedigaroff, Chief Operating Officer, Local Government Information Unit (LGIU).
   and then from—
   Elizabeth Docherty, Director, Scottish Community Alliance;
   Justin Kenrick, Chair, Action Porty;

Councillor David Ross, Leader of Fife Council, Fife Council;
Pauline Smith, Chief Executive, Development Trusts Association Scotland.

3. **Local government stakeholder roundtable – consideration (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

4. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

5. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – letter:** The Committee will consider a revised draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing regarding its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on SJHLG.Committee@parliament.scot

Transport Committee
4 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 3

1. **Declaration of interests:** Amanda Lindsay MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny– evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
   David Giles, Chair, Asphalt Industry Alliance;
   Scott Grant, Vice Chair, Scotland, Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation Scotland;
   Russell Jackson, Chair, Railway Engineering Institution;
   David Macdonald, Regional Director, CECA Scotland;
   Lee Pounder, Chair, Rail Industry Association Scotland.
   and then from—
   Joanne Maguire, Managing Director, Scotrail;
   Liam Sumpter, Managing Director, Network Rail Scotland.

3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny - review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Health, Care and Sport Committee
4 November 2026
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.

2. **Preparing for future challenges in the health, care and sport sectors - pre-budget scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, Christine McLaughlin, Director General for Health and Social Care, Richard Foggo, Director of Population Health, and Fiona Bennett, Chief Finance Officer, Health and Social Care Finance, Scottish Government.

3. **Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the Sale of Tobacco (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/278).

4. **Review of Evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under Item 2.

5. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – approach (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received during pre-budget scrutiny and its recommendations to the Scottish Government.

6. **Health Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-6 Health Bill.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Climate Action Committee
5 November 2026
8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 1

1. **The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Craig Melson, Associate Director, techUK;
   Andrew Weir, CEO, ScotlandIS.
   and then from—
   Alejandro Gallego Schmid, Reader in Circular Economy and Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment, The University of Manchester;
   Wim Vanderbauwhede, Professor in Low Carbon and Sustainable Computing, University of Glasgow;
   Thomas Morstyn, Associate Professor in Power Systems, University of Oxford.

2. **The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on
climateaction.committee@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
5 November 2026
7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 3

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from four Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—

   Finlay Carson, Proposed Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Forestry and Wood Panelling Industries, Willie Rennie, Proposed Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Pakistan, Joe Long, Proposed Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Social Care,, and Murdo Fraser, Proposed Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Tourism and Hospitality, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on Forestry and Wood Panelling Industries, Pakistan, Social Care, and Tourism and Hospitality.

4. **Scottish Information Commissioner evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from —

   David Hamilton, Commissioner, Euan McCulloch, Head of Enforcement, and Claire Stephen, Head of Policy and Information, Scottish Information Commissioner.

5. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 4.

6. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee via email at sppa.committee@parliament.scot.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee
5 November 2026
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Scottish Human Rights Commission "Tick Tock" report on ending institutionalisation for people with a learning disability and/or autism – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Alison Thewliss, Minister for Community Care, Della Robb, Learning Disability Team Leader, and Amy Stuart, Head of Mental Health and Incapacity Law, Scottish Government.

3. **Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/267).

4. **Scottish Human Rights Commission "Tick Tock" report on ending institutionalisation for people with a learning disability and/or autism – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on EHRCJ.committee@parliament.scot

Public Audit Committee
5 November 2026
9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 6

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
   Andy Kerr, Director General Net Zero, Jackie McAllister, Chief Financial Officer, and Iain Wallace, Director of Marine, Scottish Government;
   Ronan O'Hara, Chief Executive, Alistair Milloy, Director of Finance and Business Services, and Gillian Morrison, Head of Offshore Wind Development Energy & Infrastructure, Crown Estate Scotland.

3. **Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will take further evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland and Martin McLauchlan, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on PublicAudit.Committee@parliament.scot

Public Service Reform Committee
5 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.

2. **Delivering public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   George Thorley and Keith Yates, The Mercat Group.

3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform? (In Private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft letter to the Scottish Government.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at PSR.Committee@parliament.scot

Public Petitions Committee
5 November 2026
5th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 5

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

   PE2246: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers;

   PE2235: Mandate automated external defibrillator (AED) registration on The Circuit defibrillator network and compulsory maintenance checks in Scotland;

   PE2240: Improve Gynaecology, Fertility, Early Pregnancy and Maternity Care in Scotland;

   PE2241: Introduce Legal Services Payment Orders to improve access to justice in Scottish family law;

   PE2242: Repeal the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003;

   PE2243: Refund legal expenses for those acquitted of a crime;

   PE2244: Introduce Women's Health Hubs in GP practices across Scotland to improve perimenopause and menopause care; and

   PE2247: Mandate Police Scotland to collect data on nationality, religion, ethnicity, asylum status and instances of gang based abuse.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on petitions.committee@parliament.scot

Motions

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Motions for debate

*S7M-01851 **Angela Ross: Economic Growth and Prosperity—**That the Parliament notes Scotland's weak economic growth, stagnant living standards and persistent fiscal deficit; believes that successive Scottish Government decisions to increase public spending and impose higher tax burdens have failed to deliver sufficient economic growth, productivity improvements or rising prosperity; recognises the need to support more young people into work, to improve business productivity, to help Scottish firms grow and scale up, and to strengthen food and energy security, and calls on the Scottish Government to present to Parliament detailed proposals to create more wealth, capture more value from Scotland's economy and retain more of that wealth for the benefit of the people and businesses of Scotland.

*S7M-01844 **Helen McDade: Face Coverings in Public Places—**That the Parliament notes the ongoing debate across Scotland regarding the wearing of full-face coverings, including the burqa and niqab, in public places; recognises that legislation in Scotland already provides police with powers to require the removal of face coverings in specified circumstances where there are reasonable grounds to believe that they are being used to conceal identity in connection with criminality or disorder; notes the Scottish Government's current position that existing police powers are sufficient; further notes that a number of European countries have introduced restrictions on face coverings in public places, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to set out its assessment of the potential benefits of introducing further restrictions on full-face coverings in public places, including consideration of public safety, individual liberty and community cohesion.

*S7M-01838 **Tom Arthur: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—**That the Parliament believes that every young person should have the opportunity to realise their potential and participate fully in the labour market; recognises that providing young people with the best start to their working lives is critical to Scotland's future economic prosperity; welcomes the fact that 95.7% of young people are going into positive destinations such as work, training, college or university three months after leaving school; welcomes the commitment to deliver at least 150,000 apprenticeships during the current parliamentary session; recognises the importance of ensuring that people receive the right support at the right time to progress towards and within work; welcomes the commitment to review employability services in order to maximise effectiveness of support; acknowledges that some young people face additional barriers to making successful transitions from secondary education and that targeted, person-centred support is essential to helping them overcome these challenges, and supports continued action to ensure that every young person, regardless of background or

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Supported by: Siobhian Brown*, Màiri McAllan*, Stephen Flynn*, Alyn Smith*

*S7M-01838.5 **Daniel Johnson: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—** As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), insert at end "; is concerned by figures indicating that as many as one in six young people in Scotland are not in education, work or training; believes that there is a need to simplify vocational qualifications, to create lifelong learning pathways and to support the development of flexible courses that can be tailored to individuals and businesses, and calls on the Scottish Government to draw up proposals to devolve funding for lifelong learning and skills to regional leaders to bring together colleges, employers and training providers, to ensure that people are equipped with the skills industry needs and that local communities share in the benefits of investment."

*S7M-01838.4 **Angela Ross: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—**As amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), delete after first "welcomes" to end and insert "; is concerned that thousands of young Scots remain detached from employment, education or training, despite years of Scottish Government promises; expresses concern that the Scottish Government has been unable to produce comparative not in education, employment or training (NEET) figures for all 16- to 24-year-olds in Scotland, instead relying on more favourable data from a narrower age range; notes that the Annual Population Survey indicates that one in six 16- to 24-year-olds in Scotland has NEET status; believes that a generation is being failed by a system that too often leaves young people without purpose, direction or hope for the future; recognises that work must be the surest route to financial independence and prosperity for young people, and believes that people should keep more of the money they earn and that every young person should have a clear pathway from education to productive employment, financial independence and economic security."

*S7M-01838.3 **Rachael Hamilton: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market —**As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that, despite high rates of positive destinations, the proportion of school leavers entering employment has fallen; believes that the best way to support young people into work is to create a strong economy in which businesses can afford to hire and invest; regrets the decline in Modern Apprenticeship starts and the reduction in college-based skills training in Scotland despite continued employer demand for skills; questions the ambition of a target for 150,000 apprenticeships over the current parliamentary session, given that this is close to what the existing annual provision would already deliver; calls on the Scottish Government to reduce the cost of doing business, to expand apprenticeship opportunities and to rebuild vocational education, and believes that employability support should focus on helping those who face genuine barriers into work rather than imposing further costs and interventions on employers."

*S7M-01838.2 **Iris Duane: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market) insert at end "; agrees that the UK Government must act immediately to end age-based minimum wage discriminatory bands to ensure that young workers are paid a fair wage, and notes the need to establish a minimum standard for apprenticeships to ensure effective quality control and fair treatment for apprentices."

*S7M-01838.1 **Liam McArthur: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market—** As an amendment to motion S7M-01838 in the name of Tom Arthur (Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market), insert at end "; notes with concern that the number of 16 to 24-year-olds who are economically inactive because of health reasons reached 26,300 in 2024-25, more than double the figure recorded a decade earlier; further notes that the number of modern apprenticeship

starts fell to 24,849 in 2025-26 and remains below pre-pandemic levels despite a shortage of skilled workers constraining Scotland's economy; recognises the need for improved data to better understand the barriers preventing many young people from participating in the labour market, and further recognises the importance of improving mental health services and neurodevelopmental assessment and support in order to enable young people to achieve their potential."

*S7M-01837 **Stephen Flynn: Sporting Events Bill - UK Legislation —**That the Parliament, noting that the Sporting Events Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 14 May 2026, makes provision that falls within the legislative competence of the Parliament and alters the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clauses 1 to 13, clauses 18 to 31, and Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 6.

Supported by: Tom Arthur*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-01850 **Liam McArthur: Orkney Netball Defends Bronze Medal at 2026 Island Invitational Netball Games—**That the Parliament congratulates all the players, coaches and volunteers involved in Netball Orkney on the team's bronze medal win at the 2026 Island Invitational Netball Games, which took place from 30 October to 1 November 2026; notes that this year's tournament was hosted by Jersey and brought together teams from Orkney, Shetland, Ynys Môn, Guernsey and "Guest Island" Netball France for a weekend of excellent competition; understands that the Orkney squad took bronze after putting in a fantastic performance during an exceptionally close final match against Ynys Môn, which ended 47 to 46; further understands that the result ensured that Netball Orkney successfully emulated the bronze medal it won at the inaugural Island Invitational Netball Games in 2023, which were hosted by the Isle of Man; celebrates the hard work and skill demonstrated by all the teams competing in this year's competition, including the teams from France and Jersey who took home gold and silver respectively; thanks all the local businesses and fundraisers who helped to make this trip possible for Netball Orkney; believes that this success is all the more fitting at the start of Scottish Women and Girls in Sport week, which runs from 2 to 8 November and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, and wishes all those involved in the competition the best of luck in their future netball careers.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*

*S7M-01849 **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen's TH2ISTLE Project Receives Major Funding Boost—** That the Parliament welcomes the news that Aberdeen-based hydrogen partnership, TH2ISTLE, is set to receive €9 million in funding; understands that the funding will be used for the development of Scotland's first mainland Small Hydrogen Valley, supporting the energy transition towards clean hydrogen in sectors where electrification has proven to be particularly challenging; further understands that the goals of the project will be achieved through the deployment of hydrogen production, distribution and refuelling infrastructure; congratulates the work being done by the team behind the TH2ISTLE project, made up of 28 universities, industry leaders and economic development agencies from across the globe; acknowledges the use of hydrogen within Scotland's energy mix as a low carbon alternative to traditional forms of energy production; thanks the European Union for the provision of the €9 million, without which, it understands, the project would not exist, and wishes the team well as it accomplishes its goals of promoting hydrogen across the North East of Scotland.

Supported by: Mark Simpson*, Alex Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*

*S7M-01848 **Helen McDade: Celebrating Open University Students' Achievements 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates the Open University (OU) in Scotland on holding degree-awarding ceremonies at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow, on 22 and 23 October 2026; understands that the OU in Scotland has over 200,000 alumni; recognises the hard work and sacrifices of the almost 1,000 students participating in the ceremonies; further recognises the support provided, and sacrifices made, by their families during their studies; notes that 32% of the participating students reported having a disability, 48% are the first in their family to study at higher education level and 64% were in receipt of the Part-Time Fee Grant; understands that the youngest graduate is aged 19 and the oldest is aged 88; commends the OU for its geographical reach, with students graduating from as far north as Shetland and as far south as Stranraer, and wishes all celebrating students every success for the future.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Patricia Gibson*, Kim Schmulian*, Mark Simpson*, Angela Ross*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-01847 **Paul Sweeney: Restoration of Overtoun Park Bandstand—**That the Parliament celebrates the official unveiling of the restored Category B-listed Overtoun Park bandstand in Rutherglen on 31 October 2026, following severe damage in a fire in June 2024, which Police Scotland treated as a deliberate act; acknowledges the rich heritage of the bandstand, which was originally erected in 1914, featured at the Glasgow Garden Festival in 1988 and has historically served as a cherished focal point for local memories and events, including Landemer Day; welcomes the £300,000 funding commitment by South Lanarkshire Council that ensured that the damaged structure was preserved and repaired; commends the expert craftsmanship of heritage restoration specialists Covanburn Contracts, working alongside David McGregor of McGregor Patterns and Laings Foundry, who meticulously recreated missing cast-iron elements and pattern moulds; notes that the design research drew upon archival photographs, Glasgow City Archives, East Dunbartonshire Archives and Historic Scotland's 2009 publication, *MacFarlane's Castings,* to match structural details against historical catalogues from Glasgow's renowned Saracen Foundry in Possilpark, the original manufacturer of the bandstand; welcomes the installation of a new octagonal base mosaic created in collaboration with pupils from Stonelaw High School, which incorporates Rutherglen's town motto, Ex fumo fama ("fame from smoke"), and marks the town's 900th anniversary as a Royal Burgh, a status originally granted by King David I in 1126; recognises what it sees as the vital advocacy of local charity Grow73 and the deep emotional connection of the local community to the historic structure, and congratulates all involved in preserving this cherished historic landmark for future generations to enjoy.

*S7M-01846 **Mark Griffin: Supporting the Delivery of New Council Homes in South Lanarkshire —**That the Parliament congratulates South Lanarkshire Council on the progress of its Home+ programme, which, it understands, is on track to deliver more than 1,000 additional homes across the area by March 2027; notes that this will help to increase the supply of affordable housing across South Lanarkshire; welcomes ongoing developments in communities, including Cambuslang, Jackton, Hamilton, Larkhall, Strathaven and East Kilbride, and the use of former brownfield land to help meet housing need; recognises the council's commitment to delivering high-quality, energy-efficient homes, including properties designed to meet the needs of older people and those with mobility requirements; acknowledges the contribution of housing officers, planners, construction workers and development partners involved in delivering these homes; notes what it sees as the importance of increasing housing supply across all tenures, including council housing, social rented housing, affordable home ownership and private housing; believes that increasing the supply of new homes is essential to address Scotland's housing emergency, reduce homelessness and ensure that everyone has access to a safe, secure and affordable home, and wishes all involved continued success as the programme moves towards its target of delivering more than 1,000 additional homes in the area.

*S7M-01845 **Clare Haughey: Tee's Treats Named Best Bakery in Scotland—**That the Parliament congratulates the now multi-award-winning Tee's Treats bakery in Rutherglen on being named Best Bakery at Scotland's Business Awards, which were recently held in Glasgow; understands that this

achievement comes after the independent coffee shop and bakery was crowned Best Bakery in the Glasgow Region earlier in 2026; considers that, after opening in Rutherglen less than two years ago, the business has gone from strength to strength, regularly attracting queues and selling out of its innovative and seasonal creations, including its Hallowe'en-themed Spider Web Smores Cookies, and wishes Taylor and the rest of the Tee's Treats team all the best for their continued success.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Monica Lennon*

*S7M-01843 **Pauline Stafford: Congratulating West Lothian College on Achieving Investors in People Platinum Accreditation —**That the Parliament congratulates West Lothian College on achieving the Investors in People Platinum accreditation; notes that Platinum is the highest level of recognition awarded by Investors in People and is attained by only a small proportion of organisations worldwide; recognises that this achievement reflects the professionalism, dedication and commitment of the college's staff and the strong culture that has been fostered over many years; commends the college's ethos of valuing people, prioritising wellbeing, supporting learning and development and encouraging collaboration and shared purpose in transforming lives through education, and wishes West Lothian College continued success in the years ahead.

*S7M-01842 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating University of Dundee's Parkinson's Researcher, Dr Esther Sammler —**That the Parliament congratulates Dr Esther Sammler, who is based at the University of Dundee's Faculty of Life Sciences, for being named as the 2026 recipient of the Tom Isaacs Award in recognition of her work to improve the lives of people living with Parkinson's; notes that the award acknowledges researchers whose work has a significant impact on people with Parkinson's and who actively engage with the patient community; recognises that Dr Sammler leads a translational research group at the University of Dundee and combines laboratory research with her work as a neurologist and clinical trials researcher; further recognises that she also leads trials of potential Parkinson's therapies at Ninewells Hospital, where patients can take part in studies, and notes that her work includes collaboration with advocacy groups and charities.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Monica Lennon*, Helen McDade*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01841 **Monica Lennon: Supporting Safe Working and Learning Conditions at City of Glasgow College—**That the Parliament notes the ongoing industrial dispute involving EIS-FELA members in the Welding and Fabrication Department at City of Glasgow College; understands that concerns have been raised regarding exposure to welding fumes and the adequacy of respiratory protective equipment available to staff and students; notes reports that the dispute has continued for more than seven months; recognises the importance of ensuring safe working and learning environments and reducing occupational health risks wherever possible; acknowledges the vital contribution that skilled welders make to Scotland's economy, manufacturing, infrastructure and just transition ambitions, at a time when employers continue to report skills shortages across a range of technical trades; welcomes the support shown by the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and the wider trade union movement in advocating for the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students; reaffirms the importance of fair work principles in Scotland's further education sector, and believes that urgent dialogue can secure a swift and lasting resolution to the dispute.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01840 **Laura Mitchell: 8to8 Dental Opens New NHS Dental Practice in Elgin—**That the Parliament congratulates 8to8 Dental on the opening of its new NHS dental practice in Victoria Crescent in Elgin; understands that the new five-surgery practice has already attracted registrations from nearly 1,600 people; believes that this demonstrates the significant demand for NHS dental services in the area; recognises the contribution of owners, Hiranya Fadia and Dorothy Sinclair, who have expanded their business from its first practice in Buckie to four locations across Moray, including Keith, Forres and now Elgin; welcomes the practice's commitment to providing accessible NHS dental care and its plans to offer a range of services, including family dentistry and sedation; notes the

important role that 8to8 Dental plays in training and retaining dental professionals in Moray and the wider region, having retained three of its four trainees in the previous year, and commends the team for its investment in Moray and its efforts to improve access to dental care for residents.

Supported by: Alex Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*

*S7M-01839 **Clare Adamson: Colour the World Orange This CRPS Awareness Month—**That the Parliament recognises Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) Awareness Month, which is marked every November; notes that it aims to increase understanding of this serious condition and that, as part of the initiative, Colour the World Orange Day takes place on the first Monday of November each year, when businesses, town halls and landmarks around the world light up orange in support of people living with CRPS; understands that CRPS is a debilitating chronic neurological condition, which is characterised by severe and persistent pain, changes to bones, joints and skin, swelling, temperature and colour changes and motor dysfunction; acknowledges that these can cause life-altering pain and disability; understands that the condition can develop after an injury, surgery, stroke or heart attack, and that the pain experienced is often disproportionate to the original injury; commends the volunteers and organisers at CRPS UK and Burning Nights CRPS Support for their tireless work to raise awareness of what is often a misunderstood condition; acknowledges that both charities provide vital information, support and advocacy for people affected by CRPS and their families, while also promoting further research and understanding, and wishes all the organisers, volunteers and the wider CRPS community, including those in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, every success in their efforts to raise awareness and shine a light on this devastating condition throughout CRPS Awareness Month.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Baillie*, Gary Bouse*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01836 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Paying Tribute to the Life and Works of the University of Dundee's Dr PG Wright—**That Parliament pays tribute to the life and works of University of Dundee scientist Dr PG Wright, who has died at the age of 93; notes that his research into the behaviour of gases was used by NASA in relation to space re-entry and that the distinguished thermodynamicist published almost 100 scientific papers, pursuing research until he was 90; further notes that Dr PG Wright also investigated the physical and chemical nature of engine emissions and the behaviour of tetraethyl lead decomposition products; recognises that he won a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1950 where he remained for his doctorate before undertaking postdoctoral research at Leeds, and further recognises that in 1960 he joined Queen’s College, Dundee, as the institution was then known, going on to earn a reputation as a gifted, generous and dedicated teacher who gave time to all his students.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Duncan Dunlop*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01835 **David Green: Congratulating Wick High School and Highland Broadband on Contacting the ISS—**That the Parliament congratulates the pupils and staff at Wick High School who recently made radio contact with an astronaut on the International Space Station (ISS); notes that this was the most northerly direct educational link with the ISS ever made in the UK; celebrates the initiative and ingenuity shown by all those involved in this memorable educational experience, and recognises what it sees as the vital role played by Highland Broadband's roll-out of an ultrafast broadband network, the company being the only full-fibre broadband provider building exclusively in Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish National Investment Bank.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01834 **Donald MacKinnon: Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/284)—**That the Rural Affairs Committee recommends that the Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/284) be annulled.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01833 **Amanda Bland: Celebrating the Better Than 52 Partnership Between New College Lanarkshire and Scottish Autism—**That the Parliament congratulates New College Lanarkshire and Scottish Autism on their partnership in delivering the Better Than 52: Autism Symposium at New College Lanarkshire's Coatbridge Campus on 30 October 2026; recognises the importance of this work to autistic people, families and communities across Central Scotland and Lothian West; commends both organisations for their commitment to improving understanding, challenging barriers and promoting greater inclusion across education, employment, health and the criminal justice system; welcomes the development of new learning opportunities and resources, including Understanding Neurodivergence in the Workplace and Neuroinclusive: Designing Better Experiences for Different Brains, to help employers, educators and communities create more inclusive environments; acknowledges the importance of involving autistic people and those with lived experience in shaping services and driving meaningful change; recognises the potential for the partnership's work and expertise to benefit colleges, employers and public services across Central Scotland and Lothian West and beyond, and encourages greater collaboration between educational institutions, specialist autism organisations, employers and public bodies, to ensure that autistic people have equal opportunities to learn, work and participate fully in society.

*S7M-01832 **David Linden: Shettleston Keen-agers Raise £2,400 for Turner Syndrome Support Society UK—**That the Parliament recognises the Shettleston Keen-agers for their fundraising efforts in aid of Turner Syndrome Support Society UK; understands that the Keen-agers and members of the community came together to raise an impressive £2,400 for the Society; notes the particular leadership efforts of treasurer, Hugh McIntosh, in organising the fundraising; congratulates everyone involved in organising the fundraiser; believes that the Keen-agers is an excellent example of the large impact community groups can have in bringing people together in support of good causes, and wishes the Shettleston Keen-agers every success.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01830 **David Torrance: Celebrating 30 Years of Maggie's and 20 Years of Maggie's Fife** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Patricia Gibson*, Alex Kerr*, Julie MacDougall*, Neil Bibby*, David Barratt*, Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01829 **Craig Hoy: Supporting CLAPA's End the Cleft Dental Care Crisis Campaign** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Bland*, Kim Schmulian*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*

S7M-01827 **Mark Simpson: Supporting Movember and Men's Health Awareness** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*, Julie MacDougall*

S7M-01826 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Welcoming Diwali Celebrations in Dundee** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Neil Bibby*, Alex Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Kim Schmulian*

S7M-01825 **Alex Kerr: Remembering Sir Patrick Stewart and the Enduing Legacy of Captain Jean-Luc Picard** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Victor Currie*, Amanda Bland*, David Barratt*, Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01824 **Cara McKee: Celebrating 16 Years of Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Company** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-01823 **Marie McNair: Craigdhu Primary School Re-accredited as a Gold Rights Respecting School** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Neil Bibby*, Alex Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*

S7M-01822 **Joe Fagan: Celebrating the Life and Career of Patrick Stewart** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Mark Griffin*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01821 **Mark Simpson: A90 Dundee to Stonehaven, Roadworks and Average Speed Cameras** (lodged on 30 October 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Julie MacDougall*

S7M-01818 **Mark Griffin: Hard Edges Scotland and The Level Research Published** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Neil Bibby*, Jackie Baillie*, Colm Merrick*

S7M-01816 **James Adams: Inverurie Environmental Group Wins Civic Pride Award at Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Russell Findlay*

S7M-01815 **James Adams: Kelly O'Brien Recognised with Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Russell Findlay*

S7M-01814 **James Adams: Marie Cheyne Wins Inspirational Volunteer Award at Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01813 **James Adams: Avril Bruce receives Local Hero Courage Award at Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

S7M-01812 **James Adams: Colin Allanach Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2026** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Russell Findlay*

S7M-01806 **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Glenboig Development Trust on Securing £9,998 in National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

S7M-01805 **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Shining Stars ASN Theatre School on Securing £14,722 in National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

S7M-01803 **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Northern Corridor Community Volunteers on Securing £13,700 for Environmental Sustainability Projects** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

S7M-01801 **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Cardowan Community Meadow on Securing £95,060 in National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

S7M-01800 **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Phoenix House on Securing £405,535 in National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

S7M-01799 **Iris Duane: Congratulating Maslow's Community on Being Shortlisted for the 2026 SURF Awards** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01798 **Tim Eagle: Scotland's Historic Shinty-Hurling International Victory in Cork** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

S7M-01796.1 **Dawn Black: The Cost of Running Down Nuclear Power in Scotland** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

S7M-01795 **David Linden: A Men's Health Action Plan for Scotland** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*

S7M-01794 **David Smith: Dumbarton and District Pipe Band's Youth Development** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Victor Currie* **R**

S7M-01793 **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Leads Alzheimer's Prevention Study** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01792 **Holly Bruce: Supporting the Work of the Scottish Child Law Centre** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Gary Bouse* **R**

S7M-01791 **Max Bannerman: Elgin Library Ranked Highest Rated in Scotland** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Victor Currie*

S7M-01790 **David Torrance: Success of Fife Funders' Fayre in Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Mark Ruskell*

S7M-01788 **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Celebrating the Birth of Three Capybara Pups at Edinburgh Zoo** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

S7M-01787 **Meghan Gallacher: High Street Hero for Central Scotland and Lothians West Region** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01786 **Joe Long: Welcoming Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland Guide for MSPs on Mental Health and Mental Illness** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Jackie Baillie*, Victor Currie* **R**, Amanda Bland*, Cara McKee*, Helen McDade*, Dawn Black*

S7M-01785 **Paul McLennan: Haddington Concert Society Celebrates 40th Anniversary** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01784 **Paul McLennan: Re-election of Brazilian President Lula** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01783 **Iris Duane: Stop Palantir Technologies** (lodged on 29 October 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Mark Ruskell*, Ross Greer*

S7M-01778 **Thomas Kerr: Congratulating Erica Matteo and Luke Anderson on Their Appointment as the Church of Scotland's Youngest Elders** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Helen McDade*

S7M-01771 **Tim Eagle: Stagecoach Remembrance Bus Services** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01770 **Tim Eagle: Two Highland Fish and Chip Shops Among the Best 20 in the UK** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

S7M-01751 **Thomas Kerr: Marion Lindsay Named Glasgow's High Street Hero 2026** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Helen McDade*

S7M-01731 **Thomas Kerr: Scotland's Christian Heritage and Reformation Sunday** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Helen McDade*

S7M-01730 **Cara McKee: Recognising the International Day of Care and Support** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*

S7M-01728 **Marie McNair: Milngavie Manor Rated Very Good by Care Inspectorate** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Gary Bouse*

S7M-01727 **Marie McNair: Action Old Kilpatrick Recognised By Keep Scotland Beautiful** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01707 **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Celebrating MND Scotland's 45th Anniversary** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Gary Bouse*, Liam McArthur*, Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Dawn Black*

S7M-01691 **David Green: Opening of the UK's First HVDC Subsea Cable Factory** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01673 **Q Manivannan: BBC Scotland and Scotland's Fair Share** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01660 **Kristopher Leask: First Cohort of Island Scholarship Recipients Begin Studies in Orkney** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01626 **Lorna Slater: Social Bite's Jobs First Programme Shortlisted for 2026 SURF Award** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01616 **David Smith: Five Years of Renfrew FC Walking Football** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01595 **Stuart McMillan: Inverkip Hotel Patisserie Chef Receives a Paul Hollywood Handshake** (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01583 **Marie McNair: Clydebank and Milngavie Organisations Successful in Securing National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01582 **Maggie Chapman: Fifth Anniversary of Distress Brief Intervention Dundee** (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01576 **David Smith: Supporting the Future of Youth Theatre and Performing Arts in Paisley** (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01544 **Colm Merrick: World Diabetes Day 2026** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01455 **Mark Ruskell: Dogs Trust's Dogs Ownership Guide** (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

S7M-01402 **Marie McNair: Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed Wins Silver Prize for Shed of The Year** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01369 **Martyn Day: Supporting the Mental Health Workforce** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*

Questions

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

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 11 November 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 4 November 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 5 November 2026.

Social Justice and Housing

1. Victor Currie
2. Alan Brown
3. Mark Griffin
4. Julie MacDougall
5. Holly Bruce
6. Monica Lennon
7. David Smith
8. Stuart McMillan
9. David Linden
10. Gary Bouse
11. Katy Clark (Reserve)
12. Finlay Carson (Reserve)

Economy, Tourism and Transport

1. Laura Mitchell
2. Marie McNair
3. Carol Mochan
4. David Kirkwood
5. Amanda Lindsay
6. Claire Baker
7. Liam Kerr
8. Clare Haughey
9. Jackie Baillie
10. Helen McDade
11. Colm Merrick (Reserve)
12. Donald MacKinnon (Reserve)

Members selected for General Questions on 10 November 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 4 November 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 5 November 2026.

1. Michelle Campbell
2. Tim Eagle
3. Alexander Burnett
4. Iris Duane

5. Bob Doris
6. Laura Moodie
7. Patrick Harvie
8. Heather Anderson
9. Katie Hagmann (Reserve)
10. Martyn Day (Reserve)

Members selected for General Questions on 12 November 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 4 November 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 5 November 2026.

1. Zen Ghani
2. Lloyd Melville
3. Ben Macpherson
4. Paul McLennan
5. Morven-May MacCallum
6. Patricia Gibson
7. Collette Stevenson
8. Craig Hoy
9. Irshad Ahmed
10. Miles Briggs
11. Alex Kerr (Reserve)
12. Jamie Langan (Reserve)

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 2 November 2026

S7W-04670 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address the gap between entitlement to independent advocacy under the Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and the reported level of uptake, in light of findings from *The Scottish Mental Health Law Review* that only around 5% of those eligible access it.

S7W-04671 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made to date in implementing the 21 recommendations on independent advocacy that it accepted from the *Scottish Mental Health Law Review* in 2023, and which recommendations have been fully implemented to date.

S7W-04672 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when it intends to lay commencement regulations to bring section 8 of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 into force.

S7W-04673 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the development of the Human Rights Bill, including its scope and planned approach to incorporating the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

S7W-04674 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has undertaken with the UK Government regarding the Human Rights Bill, including around issues related to section 28(7) of the Scotland Act.

S7W-04675 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on proposals for additional equality protections for (a) older people, (b) LGBTI people, and (c) care experienced people in the proposed Human Rights Bill.

S7W-04676 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to providing additional equality protections for people in rural and island communities in the proposed Human Rights Bill.

S7W-04677 **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve the screening and planning process for applications for Long Duration Energy Storage and Battery Energy Storage Systems. **R**

S7W-04678 **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what a "significant adverse impact" is in the context of determining whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required for an application to the Energy Consents Unit.

S7W-04679 **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government how the existing screening and approval process for Long Duration Energy Storage and Battery Energy Storage Systems through the Energy Consents Unit takes account of normal spatial planning considerations. **R**

S7W-04680 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the duty on Community Justice Scotland under section 33 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 to keep its strategy for innovation, learning and development under review, on what date the most recent review of that strategy was completed, and when the next review is scheduled to take place.

S7W-04681 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to instruct Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited to seek formal advice from the UK Government's National Security Unit for Procurement regarding any national security considerations arising from the award of the Northern Isles freight-flex vessel contract to a Chinese state-owned shipyard.

S7W-04682 **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the proportion of people with lung conditions who receive the influenza vaccine.

S7W-04683 **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has reduce the number of children admitted to hospital with asthma attacks.

S7W-04685 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities will be provided with a full cost-benefit analysis of any proposal to transfer social care responsibilities away from local authorities, and what consultation with local authorities will take place before any such transfer is implemented.

S7W-04686 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussion it has had with industry experts and stakeholders in the social care sector regarding proposals to transfer responsibility for social care services from local authorities, including the potential impacts on staffing, funding and general operations of social care.

S7W-04687 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on how local authorities will be further supported to build new and maintain current social housing stocks, as part of its proposals for local government reform.

S7W-04688 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details on how it plans to address social housing waiting lists for properties run by local authorities, as part of its recent proposals for local government reform.

S7W-04689 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide more autonomy to local authorities and head teachers to enable them to adequately meet the additional support needs of pupils in schools, as part of its plans for local government reform.

S7W-04690 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve financial and organisational resilience in schools, in response to Audit Scotland's 2025 briefing, *Additional support for learning,* which found that the number of children with conditions meeting the

necessary criteria to receive additional support for learning (ASL) increased to nearly 285,000 across Scottish schools.

S7W-04691 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what statutory powers are available to local authorities when a private landowner fails to maintain their land and that failure causes damage to neighbouring residential properties.

S7W-04693 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures are in place to protect homeowners from having to meet the cost of repairing damage to their property caused by a neighbouring landowner's failure to maintain their land.

S7W-04694 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to strengthen the powers of local authorities to undertake necessary maintenance or remedial works on privately owned land where a landowner has failed to act, and recover the costs from the landowner.

S7W-04695 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the sustainability and adequacy of funding provided to the Scottish Women's Rights Centre and whether it has received any representations from the organisation regarding its funding requirements.

S7W-04696 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to the Scottish Women's Rights Centre in each financial year since 2015-16, and what the purpose of each award of funding was.

S7W-04697 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding funding provided to the Scottish Women's Rights Centre since 2016-17, how much has been awarded for (a) core organisational costs and (b) specific projects or programmes, broken down by financial year.

S7W-04698 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it (a) has provided and (b) plans to provide to the Scottish Women's Rights Centre in (i) 2025-26 and (ii) 2026-27.

S7W-04699 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made any multi-year funding commitments to the Scottish Women's Rights Centre and, if so, what the value and duration of these commitments are.

S7W-04700 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government how many schools have closed between 2007 and 2026 to date, broken down by local authority area.

S7W-04701 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to implement the proposals contained in the resolution, "Ending an outdated model of community representation", which was passed at the Scottish National Party's conference on 16 October 2026.

S7W-04705 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what enforcement action local authorities can take against a landowner who repeatedly fails to respond to requests to maintain their land, including where the landowner cannot be contacted or is no longer residing at the property.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 November 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2027 (SSI 2026/Draft)
laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006.

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Thresholds) Amendment Order 2027 (SSI 2026/Draft)
laid under section 44(2) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

Progress of Legislation

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

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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.

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 29 October 2026
Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 12 November 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2026)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums

Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3
Lodged on 16 June 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026
Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 2026)

Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-11a

Lodged on 17 September 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026
Report - Lead committee (Transport) (1st Report, 2026)

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5b
Lodged on 9 October 2026
Meeting (lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy)), 3 November 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2026)

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-12
Lodged on 10 September 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026
Report - Lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy) (2nd Report, 2026)

Financial Services and Markets Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-8a
Lodged on 6 October 2026
Lead committee - Criminal Justice
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2026)

Health Bill LCM-S7-6
Lodged on 23 June 2026
Meeting (lead committee (Health, Care and Sport)), 4 November 2026

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15
Lodged on 7 February 2022
Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Immigration and Asylum Bill LCM-S7-9
Lodged on 14 July 2026
Lead committee - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

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-S7-10
Lodged on 28 July 2026
Report - Lead committee (Finance and Public Administration) (2nd Report, 2026)
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (9th Report, 2026)

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-S7-7b
Lodged on 10 September 2026
Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 29 October 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (10th Report, 2026)

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1c
Lodged on 20 October 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 3 November 2026
Report - Lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy) (6th Report, 2026)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 2026)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 November 2026

Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (7 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 November 2026

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (8 September 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 12 November 2026

Air Departure Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (18 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (18 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 18 November 2026

Budget (Scotland) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (24 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 November 2026

HGV Speed Limit (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (30 September 2026) (Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 29 November 2026

Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (5 October 2026) (Education and Gaelic Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 30 November 2026

Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (6 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 December 2026

Bankruptcy and Attachment (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (7 October 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 December 2026

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (26 October 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (26 October 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (21 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (26 October 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 December 2026

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2027 (SSI 2026/Draft) (2 November 2026) (Transport Committee)

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Thresholds) Amendment Order 2027 (SSI 2026/Draft) (2 November 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 12 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 9 November 2026

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/263) (18 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to annulment by 18 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 16 November 2026

Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/266) (24 September 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/267) (24 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 25 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 November 2026

Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276) (1 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277) (1 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 26 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 November 2026

Sale of Tobacco (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/278) (2 October 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

Private Residential Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/279) (2 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

Subject to annulment by 2 December 2026
Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2026

Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/284) (8 October 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/285) (8 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 4 December 2026
Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2026

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/288) (26 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.) (Amendment) Order 2026 (SI 2026/1095) (16 October 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2026 (SI 2026/1097 (S. 1)) (16 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 7 December 2026
Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2026

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Dumfries and Galloway Council) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/295) (29 October 2026) (Transport Committee)

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Dumfries and Galloway Council) Designation Order 2026 (SSI 2026/296) (29 October 2026) (Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 8 December 2026
Lead Committee report due by 7 December 2026

The Mobile Homes (Written Statement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/320) (30 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 7): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Women's Poverty (SP Paper 38), publication date: 2 November 2026

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or access the webpage (see the end of Bulletin for contact details and website information).

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 2 November 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/257) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 200

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/259) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Ayrshire and Arran Annual Report & Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/255) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Borders Annual Report & Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/256) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Fife Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the Year Ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/258) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 - Resource Accounts (RS/2026/01) laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 – Devolved Taxes Accounts (RS/2026/02) laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2025-2026 (SG/2026/115) laid under Section 13(2) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

Scrutiny report on draft provisions proposed for inclusion in the draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2027 (SCoSS/2026/02) laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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