Wednesday 4 November 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs Committee

9:00am Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

9:15am Transport Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

Climate Action and Rural Affairs

1. Duncan Massey: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding the compatibility of its net zero policy with new oil and gas drilling in the North Sea. (S7O-00425)

2. Senga Beresford: To ask the Scottish Government what lessons from the delivery of the Future Farming Investment Scheme 2025 have been applied to the 2026 scheme, including in relation to the opening of the application window. (S7O-00426)

3. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with North Ayrshire Council regarding flood response and resilience. (S7O-00427)

4. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any environmental impact of AI data centres in other countries. (S7O-00428)

5. Pauline Stafford: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure Scotland's food supply chain is secure and resilient. (S7O-00429)

6. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the setting of rates and bands for Air Departure Tax, including any proposed Private Jet Supplement, is consistent with its net zero policy and objectives. (S7O-00430)

7. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports businesses, including in East Kilbride, to embrace the circular economy. (S7O-00431)

8. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of flood prevention measures delivered since Storm Frank. (S7O-00432)

9. Kristopher Leask: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made towards establishing a national ScotWind Wealth Fund to invest in projects that support Scotland's climate change and net zero objectives. (S7O-00433)

10. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution that the decarbonisation of residential properties will make towards meeting Scotland’s net zero targets. (S7O-00434)

Education, Culture and Gaelic

1. Joe Long: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that specific training on autism and other forms of neurodivergence is embedded across the education workforce. (S7O-00437) **R**

2. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of increasing classroom violence against teachers, staff and pupils in Scotland’s schools. (S7O-00438)

3. Joe Fagan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response to the recent report by the independent professional advisor on future school reform on strengthening the education system. (S7O-00439) **R**

4. Amanda Lindsay: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its recognition that inappropriate mobile phone use in schools can lead to increased distraction, online bullying, exposure to harmful content and a rise in antisocial behaviour, what measures it will take to ensure that any new legislation

restricting mobile phone use in schools supports the mental wellbeing of young people while reducing these harms. (S7O-00440)

5. Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with local authorities to ensure that school buildings are safe and fit for purpose. (S7O-00441)

6. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has made of the impact of drug education programmes delivered in schools. (S7O-00442)

7. Jack Middleton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the prospect of further industrial action at the University of Aberdeen, following a breakdown in relations between management and trade unions regarding staffing reductions and redundancies. (S7O-00443)

8. Yi-pei Chou Turvey: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Aberdeen City Council's recent report, *Mapping the creative industries in North East Scotland*, which recorded that the north east receives 44% of the Scottish average of regular arts funding. (S7O-00444) **R**

9. Gary Bouse: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports towns and cities to strengthen their offer of cultural events and activities. (S7O-00445)

10. Michelle Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support schools in promoting positive relationships, equality and safety among young people. (S7O-00446)

followed by Reform UK Debate: Economic Growth and Prosperity

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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01851.3 Tom Arthur: Economic Growth and Prosperity—As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises the importance of improving living standards, creating opportunities for young people, supporting fair work and higher wages, and strengthening public services, to Scotland’s economy; agrees that Scotland must make full use of its economic strengths, including its renewable energy resources, highly-skilled workforce, world-class universities and colleges and thriving business sectors; believes that Scotland’s vast energy potential must deliver economic benefits directly to people who live in Scotland by bringing down bills; condemns the economic damage caused by Brexit, and agrees that rejoining the EU is the best way to deliver lasting benefits for Scotland’s economy.”

S7M-01851.5 Daniel Johnson: Economic Growth and Prosperity—As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “believes that a growing and innovative Scottish economy depends on the strength of both its public and private sectors, working in partnership to create prosperity and opportunity for all; recognises that investment in health, housing, education, skills, transport infrastructure, roads and local government provides the foundations for thriving businesses, successful industries and productive workplaces, and calls on the Scottish Government to tackle waste, to prioritise outcome-focused public service reform and delivery over bureaucracy and to ensure that decisions about public spending are taken locally wherever possible.”

S7M-01851.2 Patrick Harvie: Economic Growth and Prosperity—As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from "Scotland's" to end and insert “that economic growth alone does not guarantee improved living standards for all people or shared prosperity, and is of the view that it often comes with unintended consequences such as social and environmental harm; believes that Scottish Government decisions to increase public spending and set more progressive tax rates have been, and remain, necessary to achieve a more equal society and to protect public services and investment; recognises the need to build a sustainable, fair and ethical economy that prioritises the essential needs of all people instead of the greed of the wealthiest, and calls on the Scottish Government to present to Parliament detailed proposals to ensure that the wealth generated in Scotland's economy is fairly shared for the benefit of current and future generations.”

S7M-01851.4 Rachael Hamilton: Economic Growth and Prosperity—Leave out from “, and calls” to end and insert “; believes that the 2027-28 Budget must break the cycle of higher taxes, weaker growth and increasing pressure on the public finances, and calls on the Scottish Government to cut taxes on workers and businesses and curb unsustainable welfare spending to create the conditions for growth.”

S7M-01851.1 Liam McArthur: Economic Growth and Prosperity—As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “considers that the Scottish Government should focus on using its powers more effectively to support sustainable economic growth; believes that a closer economic relationship with the EU represents the single largest opportunity to increase Scotland and the UK’s economic growth and improve productivity; welcomes the reported progress made in negotiations between the UK Government and the EU to remove checks from food and agricultural exports, to link their emissions trading schemes and to agree a youth mobility scheme, and calls for greater ambition from the UK Government, including working towards a new customs union with the EU and rejoining the single market.”

followed by Reform UK Debate: Face Coverings in Public Places

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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01844.2 Kirsten Oswald: Face Coverings in Public Places—As an amendment to motion S7M-01844 in the name of Helen McDade (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “acknowledges that it is not for Parliament to legislate for what women choose to wear, and agrees that parliamentarians should lead by example in rejecting the language and actions of those who seek to divide Scotland's communities in person and online.”

S7M-01844.3 Stephen Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places—As an amendment to motion S7M-01844 in the name of Helen McDade (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from the first “, including” to end and insert “in public places; recognises that existing powers may be insufficient to

prevent crime and serious public disorder where individuals deliberately conceal their identities, and calls on the Scottish Government to review these powers in consultation with Police Scotland and police representatives, and to consider proportionate additional powers to require the removal of face coverings where there are reasonable grounds."

S7M-01844.1 Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Face Coverings in Public Places—As an amendment to motion S7M-01844 in the name of Helen McDade (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises that legislation in Scotland 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."

followed by Business Motions

S7M-01864 Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Ministerial Statement: Winter Resilience

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland

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 Debate: Remembering the Service of our Armed Forces Community

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 17 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 18 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 November 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 November 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 19 November 2026, that Rule 13.9.3 be varied to replace the words "of up to 15 minutes" with "of up to 20 minutes".

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-01865 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01866 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Air Departure Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01867 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01868 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01869 Jamie Hepburn: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Thursday 24 (am), Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2026.

S7M-01870 Jamie Hepburn: Committee Membership —That the Parliament agrees that—

Kim Schmulian be appointed to replace Amanda Lindsay as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Senga Beresford be appointed to replace Angela Ross as a member of the Education and Gaelic Committee;

Victor Currie be appointed to replace Senga Beresford as a member of the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Angela Ross be appointed to replace Kim Schmulian as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Victor Currie be appointed to replace Julie MacDougall as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

David Smith be appointed to replace Max Bannerman as a member of the Public Service Reform Committee; and

Julie MacDougall be appointed to replace Thomas Kerr as a member of the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee.

S7M-01871 Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Helen McDade be appointed to replace David Kirkwood as the Reform UK substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Angela Ross be appointed to replace Kim Schmulian as the Reform UK substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee;

Mark Simpson be appointed to replace Angela Ross as the Reform UK substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Julie MacDougall be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Petitions Committee;

Max Bannerman be appointed to replace Helen McDade as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee; and

David Smith be appointed to replace Julie MacDougall as the Reform UK substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee.

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

S7M-00179 David Barratt: The Lobular Moon Shot Project, Raising Awareness of Lobular Breast Cancer and the Lack of Research—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Lobular Moon Shot Project in raising awareness of invasive lobular breast cancer; notes that this condition is the second most common type of breast cancer, accounting for around 15% of diagnoses, with an average of 22 women a day in the UK receiving a lobular diagnosis, yet it is often considered to have been historically under-researched and underfunded; understands that it presents and behaves differently from other forms of breast cancer, often not forming a distinct lump and therefore being more difficult to detect through routine screening; believes that there are currently no treatments specifically developed for the condition, despite its distinct biological characteristics; notes with concern that less than 1% of breast cancer research funding has historically been directed towards lobular research; recognises calls from the Lobular Moon Shot Project for dedicated investment in research into its basic biology, including proposals for £20 million of ring-fenced funding from the UK Government over five years; welcomes the involvement of researchers from Scottish institutions, alongside the Manchester Breast Centre and international partners; believes that improved understanding of lobular breast cancer could lead to earlier diagnosis, more targeted treatments and better long-term outcomes for women living with the condition in Cowdenbeath and across the country, while reducing pressures on the NHS, and notes calls urging the Scottish Government to support the aims of the Lobular Moon Shot Project and to press the UK Government to commit the funding required to ensure that women diagnosed with lobular breast cancer can benefit from equitable research, treatment and care.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee
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.

Rural Affairs Committee
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.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
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.

Transport Committee
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.

Health, Care and Sport Committee
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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 October 2026

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

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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

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

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Motions

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Motions for debate

*S7M-01881 **Stephen Flynn: Strengthening Scotland's Bus Network—**That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to strengthen the availability, affordability and accessibility of Scotland's bus network by bringing the bus network back into public control through franchising and regulation across Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to bring legislation before Parliament to deliver this at the earliest possible opportunity; recognises the successful delivery of the £2 bus fare cap scheme in the Highlands and Islands and Strathclyde areas; welcomes that this means that bus fares are now capped at £2 across 60% of the land area of Scotland and in areas where half of the population of Scotland live; supports expansion of the fare cap to Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire from April 2027 in advance of further roll-out to the rest of Scotland; notes that this measure makes a real difference to people during a cost of living crisis, helping with the cost of everyday travel and supporting access to work, education, healthcare and leisure, and recognises that this builds on the success of the free bus schemes available to 2.4 million people, including everyone aged under 22, eligible disabled people, and over 60s.

Supported by: Tom Arthur*

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-01851.5 **Daniel Johnson: Economic Growth and Prosperity—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "believes that a growing and innovative Scottish economy depends on the strength of both its public and private sectors, working in partnership to create prosperity and opportunity for all; recognises that investment in health, housing, education, skills, transport infrastructure, roads and local government provides the foundations for thriving businesses, successful industries and productive workplaces, and calls on the Scottish Government to tackle waste, to prioritise outcome-

focused public service reform and delivery over bureaucracy and to ensure that decisions about public spending are taken locally wherever possible."

*S7M-01851.4 **Rachael Hamilton: Economic Growth and Prosperity—**Leave out from ", and calls" to end and insert "; believes that the 2027-28 Budget must break the cycle of higher taxes, weaker growth and increasing pressure on the public finances, and calls on the Scottish Government to cut taxes on workers and businesses and curb unsustainable welfare spending to create the conditions for growth."

*S7M-01851.3 **Tom Arthur: Economic Growth and Prosperity—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises the importance of improving living standards, creating opportunities for young people, supporting fair work and higher wages, and strengthening public services, to Scotland's economy; agrees that Scotland must make full use of its economic strengths, including its renewable energy resources, highly-skilled workforce, world-class universities and colleges and thriving business sectors; believes that Scotland's vast energy potential must deliver economic benefits directly to people who live in Scotland by bringing down bills; condemns the economic damage caused by Brexit, and agrees that rejoining the EU is the best way to deliver lasting benefits for Scotland's economy."

Supported by: Stephen Flynn*

*S7M-01851.2 **Patrick Harvie: Economic Growth and Prosperity—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from "Scotland's" to end and insert "that economic growth alone does not guarantee improved living standards for all people or shared prosperity, and is of the view that it often comes with unintended consequences such as social and environmental harm; believes that Scottish Government decisions to increase public spending and set more progressive tax rates have been, and remain, necessary to achieve a more equal society and to protect public services and investment; recognises the need to build a sustainable, fair and ethical economy that prioritises the essential needs of all people instead of the greed of the wealthiest, and calls on the Scottish Government to present to Parliament detailed proposals to ensure that the wealth generated in Scotland's economy is fairly shared for the benefit of current and future generations."

*S7M-01851.1 **Liam McArthur: Economic Growth and Prosperity—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01851 in the name of Angela Ross (Economic Growth and Prosperity), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "considers that the Scottish Government should focus on using its powers more effectively to support sustainable economic growth; believes that a closer economic relationship with the EU represents the single largest opportunity to increase Scotland and the UK's economic growth and improve productivity; welcomes the reported progress made in negotiations between the UK Government and the EU to remove checks from food and agricultural exports, to link their emissions trading schemes and to agree a youth mobility scheme, and calls for greater ambition from the UK Government, including working towards a new customs union with the EU and rejoining the single market."

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-01844.3 **Stephen Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01844 in the name of Helen McDade (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from the first ",

including" to end and insert "in public places; recognises that existing powers may be insufficient to prevent crime and serious public disorder where individuals deliberately conceal their identities, and calls on the Scottish Government to review these powers in consultation with Police Scotland and police representatives, and to consider proportionate additional powers to require the removal of face coverings where there are reasonable grounds."

*S7M-01844.2 **Kirsten Oswald: Face Coverings in Public Places—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01844 in the name of Helen McDade (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "acknowledges that it is not for Parliament to legislate for what women choose to wear, and agrees that parliamentarians should lead by example in rejecting the language and actions of those who seek to divide Scotland's communities in person and online."

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville*, Neil Gray*, Simita Kumar*

*S7M-01844.1 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Face Coverings in Public Places—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01844 in the name of Helen McDade (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises that legislation in Scotland 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."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-01879 **Duncan Dunlop: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere—**That the Parliament recognises 3 November 2026 as the International Day for Biosphere Reserves, which was established by UNESCO to celebrate the contribution that biosphere reserves make to conservation, sustainable development, research, education and community wellbeing; congratulates the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere on its continuing work to support people and nature across south-west Scotland; notes that the Biosphere, which was designated by UNESCO in 2012, is the largest biosphere reserve in the UK, covering almost 9,800 km² of land and sea across Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire, and is internationally recognised as a world-class environment for people and nature; acknowledges the Biosphere's role in promoting nature restoration, climate resilience, sustainable tourism, community-led development, environmental education and local economic opportunity; notes that NatureScot recommends a "better resourced and more influential" UNESCO biosphere, and welcomes continued support and investment to ensure that the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere can continue to deliver benefits for nature, rural economies and local communities.

*S7M-01878 **Clare Adamson: Recognising Specsavers Wishaw's Community Fundraising—**That the Parliament commends Specsavers in Wishaw for its continued commitment to supporting local charities and community initiatives; recognises the generous donation of £500 to Wishaw Neonatal, presented by Erin Riddell and Laura Baird, which will be used to purchase sensory toys for children and families using the unit's family rooms; notes that, in 2025, the branch organised a toy drive to support children staying on the paediatric ward at University Hospital Wishaw over Christmas, collecting new gifts for young people aged from 10 weeks to 15 years; recognises its support for the local mental health charity, Chris's House, through sponsorship of its Darkness into Light Ball in September 2026; welcomes its partnership with MADE4UINML2, which works to improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life of people experiencing difficult and impoverished circumstances in the ML2 postcode area, with a particular focus on young people, and commends the team for its plans to organise another Christmas collection of toys for children at University Hospital Wishaw, demonstrating continued generosity and dedication to the Wishaw community.

Supported by: Bob Doris*

*S7M-01877 **David Torrance: Celebrating 100 Years of Raith Rovers Supporters' Club—**That the Parliament congratulates Raith Rovers Supporters' Club on its centenary in 2026; notes that its formation was unanimously approved at a public meeting in Kirkcaldy's Beveridge Hall in 1926,

attended by more than 500 people and chaired by Councillor David Simpson; recognises that the club was established to bring supporters together and further the interests of Raith Rovers, with almost 150 members joining during and shortly after that meeting; celebrates the generations of supporters, committee members and volunteers who have sustained this commitment over the past century; commends the supporters' club's contribution through fundraising, practical assistance and helping fans attend matches at home and away; recognises the enduring importance of football supporters to Kirkcaldy's community spirit and sporting heritage, and wishes everyone associated with Raith Rovers Supporters' Club every success with its centenary celebrations and for the years ahead.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Keith Brown*, Clare Haughey*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-01876 **Clare Haughey: Community Celebration Marks the Reopening of Overtoun Park Bandstand —**That the Parliament celebrates the official reopening of the bandstand in Overtoun Park in Rutherglen, following its extensive refurbishment after it was set alight in 2024; understands that the much-loved and fondly remembered local landmark was officially reopened on 31 October 2026 and the occasion was marked by a celebration event attended by many Ruglonians, young and old; thanks King's Park Brass for bringing their talents and live music back to the bandstand, as well as the Rutherglen School's Choir for their beautiful performance of the *Song of Rutherglen*, written by local folk musician Fraser Bruce to celebrate this year's Rutherglen 900 celebrations; commends all of the individuals and organisations involved in the meticulous, sympathetic and historically accurate work involved in bringing the bandstand back to life; is pleased to note that it was an award-winning, local contractor, Cooper and Grey Roofing, which was chosen to install a bright red roof, bringing back the original colour of the bandstand to the park, and is delighted that the historic structure has been restored to its former glory for future generations of Ruglonians to enjoy.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Monica Lennon*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Michelle Campbell*

*S7M-01875 **Clare Adamson: Recognising the Hughes Family's Halloween Fundraising for Newmains Gala Day—**That the Parliament recognises the fantastic community fundraising efforts of Tony Hughes and his family, who transformed their garden into a Halloween attraction for the third consecutive year; understands that, following previous fundraising efforts for Glasgow's Sick Kids and the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation, the family dedicated the 2026 display to supporting Newmains and District Gala Day; acknowledges that the attraction brought families and residents together to enjoy Halloween festivities, with 140 sweetie bags and 100 hot dogs handed out during one evening; welcomes that the family raised an impressive £600 through donations and raffle ticket sales; thanks everyone who contributed, including those who donated raffle prizes and food; gives particular recognition to Kelly Alexander, ASDA Community Champion, for her continued support; commends Tony, Jade and Aimee Hughes, Anne Liddle and the wider community, for their generosity, hard work and commitment to bringing the community together, and wishes Newmains and District Gala Day continued success. **R**

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Bob Doris*

*S7M-01874 **Heather Anderson: University of Dundee and Parkinson's Disease Research—**That the Parliament recognises the ground-breaking research carried out into Parkinson's disease by the team of experts at the University of Dundee's Faculties of Health and Life Sciences; understands that the university is the central scientific hub of the LRRK2 Investigative Therapeutics Exchange, which is a Michael J Fox Foundation-supported international partnership that brings together academia, industry and clinical centres to accelerate the development of LRRK2-targeted drugs for Parkinson's; celebrates that the international reputation of the research conducted by those based at the university has brought people from 30 nationalities to work in the lab at Dundee; believes that connections with NHS Tayside have ensured that there is a clear bench-to-bedside pathway for their research to enter clinical settings, and thanks the Dundee Research Interest Group for bringing together Parkinson's researchers, clinicians and those living with Parkinson's with MSPs on a recent fact-finding visit, which it considers was insightful.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Duncan Massey*, Keith Brown*, Helen McDade*, Dawn Black*, Alex Kerr*, James Adams*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-01873 **Calum Kerr: Galashiels to Host the 2027 Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament —** That the Parliament welcomes the announcement of Galashiels as the host of the next Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament (SRIP) in October 2027; understands that the SRIP takes place every two years in a different location; further understands that the SRIP is the UK's largest participative democratic assembly, bringing hundreds of rural and island people together with politicians to share learning and shape the policy agenda; looks forward to the opportunity for Galashiels to welcome delegates from all over Scotland and for the amazing people and organisations from Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and across the Scottish Borders to host such a vibrant national event; recognises the important role of organisations in the Scottish Borders, including Scottish Borders Council, Borders Community Action, Scottish Borders Chamber of Commerce, South of Scotland Enterprise, Youth Borders, the Southern Uplands Partnership and the Scottish Borders CLLD Local Action Group and Youth Local Action Group in co-delivering the 2027 SRIP with Scottish Rural Action and Scottish Rural Network; notes that the Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament will also take place and welcomes this platform for youth voice and involvement; celebrates the positive impact of bringing together people and communities; notes what it sees as the importance of supporting rural and island communities more widely and awaits with interest the outcome of these discussions, and encourages all relevant stakeholders to engage with this event to the fullest extent possible.

Supported by: Zen Ghani*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Liam McArthur*, Heather Anderson*, Laura Mitchell*, Dawn Black*

*S7M-01872 **Heather Anderson: Celebrating the Launch of the Tay Create Innovation Partnership—**That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Tay Create Innovation Partnership, which is a major new initiative designed to drive innovation, business growth and job creation across the Tay Cities Region's creative technology, design and digital sectors; notes that the partnership, led by Abertay University, is backed by £20 million from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) through the UK Government-funded Local Innovation Partnerships programme; recognises that Tay Create brings together the University of Dundee, the University of St Andrews, V&A Dundee, Creative Scotland, Techscaler, Interface, UK Games Talent and Finance CIC, 4J Studios, Chroma Developments and Biome Collective, alongside Abertay University, to build on the region's strengths in creative technology, games, design and digital innovation; understands that the programme will support businesses, entrepreneurs and researchers to develop innovative ideas into new products, services and commercial opportunities, with a particular focus on emerging technologies including AI, real-time 3D, extended reality and digital twins; further understands that Tay Create will encourage the application of creative technologies across sectors, including manufacturing, health, energy and the wider digital economy, and will operate from new purpose-built facilities at Camperdown Dock in Dundee; believes that the investment represents an important opportunity to build on the Tay Cities Region's established strengths in games and creative technology, support high-value employment and encourage further innovation and investment; congratulates all of the partners involved in the launch of Tay Create, and wishes them every success with the programme.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Keith Brown*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-01871 **Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees—**That the Parliament agrees that—

Helen McDade be appointed to replace David Kirkwood as the Reform UK substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Angela Ross be appointed to replace Kim Schmulian as the Reform UK substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee;

Mark Simpson be appointed to replace Angela Ross as the Reform UK substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Julie MacDougall be appointed as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Petitions Committee;

Max Bannerman be appointed to replace Helen McDade as the Reform UK substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee; and

David Smith be appointed to replace Julie MacDougall as the Reform UK substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee.

*S7M-01870 **Jamie Hepburn: Committee Membership —**That the Parliament agrees that—

Kim Schmulian be appointed to replace Amanda Lindsay as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Senga Beresford be appointed to replace Angela Ross as a member of the Education and Gaelic Committee;

Victor Currie be appointed to replace Senga Beresford as a member of the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Angela Ross be appointed to replace Kim Schmulian as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Victor Currie be appointed to replace Julie MacDougall as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

David Smith be appointed to replace Max Bannerman as a member of the Public Service Reform Committee; and

Julie MacDougall be appointed to replace Thomas Kerr as a member of the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee.

*S7M-01869 **Jamie Hepburn: Office of the Clerk—**That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Thursday 24 (am), Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2026.

*S7M-01868 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01867 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01866 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Air Departure Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01865 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01864 **Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Ministerial Statement: Winter Resilience

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland

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 Debate: Remembering the Service of our Armed Forces Community

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 17 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 18 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 November 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 November 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 19 November 2026, that Rule 13.9.3 be varied to replace the words "of up to 15 minutes" with "of up to 20 minutes".

*S7M-01863 **Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees—**That the Parliament agrees that—

Mark Griffin be appointed to replace Jackie Baillie as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Paul Sweeney as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee;

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Joe Fagan as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee;

Paul Sweeney be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Transport Committee;

Paul Sweeney be appointed to replace Donald MacKinnon as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Climate Action Committee;

Joe Fagan be appointed to replace Michael Marra as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Service Reform Committee;

Neil Bibby be appointed to replace Katherine Sangster as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee; and

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Jenny Young as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Gaelic Committee.

*S7M-01862 **Jamie Hepburn: Committee Membership —**That the Parliament agrees that—

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Joe Fagan be appointed to replace Michael Marra as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Donald MacKinnon be appointed to replace Claire Baker as a member of the Climate Action Committee; and

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Joe Fagan as a member of the Public Service Reform Committee.

*S7M-01861 **Liam McArthur: J & S Hay Named Scotland's Best Agricultural Contracting Firm—**That the Parliament congratulates brothers Marty Hay, Stevie Hay and Dunky Hay from Birsay-based firm J & S Hay on taking home the award for Contractor of the Year at the 2026 Scottish Agriculture Awards; understands that the annual awards ceremony is hosted jointly by *The Scottish Farmer*, AgriScot and NFU Scotland and celebrates individuals and agricultural businesses that are driving innovation and excellence in Scotland's farming industry; notes that as part of the shortlisting process, the Hay brothers were visited in September by a team of judges who observed them at work in Orkney, and considers that this opportunity demonstrated to the judges the team's skill and dedication to providing the very best support and services to farms in the islands; pays tribute to all of the individuals and businesses nominated at this year's awards ceremony, including Sandwick-based Bain Farm, which was shortlisted for the Diversified Farm of the Year, South Ronaldsay-based Farewell Farm, which was a finalist in the Mixed Farm of the Year category, and Marcus Slater, from Orphir, who was a contender for the Young Farmer of the Year award; thanks all of the nominees and winners for their invaluable contributions to Scotland's thriving agricultural sector, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Victor Currie*, Tim Eagle* **R**, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Colin Beattie*, Keith Brown*

*S7M-01860 **Holly Bruce: Glasgow as the UK's First Feminist City in Urban Design—**That the Parliament commends the pioneering policy work of Glasgow City Council, which established Glasgow as the UK's first "Feminist City" following the passing of a landmark motion in October 2022; celebrates Glasgow City Council's ongoing work under the leadership of chief planning officer, Sarah Shaw, to embed an intersectional feminist lens across urban design, planning, and local government policy; recognises what it sees as the vital contributions of leading architects, academics, and practitioners, including architect Jude Barber, Dr May East and Professor Suzanne Ewing from the University of Edinburgh whose research, expertise and advocacy continue to shape feminist urban design across Scotland; welcomes Glasgow's commitment to improving the safety, accessibility, convenience and quality of public spaces through thoughtful design that directly incorporates the lived experiences and needs of women, girls, and people of marginalised genders to create more equitable places for all; highlights the development of Glasgow's Feminist Planning Toolkit and Feminist City Strategy to guide planners, developers, communities, and council departments in implementing best-practice gender-sensitive processes, and endorses training within local authority teams to learn from academics and practitioners in identifying and challenging patterns of inequality and exclusion; invites the Scottish Government to build on Glasgow's leadership by embedding feminist urban design principles into the National Planning Framework and national policy, ensuring that every town, city, and community across Scotland is designed to be equitable, safe and accessible for everyone. **R**

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Cara McKee*, Ariane Burgess*, Keith Brown*, Zen Ghani*

*S7M-01859 **Liam McArthur: Celebrating 21 Years of Employability Orkney—**That the Parliament celebrates Employability Orkney's 21st anniversary; understands that, for over two decades, the charitable organisation has supported countless individuals in the islands obtain sustained employment and skills development; notes that the charity also manages Restart Orkney, a local shop that sells second-hand furniture and household items to the public and, through a partnership with Orkney Islands Council, also helps to provide furniture to individuals and families in the community that are struggling to furnish their own homes; considers that Employability Orkney has improved the lives and wellbeing of many people who have historically encountered barriers to employment by connecting them with meaningful work opportunities, including those with learning or physical disabilities, those who have had difficulties with substance misuse, formerly incarcerated individuals, care-experienced individuals and those who have faced long-term unemployment; pays tribute to the many volunteers and staff members who, through their work with Employability Orkney, have helped to foster an inclusive community that anyone, regardless of background, can find support in their job-seeking journey in the islands; thanks Employability Orkney for its 21 years of dedicated service to the Orkney community, and wishes everyone involved all the very best for the next 21 years and beyond.

Supported by: Max Bannerman*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, David Torrance*, Tim Eagle*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Stuart McMillan*

*S7M-01858 **Colm Merrick: Ciara Mageean, An Inspirational Irish Olympian—**That the Parliament expresses its heartfelt condolences at the sad passing of two-time Olympian Ciara Mageean, from Portaferry in Northern Ireland, aged 34, following a diagnosis of stage four bowel cancer in May 2025; notes that Ciara is considered to have been one of Ireland’s greatest athletes and was named the 2023 BBC Northern Ireland Sports Personality of the Year for her record-breaking achievements on the track and for being a positive role model for young women and girls from Northern Ireland and across Ireland, and sends its deepest sympathies to her husband, family, friends and everyone Ciara’s life touched in Portaferry, County Down, and beyond.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*, Fulton MacGregor*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*, Duncan Dunlop*

*S7M-01856 **Dawn Black: Rossie Young People’s Trust Awarded National Autistic Society's Autism Specialist Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Rossie Young People’s Trust near Montrose, Angus, on receiving the National Autistic Society's Autism Specialist Award in recognition of its support for autistic children and young people with complex needs; recognises the charity’s commitment to providing tailored support and creating inclusive environments that help young people feel safe, understood and valued by introducing virtual reality tours to help young people familiarise themselves with their surroundings before arriving at the centre; understands that it has created dedicated sensory spaces to help autistic young people manage emotions and anxieties, as well as introducing visual communication tools; further understands that it has created more personalised living spaces and enhanced wellbeing facilities, and commends the staff and volunteers whose dedication to equity continues to ensure that neurodivergent young people who find themselves at Rossie have the same opportunity to thrive, develop confidence and achieve positive outcomes as their peers.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colm Merrick*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Keith Brown*, Alex Kerr*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*

*S7M-01855 **Jamie Langan: Thornhill Young Farmers Club—**That the Parliament congratulates Sofia Young and Paige Marchbank on their outstanding contribution to Thornhill Young Farmers Club and the wider Mid and Upper Nithsdale community; understands that their determination and leadership have transformed the fortunes of the club and secured its future for years to come; recognises the opportunities that the Young Farmers movement provides for young people living in rural areas to develop confidence, skills and lifelong friendships; commends Sofia and Paige for their commitment to supporting younger members, promoting Scottish agriculture and organising charitable

and community activities; acknowledges the positive example that they have set through their hard work and positive spirit, and wishes them every success as they continue their involvement in the Young Farmers movement.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Max Bannerman*, Mark Simpson*, Tim Eagle* **R**, Senga Beresford*, David Smith*, Amanda Lindsay*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Massey*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-01854 **Liam McArthur: Celebrating 21 Years of the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Scotland and Malawi—**That the Parliament celebrates the 21st anniversary of the signing of the intergovernmental agreement between Scotland and Malawi on 3 November 2005 by former First Minister, Jack McConnell, and the then President of Malawi, Bingu wa Mutharika; sends its congratulations to the presbyteries in Orkney, the Malawi Music Fund and the citizens in every constituency in Scotland and their Malawian partners where the two nations have thriving people-to-people and community-to-community links; pays tribute to the positive transformation in the lives of individuals, families and communities in Malawi, and to the learning and valued friendships gained by people throughout Scotland, resulting from the Scotland-Malawi funding of successive Scottish Governments and the efforts of civil society Scotland-Malawi champions and changemakers; recognises the value of the two-way learning resulting from exchange visits by parliamentarians and clerks from both Parliaments; acknowledges the longstanding and enduring strength of cross-party support for Malawi, reflected in the Scottish Parliament's Malawi Cross-Party Group, and for civil-society links with Malawi, recently voiced by MSPs of all parties in the Members' Business Debate held on 6 October 2026, and commends the work of the Members, staff, trustees, Hon Co-Presidents and Hon Co-Patrons of the Scotland Malawi Partnership and its Malawi-based sister organisation, MaSP, as valuable networks worth protecting because of their role in encouraging collaboration and reducing duplication of effort across our two nations' distinctive people-to-people links.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Max Bannerman*, Calum Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Murdo Fraser* **R**, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, David Torrance*, Monica Lennon*, Stuart McMillan*

*S7M-01853 **Paul McLennan: Contribution of Co-operatives to Scotland's Economy—**That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the vital contribution of co-operatives to Scotland's economy, including across East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs and in rural and island communities throughout Scotland; acknowledges their important role in strengthening food security, supporting environmental protection, building business resilience and advancing community wealth building; recognises the value of co-operation in enabling farmers, businesses and communities to share resources, invest in innovation and retain economic value locally; welcomes the publication of *Resilience Amidst Volatility*, the recent manifesto for rural co-operation by the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society (SAOS), which highlights opportunities to expand co-operative working; notes the view that co-operation is of growing importance in responding to economic and geopolitical uncertainty, climate change and technological transformation, and believes that there is significant potential for further ambition and a long-term approach to developing Scotland's co-operative sector, placing co-operation at the heart of future food and farming policy, rural development and local economic strategies.

Supported by: Colm Merrick*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Keith Brown*, David Torrance*

*S7M-01852 **Lloyd Melville: Congratulating Jamie Reid, BUCS Stirling International Winner—**That the Parliament congratulates Arbroath's Jamie Reid on winning the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Stirling International at Montrose Golf Links; understands that Jamie, who is in the first year of his BA (Hons) Professional Golf degree at UHI North, West and Hebrides, won the competition against a high-level field, including several Scottish International players; further understands that Jamie helped UHI finish second in the team competition; notes the support and education that Jamie is receiving at UHI North, West and Hebrides' Dornoch campus, and wishes Jamie every success in his future golfing career.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01850 **Liam McArthur: Orkney Netball Defends Bronze Medal at 2026 Island Invitational Netball Games** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01849 **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen's TH2ISTLE Project Receives Major Funding Boost** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Michelle Campbell*

S7M-01848 **Helen McDade: Celebrating Open University Students' Achievements 2026** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Langan*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01847 **Paul Sweeney: Restoration of Overtoun Park Bandstand** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Angela Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Kim Schmulian*, Joe Fagan* **R**, David Torrance*

S7M-01845 **Clare Haughey: Tee's Treats Named Best Bakery in Scotland** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*

S7M-01842 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating University of Dundee's Parkinson's Researcher, Dr Esther Sammler** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01841 **Monica Lennon: Supporting Safe Working and Learning Conditions at City of Glasgow College** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Joe Fagan*

S7M-01840 **Laura Mitchell: 8to8 Dental Opens New NHS Dental Practice in Elgin** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Miles Briggs*, Max Bannerman*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Michelle Campbell* **R**

S7M-01839 **Clare Adamson: Colour the World Orange This CRPS Awareness Month** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Karen Adam*

S7M-01836 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Paying Tribute to the Life and Works of the University of Dundee's Dr PG Wright** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01835 **David Green: Congratulating Wick High School and Highland Broadband on Contacting the ISS** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Tim Eagle*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S7M-01832 **David Linden: Shettleston Keen-agers Raise £2,400 for Turner Syndrome Support Society UK** (lodged on 2 November 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Kate Campbell*, Alex Kerr*, Clare Haughey*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: David Torrance*, Keith Brown*, Patricia Gibson*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Kate Campbell*, Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01782 **Patricia Gibson: Restricting the Sale of Fireworks to Organised, Licensed Displays** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01781 **Katie Hagmann: Yipworld Charity of the Year and Community Award** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01769 **Alex Kerr: Strengthen Scotland's Education System and Contribution to Wider Public Service Reform** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01768 **James Adams: Garioch Fish Bar Makes Top 20 of the National Fish and Chip Awards' Takeaway of the Year Category** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01765 **Gary Bouse: Recognising Forth Valley College's Investment in Innovation and Future Energy Skills** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01749 **Maggie Chapman: Congratulations to Inverurie Scotland's Town of the Year and North East High Street Hero Derek Ritchie** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01702 **Jamie Langan: Supporting Scotland's Pubs** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

S7M-01545 **Julie MacDougall: Recognising Hospice Care UK** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

S7M-01527 **Katie Hagmann: 200 Mile Cycle Raises £10,000 for Crosshouse Children's Fund** (lodged on 28 October 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

S7M-01403 **Cara McKee: Welcoming Hospice Care Week 2026** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

Questions

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 5 November 2026

1. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00066)
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00067)
3. **Gillian Mackay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00068)
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00069)
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00070)

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 3 November 2026

S7W-04684 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent decision by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) to remove a former social care worker from the SSSC register following their conviction for a violent and abusive offence, what further action it can take to support the care sector in strengthening recruitment and safeguarding processes.

S7W-04703 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) fatal and (b) serious accidents have been recorded on each road in the trunk road and motorway network since 2021, broken down by year.

S7W-04704 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-04098 by Jenny Gilruth on 29 October 2026, whether it will provide details of the regional summits that are planned for November 2026, including dates, locations, anticipated attendees and arrangements for public participation.

S7W-04706 **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide, for each financial year since the introduction of the Young Patients Family Fund to date, the (a) allocated budget, (b) actual outturn expenditure, (c) number of families of babies receiving neonatal care that received support from the fund and (d) total expenditure relating to families of babies receiving neonatal care.

S7W-04707 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether all NHS boards are required to offer patients a chaperone during intimate examinations, and how it monitors compliance with any such requirement.

S7W-04708 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what requirements are placed on NHS boards regarding the training of staff acting as chaperones during clinical examinations, and whether it holds information on compliance with those requirements.

S7W-04709 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has established any targets, guidance or governance framework for the adoption of AI across public bodies as part of the delivery of its proposed public service reform.

S7W-04710 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reports that ScotRail has sold or issued seat reservations for rail services on which reserved seating is not available or unlikely to be available, and whether it will ask ScotRail to review its ticketing and

reservation systems to address this issue and ensure compliance with UK consumer law and advertising regulations.

S7W-04711 **Thomas Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding funding that has been provided to the Scottish Refugee Council over the last year, (a) how much was provided, (b) for what purpose it was provided, and (c) what assessment has been made of the effectiveness of this funding.

S7W-04712 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to palliative care hospices for the purpose of capital spending in each year since 2021.

S7W-04713 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the reported growing calls for interim access to Skyclarys for people living with Friedreich's ataxia.

S7W-04714 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to providing interim access arrangement for Skyclarys for eligible patients living with Friedreich's ataxia in Scotland while assessment of the treatment is ongoing.

S7W-04715 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government who is responsible for decisions regarding access to medicines for rare diseases, including Skyclarys for people living with Friedreich's ataxia, and what timescale it anticipates for eligible patients in Scotland to be able to access the treatment.

S7W-04716 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address reported prolonged staff absences within gynaecological oncology teams.

S7W-04717 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address reported concerns regarding decision-making in ovarian cancer care, including how treatment decisions are made, who is involved in those decisions, and how treatment recommendations are communicated to patients.

S7W-04718 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that women with ovarian cancer who are assessed as inoperable, or whose surgery is considered not to be possible within services in the West of Scotland, are able to access a second opinion and expertise, particularly when there are differing clinical opinions regarding whether surgery is appropriate.

S7W-04719 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason some women with ovarian cancer are offered additional cycles of treatment prior to surgery, what assessment it has made of the impact of this approach on patient outcomes, and how any identified challenges are being addressed.

S7W-04720 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce variation in access to ovarian cancer surgery across NHS boards.

S7W-04721 **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03439 by Jim Fairlie on 1 October 2026 and in light of the analysis by Moriarty et al in *Decoding persistent elevated mortality in farmed marine Scottish Atlantic salmon using artificial intelligence and logical modelling*, published in *Preventive Veterinary Medicine*, which includes an appendix describing the methodology and results of an alternative "fullcycle" analysis, (a) which salmon farm sites were identified as having average mortality across full production cycles of 30% or higher for two or more successive production cycles, and (b) whether it will provide the names of (i) the 12 salmon farms that were flagged by both the fullcycle analysis and the screening stage of the persistent elevated mortality (PEM) analysis, (ii) the 14 salmon farms that were flagged only by the fullcycle analysis and not by the PEM analysis, and (iii) the 12 salmon farms that were flagged only by the PEM analysis and not by the fullcycle analysis.

S7W-04722 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the chief executives of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Lothian regarding the development of a framework for holding other NHS board leaders to account for waiting times, including what remit and authority they would have and how the needs of rural and island communities, including those served by NHS Highland, would be represented.

S7W-04723 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Grampian regarding the future disposal of the Insch Hospital site, and what opportunities exist for the community's proposed alternative model of care to be considered before any disposal is completed.

S7W-04724 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for the Insch Hospital site to support integrated community health and social care provision, including diagnostic, rehabilitation, preventative and palliative care services.

S7W-04725 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding the progress made by NHS Grampian and Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership in exploring the creation of a wellbeing hub and additional clinical space within the Insch Hospital site, as agreed by the Integration Joint Board in July 2025.

S7W-04726 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government how its commitment to developing community health and care hubs and expanding community-based healthcare in rural areas will inform its engagement with NHS Grampian regarding the future of the Insch Hospital site.

S7W-04727 **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care has had with NHS Grampian regarding the alternative integrated health and social care model proposed by Friends of Insch Hospital for the future use of the Insch Hospital site.

S7W-04728 **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the introduction of a direct rail service between Edinburgh and Paris, including considerations in relation to its August 2026 proposal to extend the Caledonian Sleeper service to Paris and the possibility of direct daytime rail services between the two cities.

S7W-04730 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many retail properties that are liable for the (a) basic and (b) intermediate property rates are eligible for the Retail, Hospitality, and Leisure relief rates, broken down by local authority area.

S7W-04731 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many retail properties that are liable for the basic property rate are eligible for the small business bonus scheme.

S7W-04732 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many retail properties are currently liable for the higher property rate, broken down by local authority area.

S7W-04733 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government which portfolios are currently forecasting an overspend against their 2026-27 resource budgets before any mitigating action is taken, and what the value of each forecast overspend is.

S7W-04734 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the cost in (a) 2027-28 and (b) 2028-29 of providing businesses in Scotland with support equivalent to each of the business rates measures announced for England in the UK Budget on 28 October 2026, broken down by measure.

S7W-04735 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the Barnett consequential funding arising from business rates measures announced in the UK Budget on 28 October 2026 is attributable to each individual measure, broken down by financial year.

S7W-04737 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £576 million of savings identified in Annex B, Portfolio Efficiency and Reform Plans, of its *Scottish Spending Review 2026,* how much had been realised as at 30 September 2026, broken down by portfolio.

S7W-04738 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has spent on the development and delivery of its bond programme since 1 April 2026, broken down by (a) banking and bookrunner fees, (b) legal advice, (c) credit rating costs and (d) other external advice and costs.

S7W-04745 **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote the creation of energy from waste infrastructure in Scotland.

S7W-04746 **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the carbon cost of transporting waste from across Scotland to landfill sites in England.

S7W-04747 **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what capacity exists in the landfill sites operating in Scotland, and what plans there are to extend this capacity.

Progress of Legislation

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

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 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 12 November 2026

Stage 1 Report – Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (2nd Report, 2026)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Armed Forces Bill 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

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report 2026 (Session 7): Prebudget scrutiny 2027-27: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans (SP Paper 37), publication date: 3 November 2026

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report 2026 (Session 7): Stage 1 Report - The Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill (SP Paper 36), publication date: 3 November 2026

Climate Action Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 7): Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: the Joint Budget Review (SP Paper 34), publication date: 3 November 2026, publication date: 3 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 3 November 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Consumer Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2025-2026 (CS/2026/04) laid under subsection (1) (b) of section 16 of the Consumer Scotland Act 2020

Grampian Health Board (Commonly known as NHS Grampian) Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/260) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/261) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Highland Annual Report & Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/262) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report & Accounts For Year Ending 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/263) laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/264) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Review of Joint and Several Liability for Council Tax Arrears: Final Report (SG/2026/252) laid under section 76 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/157) laid under Section 5(7) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and Section 22(5) of the Public Accountability and Finance (Scotland) Act 2000

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