Friday 6 November 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

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Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 November 2026

Tuesday 10 November 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Revd Dr Alistair May, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

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: Supporting Scotland's Pubs

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 Debate: Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Lothian Buses, Formerly Lothian Region Transport

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: Realising the Economic Potential of Marine Energy

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

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

Education and Gaelic Committee
10 November 2026
8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Senga Beresford will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2026 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from —

   Alyn Smith, Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education and Sarah Hart, Qualifications Scotland Sponsorship Team, Scottish Government;
   Judith Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Alyn Smith (Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education) to move—

   S7M-01925—That the Education and Gaelic Committee recommends that the Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

4. **Apprenticeships – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   James Withers, Director, JR Withers Advisory Ltd;
   Dr Janet Brown, RSE - Vice President Education, Royal Society of Edinburgh;
   Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal for Education, Systems and Enhancement, University of Strathclyde.

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

   Billy Anderson, Head of Services and Influencing, Children in Scotland;
   Gavin Yates, Executive Director, Connect;
   Lisa Weylandt, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Includem.

Proposed future business

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

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee
10 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 6

1. **Declaration of interests:** Victor Currie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a new Deputy Convener.

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

4. **Broadcasting and News – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Professor Catherine Happer, Director of the Glasgow University Media Group (GUMG) and Professor of Media Sociology, University of Glasgow;
   Nick McGowan-Lowe, National Organiser for Scotland, National Union of Journalists;
   Paul McManus, Negotiations Officer, Scotland, Bectu.
   and then from—
   Glenn Preston, Scotland Director and Cristina Nicolotti Squires, Broadcasting and Media Group Director, Ofcom.

5. **Broadcasting and News – evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 4.

6. **Screen Scotland inquiry – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee
10 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private and whether its consideration of a draft report on its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 should be taken in private at future meetings. The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of its approach to work on non-domestic rates should be taken in private at its next meeting.

2. **Bankruptcy and Attachment (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Hannah Mary Goodlad, Minister for Public Finance and James Clelland, Lawyer, Scottish Government;
   Richard Dennis, Chief Executive, Accountant in Bankruptcy.

3. **Bankruptcy and Attachment (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]:** Hannah Mary Goodlad (Minister for Public Finance) to move— S7M-01587—That the

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Bankruptcy and Attachment (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)
Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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:

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

Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3
Lodged on 16 June 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026

Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 2026)

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

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

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

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

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

Health Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-6a
Lodged on 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

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) (5 November 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 13 December 2026

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2027 (SSI 2026/Draft) (4 November 2026) (Education and Gaelic 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)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 13 December 2026

Environmental Standards Scotland engine idling laws air quality investigation: Scottish Government improvement plan (SG/2026/281) (4 November 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

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