Tuesday 10 November 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-01981, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

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 Ministerial Statement: HMP and YOI Polmont

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Education and Gaelic Committee

9:15am Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:30am Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-01981, today's business will be as follows:

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

S7M-01981 Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 November 2026—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Winter Resilience

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: HMP and YOI Polmont

followed by General Questions

1. Michelle Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken in conjunction with SEPA following the severe flooding caused by Storm Boelo to address any issues identified with flood forecasting during severe weather. (S7O-00461)

2. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what evidence informed its view that a four-hour walk-in GP centre operating on Friday afternoons in Elgin will be sufficient to meet local healthcare in Moray. R (S7O-00462) **R**

3. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any further discussions it has had with COSLA regarding its proposals for local government reform. (S7O-00463)

4. Iris Duane: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to fund the £2.5 billion of infrastructure investment needs identified by the Scottish Funding Council for colleges over the next decade. (S7O-00464)

5. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it works with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to help reduce unscheduled presentations to acute services among people requiring palliative and end of life care. (S7O-00465)

6. Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of its headcount reduction programme on the delivery of the Learning for Sustainability Action Plan and the Target 2030 commitments. (S7O-00466)

7. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns regarding Creative Scotland's handling of the future of the former Centre for Contemporary Arts building in Glasgow. (S7O-00467)

8. Heather Anderson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce levels of nicotine addiction among under-18s. (S7O-00468)

followed by First Minister’s Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Winter Resilience

followed by Ministerial Statement: HMP and YOI Polmont

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

S7M-01962 Màiri McAllan: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland—That the Parliament opposes the BBC's proposal to close the linear BBC Scotland channel and to discontinue Reporting Scotland: News at Seven; expresses concern that proposed changes could reduce access to Scottish news and public broadcasting, particularly for audiences who rely on traditional television services, and could impact jobs and investment in Scotland; highlights the contribution of broadcasting to Scotland's economy through investment in skilled jobs, the screen sector and the creative industries workforce; notes the importance of fair and sustainable support for Gaelic media and the continuing disparity in funding between Gaelic-language and Welsh-language broadcasting; believes that licence fee revenues raised in Scotland should be reinvested in full in Scotland; recognises the opportunity presented by the ongoing BBC Charter Review to deliver greater accountability, representation and investment for Scotland; believes that BBC television and radio must authentically reflect the lives of people in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to devolve responsibility for broadcasting to the Scottish Parliament.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01962.1 Katherine Sangster: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S7M-01962 in the name of Màiri McAllan (The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "believes that audiences in Scotland should have access to high-quality programming that tells Scottish stories and reflects the richness and diversity of its culture and communities; recognises the BBC's important role in delivering this content and supporting Scotland's creative industries, including independent Scottish production companies; believes that moving BBC Scotland content online and onto BBC Two provides an opportunity to protect this programming, including Gaelic content, while ensuring audiences can continue to access news on terrestrial television through *Reporting Scotland;* calls on the Scottish Government and all Members to engage fully in the BBC Charter Renewal process to champion Scottish broadcasting and to protect the future of public service broadcasting, and further calls on the Scottish Government to support Scotland's screen sector by making the creative economy a national industrial priority and reforming the skills system and business support to reflect the needs and priorities of Scotland's creative industries."

S7M-01962.3 Victor Currie: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S7M-01962 in the name of Màiri McAllan (The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "believes that the BBC has not adapted to long-term changes in media habits; notes that Ofcom weekly reach figures indicate that 58% of the population watch at least one BBC channel and that fewer than 50% of people aged under 25 watch any BBC channel over a full year; considers these figures to be evidence that the BBC's current structure is out of date, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to conduct a broader charter review of the BBC to ensure that it meets modern consumer demand, including consideration of options to abolish the TV license fee in the internet age."

S7M-01962.4 Q Manivannan: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S7M-01962 in the name of Màiri McAllan (The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland), insert at end "; believes that the Charter Review should secure creative origination in Scotland, with commissioning decisions and ownership of intellectual property resting with independent producers based in Scotland; recognises the BBC as a vital public good that faces an existential threat without a sustainable settlement; expresses concern at the commercialisation of core BBC services and believes that the answer lies in fair, sustainable public funding that keeps

services universal and affordable, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that digital terrestrial television services are not discontinued until every household has an affordable alternative."

S7M-01962.5 Murdo Fraser: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S7M-01962 in the name of Màiri McAllan (The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "recognises the importance of independent, impartial and trusted public service broadcasting; believes that BBC modernisation must not diminish Scottish news, current affairs or original programming; calls on the BBC to strengthen its coverage of the Scottish Parliament, including scrutiny of government, and maintain investment in Scottish jobs, skills and production; recognises the importance of Gaelic broadcasting and that the Scottish Government already has the power to increase funding for MG ALBA; believes that the BBC must be accountable, maintain public trust and deliver value for licence fee payers; affirms the importance of a strong, independent, UK-wide BBC that serves Scotland well, and considers that the forthcoming Royal Charter renewal is a crucial opportunity to reinforce the Corporation's independence, governance and long-term commitment to high-quality public service broadcasting."

S7M-01962.2 David Green: The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S7M-01962 in the name of Màiri McAllan (The BBC and Public Service Broadcasting in Scotland), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "expresses concern regarding the BBC's proposal to close the linear BBC Scotland channel and to discontinue *Reporting Scotland: News at Seven*; recognises the importance of public service broadcasting, trusted journalism and investment in Scotland's creative industries; notes changing audience viewing and listening habits and the increasing use of digital and on-demand services; believes that the BBC should continue to support the production of high-quality news, current affairs and other programming in Scotland, reflecting the diverse experiences of communities across the country; further believes that locally- and regionally-based news gathering, reporting and regional news bulletins are essential to ensuring that communities across Scotland are properly represented in public service broadcasting; recognises the cultural importance of Gaelic broadcasting and the need for sustainable support for Gaelic-language media; further recognises the vital role of the BBC World Service in providing trusted and independent news to audiences across the world; believes that the BBC must continue to deliver value for licence fee payers while maintaining high-quality public service content; recognises the opportunity presented by the Charter Review process to strengthen accountability and representation for Scotland within the BBC, and believes that any future permanent BBC Charter should be subject to ratification by the Scottish Parliament."

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

S7M-01702 Jamie Langan: Supporting Scotland's Pubs —That the Parliament notes with sadness the closure of The Crown Inn in Biggar, a historic public house dating back to 1650, which closed its doors in October after serving the local community for generations; recognises the contribution made by its owners and all their staff over the years; notes that The Crown Inn was named CAMRA Lanarkshire Pub of the Year in 2016 and was widely regarded as an important landmark in the town; believes that traditional country pubs play a vital role in fostering community spirit and identity; expresses concern at the growing number of pub closures across Scotland amid rising operating costs, taxation and what it sees as excessive regulations and bureaucracy; believes that Scotland's

pubs form an integral part of Scotland's cultural heritage; notes reported concerns that policy making in recent years has too often treated pubs primarily as a public health problem rather than recognising them as vital community institutions; believes that social drinking is a normal and valued part of British life, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to champion rather than penalise Scotland's traditional pubs and the communities they serve.

Committee Meetings

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

Education and Gaelic Committee
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.

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee
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.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee
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.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
10th Meeting, 2026

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

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

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

The draft Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Thresholds) Amendment Order 2027

The draft Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2027

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

The Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.) (Amendment) Order 2026 (SI 2026/1095)

The Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2026 (SI 2026/1097 (S. 1))

The Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Dumfries and Galloway Council) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/295)

The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Dumfries and Galloway Council) Designation Order 2026 (SSI 2026/296)

The Mobile Homes (Written Statement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/320)

4. **Instrument not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/294 (C. 34))

5. **Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the response from the Scottish Government, with reference to LCM-S7-7b.

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