Wednesday 11 November 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

Committee Meetings

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9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

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10:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

11:20am Criminal Justice Committee

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Social Justice and Housing

1. Jamie Langan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Government's recently proposed changes to the rules governing indefinite leave to remain, what assessment it has made of the potential impact of these changes on Scotland's communities. (S7O-00471)

2. Alan Brown: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its Stage 2 consultation on proposed changes to energy and environmental building standards, what consideration it will give to supply chain capacity alongside the consultation responses when developing the final standards. (S7O-00472)

3. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Shelter Scotland's recommendations in its Building Hope route map and the calls from Crisis for investment in measures to reduce the number of children living in temporary accommodation, how much funding it has allocated to homelessness prevention pilots and other homelessness prevention activity. (S7O-00473)

4. Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to implement new or to update existing strategies to support the conversion of unused and derelict buildings for use as housing, as part of its proposed local government reform. (S7O-00474)

5. Holly Bruce: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment to introduce misogyny education programmes in all schools as part of its strategy to address violence against women and girls, what substantive update it can provide on the delivery of these programmes, including an expected timeline. (S7O-00475)

6. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Centre for Civic Innovation's seventh Annual Family Poverty in Glasgow report, which was published last month. (S7O-00476)

7. David Smith: To ask the Scottish Government how many private landlords have exited the private rented sector since 2021 and what assessment it has made of the impact of this on the availability and affordability of housing for tenant families. (S7O-00477)

8. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with registered social landlords operating in Inverclyde, and what was discussed. (S7O-00478)

9. David Linden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding VAT on home safety equipment, including the impact of VAT costs on housing associations fitting this equipment.
(S7O-00479)

10. Gary Bouse: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local authorities regarding the provision of housing for care-experienced young people. (S7O-00480) **R**

Economy, Tourism and Transport

1. Laura Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the growth of whisky tourism in rural communities, including in Speyside. (S7O-00483)

2. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the current closure of the Renfrew Bridge. (S7O-00484)

3. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the delivery of the MV Glen Rosa has been further delayed, having initially been scheduled for completion in 2018. (S7O-00485)

4. David Kirkwood: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic benefits of innovative manufacturing businesses that increase production and supply chain activity in Scotland. (S7O-00486)

5. Amanda Lindsay: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish an update on progress towards the construction of Winchburgh train station. (S7O-00487)

6. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of progress made in addressing barriers to women's participation in entrepreneurship, as identified in the report, *Pathways: A new approach for women in entrepreneurship.* (S7O-00488)

7. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the performance of rail services that have been nationalised since 2022. (S7O-00489)

8. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the promotion of tourism in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang constituency. (S7O-00490)

9. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the changes to business rates thresholds and Small Business Rate Relief announced in the UK budget, whether it will introduce equivalent changes for businesses in Scotland. (S7O-00491)

10. Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government, given that temporary footbridges over the A9 are often erected at Gleneagles for golf spectators, what consideration it has given to building a permanent footbridge to improve pedestrian access to the railway station for local residents. (S7O-00492)

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Improving Attainment, Tackling Inequality and Strengthening National Standards

S7M-01963 Katherine Sangster: Improving Attainment, Tackling Inequality and Strengthening National Standards —That the Parliament recognises that the international performance of Scottish education has declined; further recognises the need to improve the experience and attainment for all young people in Scotland; believes that achievement in education is a key factor in breaking the cycle of poverty; agrees that Parliament must do more to break the link between family income and educational achievement; believes that, in order to address issues within the education system, they must be better understood, and calls for the reintroduction of the Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy (SSLN) and standardised reporting across all local authorities to ensure consistent reporting on absences, behaviour and additional support needs and enable the education system to get it right for every child.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

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followed by Business Motions

S7M-01982 Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of 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 Debate: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living

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 Debate: Prevention and Preventative Budgeting

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 24 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 25 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 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 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 16 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.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-01983 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5:30 pm Decision Time

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

S7M-01325 Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Lothian Buses, Formerly Lothian Region Transport—That the Parliament celebrates the 40th anniversary of Lothian Buses, which was formerly Lothian Region Transport and is the UK's largest municipal bus company; commends the foresight of then Lothian Region, which established Lothian Regional Transport plc following the Transport Act 1985, which mandated that bus operators be run as commercial entities; notes the efforts of the Lothian Region administration and trades unions for resisting a management buyout in 1992, ensuring that Lothian Buses was the only major publicly owned bus company in Scotland; believes that the deregulation and privatisation of bus services has failed on its own terms; notes the continued municipal ownership model in the Lothians; believes that this ensures profits are reinvested into new routes, low ticket prices and fleet improvements; notes the crucial role that it believes public transport has in addressing carbon emissions and growing local economies, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to urgently simplify bus franchising legislation as a stepping-stone to municipal ownership, to ensure that other regions can build better bus services.

Committee Meetings

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

Transport Committee
11th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Scotland's bus services – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Alison Irvine, Chief Executive Officer and Mary Docherty, Director, Bus, Concessionary and Active Travel, Transport Scotland;
   Jamie Ross, Chief Executive, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
   Margaret Roy, Public Transport Team Leader, Perth & Kinross Council (representing the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers);
   Paul White, Director, Confederation of Passenger Transport.
   and then from—
   Christopher Cheek, Managing Director, 2FM Limited;
   Alison Chew, Interim Network Director for Bus, Transport for Greater Manchester;
   Nick Owen, Head of Bus Performance Delivery, Transport for London.

2. **Scotland's bus services – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Health, Care and Sport Committee
10th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Pre-Budget scrutiny 2027-28: Preparing for future challenges in the health, care and sport sectors (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter.

2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme and reflect on its initial working practices.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 5

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

2. **Housing stakeholder roundtables – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Paul Bradley, Director of External Affairs, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;
   Tony Cain, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;
   Anna Gardiner, Senior Policy Adviser (Business and Property), Scottish Land and Estates;
   David Raine, Head of Policy Development, Homes for Scotland.
   and then from—
   John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords;
   Maeve McGoldrick, Head of Policy and Communications, Crisis Scotland;

Kate Polson, Chief Executive, Rock Trust;
Emma Saunders, National Organiser, Living Rent.

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

Rural Affairs Committee
10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:15AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Committee objectives (In Private):** The Committee will consider ways of working and committee objectives.

2. **Rural Support Plan inquiry – report (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration a draft report.

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee
10th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:30AM in Committee Room 1

1. **Declaration of interests:** Joe Fagan and Angela Ross will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **UK Budget: Implications for the Scottish Budget – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Jonathan Haskel, Chair, Tom Josephs, Member of the Budget Responsibility Committee, and Callum Bridge-Adams, Senior Official for October Economic and Fiscal Outlook, Office for Budget Responsibility.

3. **UK Budget: Implications for the Scottish Budget – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

4. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government on the proposed timetable for scrutiny of the Scottish Budget 2027-28.

Criminal Justice Committee
11th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 11:20AM in Committee Room 6

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

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 November 2026

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

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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
12 November 2026
9th Meeting, 2026

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

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

2. **The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Colin Lindsay, Developer and Hydrogen Services Manager, Scottish Water Horizons;
   Giulio Santori, Reader, University of Edinburgh;
   Professor Mark Parsons, EPCC Director, EPCC, University of Edinburgh;
   Ana Valdivia, Lecturer in AI, Government & Policy, University of Oxford.
   and then from—
   Dr Gemma Bone Dodds, Chair, Lothian Heat;
   Simon Kerr, Head of Heat Networks, SAV-Systems;
   Andrea Marinoni, Associate Professor of Applied Remote Sensing, UiT the Arctic University of Norway and Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Technology, University of Cambridge.

3. **Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to its scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

4. **Environmental Standards Scotland engine idling laws air quality investigation: Scottish Government improvement plan – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to its scrutiny of the Environmental Standards Scotland engine idling laws air quality investigation: Scottish Government improvement plan.

5. **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 at climateaction.committee@parliament.scot

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
12 November 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

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

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

2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Unpaid Carers, and take evidence from—
   Carole Mochan, Proposed Convener of CPG Unpaid Carers, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Unpaid Carers.

4. **Electoral Commission for Scotland – oral evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Dame Sue Bruce, Commissioner, Vijay Rangarajan, Chief Executive, Chris Pleass, Director of Corporate Services, and Jackie Killeen, Director of Electoral Administration and Regulation, Electoral Commission, Scotland.

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

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
12 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 3 in private.

2. **Implementation of the EHRC revised code of practice for services, public functions and associations – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Kirsty Cumming, Chief Executive, Community Leisure UK;
   Michael Dickson OBE, Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS Scotland;
   Adam Jobson, Deputy Chief Executive - People Strategy, Scottish Prison Service;
   Catriona Paton, Assistant Chief Constable, Policing Together, Police Scotland.
   and then from—
   Maya Forstater, Chief Executive Officer, Sex Matters;
   Mary Howden, Director, Women's Rights Network Scotland;
   Susan Smith, Director, For Women Scotland.

3. **Implementation of the EHRC revised code of practice for services, public functions and associations – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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Public Audit Committee
12 November 2026
10th 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. **Scotland's colleges 2026** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
   Neil Rennick, Director General, Education & Justice, Amanda Callaghan, Deputy Director Governance and Assurance, and Sara Grainger, Institutional Sustainability and Reform Unit Head, Scottish Government;
   Paul Devoy, Interim CEO, Tiffany Ritchie, Director of Finance, and Helen Cross, Director of Investment and Research, Scottish Funding Council.

3. **Scotland's colleges 2026** The Committee will take further evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland, Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, and Derek Hoy, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Scotland's colleges 2026** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

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PublicAudit.Committee@parliament.scot

Public Service Reform Committee
12 November 2026
11th 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 3 in private.

2. **Standards for public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Stuart Hoddinott, Associate Director, Institute for Government;
   Katie Kelly, Chair, New Local;
   Richard Kerley, Co-chair, Centre for Public Policy.

3. **Standards for public service reform:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for debate

*S7M-01993 **Jamie Hepburn: Remembering the Service of the Armed Forces Community—**That the Parliament pays tribute to all individuals across Scotland, the UK, the Commonwealth and Allied Nations who were harmed or killed in war; is grateful to those who served and sacrificed to build the relative peace and freedoms that people enjoy today; acknowledges the enduring importance of the Remembrance period to families and communities and the importance of maintaining awareness amongst younger generations as events become more distant; remembers all victims of wars, those that happened in the past as well as those happening now, and recognises Scotland's Veterans and Armed Forces community and the significant contribution that they continue to make to the nation.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Neil Gray*, Stephen Gethins*, Kirsten Oswald*, Gillian Mackay*, Ross Greer*

*S7M-01988 **Jamie Hepburn: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill—**That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Stephen Gethins*

S7M-01963 **Katherine Sangster: Improving Attainment, Tackling Inequality and Strengthening National Standards —**That the Parliament recognises that the international performance of Scottish education has declined; further recognises the need to improve the experience and attainment for all young people in Scotland; believes that achievement in education is a key factor in breaking the cycle of poverty; agrees that Parliament must do more to break the link between family income and educational achievement; believes that, in order to address issues within the education system, they must be better understood, and calls for the reintroduction of the Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy (SSLN) and standardised reporting across all local authorities to ensure consistent reporting on absences, behaviour and additional support needs and enable the education system to get it right for every child.

Supported by: Jenny Young

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Supported by: Alyn Smith*, Siobhian Brown*

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*S7M-01963.1 **Laura Moodie: Improving Attainment, Tackling Inequality and Strengthening National Standards —**As an amendment to motion S7M-01963 in the name of Katherine Sangster (Improving Attainment, Tackling Inequality and Strengthening National Standards), insert at end "; recognises that, where data collection on pupil performance across local authorities is standardised, it should be done in a way that supports both the progress and attainment of pupils and tackles the bureaucracy placed on teachers; welcomes guidance on school uniforms that includes key recommendations to limit costs, and calls for this guidance to be placed on a statutory footing as soon as possible."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-01998 **Jackie Baillie: Cardross Railway Station Wins RHS Britain in Bloom Award—**That the Parliament congratulates the volunteers of Cardross Railway Station on being awarded Best UK Station at the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards; understands that Cardross Community Organic Garden (COG) adopted Cardross station in March 2022: recognises the dedication, hard work and community spirit shown by the volunteers who have created a station that celebrates the local heritage and is deeply rooted in, and reflective of, the surrounding community; notes that the station has become a source of pride for local residents and visitors alike; understands that the achievement follows many years of commitment to enhancing the local environment and promoting sustainable community engagement, and wishes the volunteers every success in their future projects.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01997 **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Citymoves Dance Agency on its Move to The Academy—**That the Parliament congratulates Citymoves Dance Agency on securing a move to The Academy in Aberdeen; notes that Citymoves offers a wide array of dance classes and workshops in both its studio and other venues across the city; further notes that the organisation aims to provide opportunities for its students to learn, perform and produce in the performing arts; wishes the team well in their new premises, and looks forward to seeing what the future holds for Citymoves Dance Agency.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*, Michelle Campbell*, Colin Beattie*

*S7M-01996 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Ben Millar Wins Gold at the Commonwealth Karate Championships—**That the Parliament congratulates nine-year-old Ben Millar, who is a pupil at Strathallan Primary School in Kirkcaldy and a member of Shojiki Karate Club, on winning Gold for JKS Scotland at the Commonwealth Karate Championships at Glasgow's Emirates Arena; notes that Ben won all four of his bouts in the over-30kg kumite category for seven- to nine-year-olds, defeating opponents from India and England before having 3–1 and 4–1 victories over two fellow Scottish competitors; commends the dedication that Ben has shown throughout his three-and-a-half years with Shojiki and in his training at the JKS Scotland headquarters in Dunfermline; recognises the contribution of his head coach, Ben Woods, to his development, and wishes Ben every success at the JKS Glasgow tournament in Motherwell on 22 November 2026 and in his future karate career.

*S7M-01995 **Maggie Chapman: Congratulations to Dundee International Women's Centre on its New Premises—**That the Parliament congratulates Dundee International Women's Centre on its new premises, Nicoll House, where it will aim to continue to promote and create support and learning pathways for hundreds of women each year to gain confidence, education and employability skills, supporting them to participate in social, political and economic life; notes that the Centre is a place where women and girls can achieve their personal goals, prosper in their communities and reach their full potential, through engagement, education and self-empowerment; recognises that, since 1969, the Centre has supported women with a focus on those from minority ethnic communities; applauds the work of Dundee International Women's Centre, its committee, staff and volunteers in addressing the needs of women and girls from Dundee, and wishes the Centre every success with its activities.

Supported by: Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*, Ariane Burgess*, Holly Bruce*, Ross Greer*

*S7M-01991 **Paul Sweeney: Expanding the UK Olympic and Paralympic Bid Feasibility Study to Include Scotland—**That the Parliament notes the UK Government's recent announcement of a £7 million feasibility study to explore a potential UK bid to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the 2040s; understands that the current scope of this feasibility study is focused exclusively on northern English cities; highlights the recent public intervention by Olympic medallist and Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Gold medallist, Josh Kerr, who stated that any opportunity to bring a high-level sporting event to Scotland is massive and called for Scotland to be included in future UK Olympic bids; believes that Glasgow and Scotland have a proven, world-class track record of delivering major international sporting events, successfully utilising existing infrastructure for the 2014 and 2026

Commonwealth Games; considers that a UK-wide bid utilising existing, world-class Scottish venues would be financially responsible and significantly strengthen the overall proposition to the International Olympic Committee, and calls on the Scottish Government to proactively engage with the UK Government to ensure that the ongoing feasibility study is expanded beyond northern England to fully incorporate Glasgow and other Scottish venues, ensuring that Scotland is not left on the sidelines of a future UK Olympic and Paralympic bid.

Supported by: Irshad Ahmed*, Monica Lennon*

*S7M-01990 **Michael Marra: Welcoming the Return of the Open to Carnoustie —**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the 157th Open Championship is set to be held at Carnoustie Golf Links in 2029; recognises Carnoustie's long association with The Open and its place in Scotland's golfing heritage; welcomes the opportunity to showcase Angus to an international audience and bring visitors to local businesses, and wishes the organisers, staff and volunteers every success as they prepare to welcome players and spectators from around the world.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01989 **Michael Marra: Congratulating John Miller on Steps: The Spiritual Journey of Peter Howson—**That the Parliament congratulates John Miller on the publication of his new book, *Steps: The Spiritual Journey of Peter Howson*; notes that the book draws on two decades of friendship and conversations with Peter Howson to explore the acclaimed Scottish painter's life, work and Christian faith; recognises John's longstanding service as a Church of Scotland Minister in Castlemilk and his contribution as Moderator of the General Assembly in 2001-02; welcomes the book's exploration of the relationship between art, faith and human experience; celebrates Peter Howson's contribution to Scotland's cultural life, and wishes John every success with the publication.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01987 **Stephen Kerr: Relight Stirling Castle—**That the Parliament welcomes the community-led campaign 'Relight our Castle', which is calling for the relighting of Stirling Castle and Castle Rock with a modern, sensitive lighting scheme; recognises Stirling Castle as one of Scotland's most iconic historic landmarks, a vital symbol of national heritage and a major anchor for the tourism economy of Stirling and the wider Forth Valley; understands that a modern, energy-efficient illumination scheme could enhance the evening economy, boost local hospitality and showcase the castle to visitors and residents alike, and encourages Historic Environment Scotland and local stakeholders to engage constructively with the campaign to explore opportunities to relight Stirling Castle and Castle Rock.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*, Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01986 **Craig Hoy: Recognising the 2026 Lockerbie Fellows and the Lockerbie-Syracuse Bond—**That the Parliament congratulates the 2026 Lockerbie Fellowship cohort, comprising Imogen Reid, Carly Black, Falon Oliphant, Anna Byers, Emma Sloan, Amy Oliver, Megan Curry, Max Atkinson, Joshua Thompson and Lewis White, on their successful participation in the Pan Am Remembrance Week at Syracuse University in New York State; notes that the fellows took part in a programme of remembrance and reflection that included the rose-laying ceremony, candlelit vigil, convocation and acts of solidarity commemorating the victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 disaster of 21 December 1988; commends the fellows for delivering a presentation on the impact of the tragedy on the Lockerbie area and for acting as outstanding ambassadors for their community, Scotland and the United Kingdom; notes that they met civic and academic leaders, including the mayor of Syracuse and the chancellor of Syracuse University, helping to strengthen the enduring bond between Lockerbie and Syracuse that has developed in the decades since the tragedy; recognises the valuable contribution that the fellowship programme makes in promoting remembrance, education, international friendship and understanding; praises the young people for their commitment to honouring the victims and preserving their legacy for future generation, and commends teachers Kerry Currie and Catherine Carrick from Lockerbie Academy for their dedication and support in delivering the fellowship programme and guiding the young people involved.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Colm Merrick*, Senga Beresford*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Langan*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*, Amanda Bland*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01985 **Craig Hoy: Congratulations to Better Lives Partnership Dumfries on National Art Competition Success—**That the Parliament congratulates Better Lives Partnership Dumfries on winning the 16 and over category in the Marine Conservation Society's art competition, One Year to DRS (Deposit Return Scheme), held as part of World Oceans Week; recognises the outstanding achievement of the young people involved, aged 16 to 25, who are supported by the charity to develop skills, qualifications and confidence while overcoming barriers associated with autism and other additional support needs; commends their creativity, research and collaboration in producing a winning poster highlighting the deposit return scheme and the need to protect marine life from plastic pollution; notes that the artwork incorporated a range of artistic techniques and recycled materials, reflecting both inclusion and sustainability; further notes that the winning entry has been selected for exhibition at Westminster as part of the Deposit Return Scheme event on 2 November 2027, providing national recognition for the young people's work; acknowledges the positive contribution that Better Lives Partnership makes to communities across Dumfries and Galloway by supporting young people towards employment, independent living, further education and volunteering, and wishes all those involved continued success in their efforts to promote environmental awareness, inclusion and community participation while representing Dumfries and Galloway on a national stage.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*, Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01984 **Joe Long: Welcoming the Publication of Carnegie UK's Life in the UK Index 2026 for Scotland—**That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Carnegie UK's report, *Life in the UK - Scotland 2026: A measure of Scotland's collective wellbeing*; notes the progress reported in areas such as financial resilience, community connections and environmental wellbeing; recognises, however, that significant challenges remain, including inequalities experienced by people on lower incomes, disabled people and those living in social housing as well as low levels of democratic wellbeing; further recognises the importance of measuring progress through a broad understanding of people's quality of life; congratulates Carnegie UK on its continued work to measure collective wellbeing, and hopes that the findings will support efforts across government to improve the wellbeing of people and communities across Scotland.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01983 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01982 **Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of 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 Debate: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living

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 Debate: Prevention and Preventative Budgeting

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 24 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 25 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 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 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 16 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.

*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

*S7M-01980 **Ivan McKee: Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Thresholds) Amendment Order 2027 [draft]—**That the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Thresholds) Amendment Order 2027 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Hannah Mary Goodlad*

*S7M-01979 **Hannah Mary Goodlad: Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2026 [draft]—**That the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee recommends that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*

*S7M-01978 **Monica Lennon: Sauchiehall Street Culture and Heritage District—**That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Life on the Sauchiehall Street Culture and Heritage District being shortlisted in the Creative Regeneration category of the prestigious 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration; recognises that the awards celebrate innovation, achievement and best practice in initiatives that improve communities across Scotland; acknowledges the importance of Sauchiehall Street as one of Glasgow's most iconic thoroughfares, with a rich history of culture, music, entertainment, retail and architectural heritage; notes that Sauchiehall Street forms the spine of the Culture and Heritage District, bookended by the Mitchell Library and Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, and that the project also encompasses the adjacent streets of Bath Street and Renfrew Street, as well as the Garnethill community; welcomes Glasgow Life's ambitious 10-year vision to revitalise the district through culture- and heritage-led regeneration, working in partnership with Glasgow City Council, cultural organisations, local businesses and communities; notes the £2.3 million investment from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support the next phase of the project, helping to bring historic buildings back into use, celebrate the area's heritage and create new opportunities for cultural activity and community participation; recognises the importance of this collaborative approach in supporting the economic, social and cultural vitality of Glasgow city centre, and wishes Glasgow Life and all its partners every success at the 2026 SURF Awards.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*S7M-01977 **Jack Middleton: Aberdonian Golfer Ben Murray Wins Scottish Golf Order of Merit—**That the Parliament congratulates 30-year-old Aberdonian golfer, Ben Murray, of Portlethen Golf Club, on being crowned the 2026 Scottish Men's Order of Merit Champion; recognises this as an outstanding achievement and the culmination of an exceptional season for Ben, who represented Scotland in the Home Internationals, won his club championship for the seventh time, secured victory

at the North East Open and won the Amateur Championship pre-qualifying competition; notes that Ben also helped the North East District team qualify for the Area Team Championship Finals, reached the knockout stages of the Scottish Men's Amateur Championship for the fifth consecutive year and recorded an impressive series of top-five finishes, including fourth place at the Scottish Men's Open Championship and the Craigmillar Park Open, and fifth place at the Tennant Cup, East of Scotland Open and Cameron Corbett Vase; acknowledges Ben's dedication, consistency and sporting excellence, as well as the pride that his achievements have brought to Portlethen Golf Club and the wider north east golfing community; commends the golf club for its plans to formally recognise his achievements, and wishes Ben continued success as he builds on this remarkable accomplishment and continues to represent the north east of Scotland with distinction.

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Laura Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

*S7M-01976 **Paul McLennan: National Children's Grief Awareness Week —**That the Parliament recognises that the theme for National Children's Grief Awareness Week 2026 is #KeepingConnected, focusing on helping bereaved children and young people feel connected to their friends, family, grief traditions and memories; further recognises the work of Richmond's Hope in supporting bereaved children during the week, which is taking place from 16 to 22 November 2026; understands that, according to a 2020 study by the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice and the University of Strathclyde, published before the full impact of COVID-19 was known, more than half of children in Scotland had experienced the bereavement of a close family member by the age of eight; further understands that, according to the Childhood Bereavement Network, 62% of children in Scotland have lost a close family member by the age of 10; acknowledges that bereavement can leave children and young people feeling isolated and lonely, particularly in the early period after a loss, and that grief does not define a child but can become part of their identity and, over time, help build resilience; recognises the vital work of organisations that support bereaved children and families across Scotland; welcomes efforts to raise awareness, improve access to support in schools and communities and ensure that every bereaved child and young person has someone they can turn to beyond their immediate family and friends, and calls for every school in Scotland to have an effective bereavement policy.

*S7M-01973 **Liam McArthur: Sheila Fleet Jewellery Named Women's Enterprise Scotland's Rural Business of the Year —**That the Parliament congratulates the entire team at Sheila Fleet Jewellery on winning Rural Business of the Year at the 2026 Women's Enterprise Scotland Awards ceremony; understands that this award celebrates the positive impact that women-led businesses in rural Scotland make to their local economy and community; recognises that the Orkney-based business was also shortlisted in the Service Excellence Business of the Year and Outstanding Business of the Year categories; pays tribute to Sheila herself who, with support from her husband, Rick, son, Martin and his wife, Mairi, has transformed a small business that first operated out of their home in Tankerness to one that now manages five storefronts across Scotland, comprising of two in Orkney and one in St Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow; celebrates this well-deserved recognition for Sheila Fleet Jewellery, and wishes Sheila and the team all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Kristopher Leask*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-01857 **Katie Hagmann: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO 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 is the largest biosphere reserve in the UK 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, 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.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Laura Moodie*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01975 **Gary Bouse: Celebrating 10 Years of The Wine Library in Falkirk** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Jack Middleton*, David Torrance*, Stephen Kerr*, Colm Merrick*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01974 **Angela Ross: Recognising Poppy Cabs and Edinburgh's Support for Veterans** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Bland*, Jamie Langan*, Victor Currie*, Stephen Kerr*, Kim Schmulian*, Jackie Baillie*

S7M-01971 **Heather Anderson: Scottish Mountain Rescue** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Monica Lennon*, Liam McArthur*, Alex Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Paul Sweeney*, Angela Ross*, Laura Mitchell*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Kim Schmulian*, Victor Currie*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01970 **Daniel Johnson: Let's Respect Retail** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Paul McLennan*, Liam McArthur*, Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*, Angela Ross*, Rachael Hamilton*, Katherine Sangster*, Irshad Ahmed*, Lorna Slater*, David Torrance*, Stephen Kerr*, Jackie Baillie*, Laura Moodie*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01969 **David Barratt: Celebrating Pauline Abbie's Inclusion in The Young Women's Movement 30 Under 30 List** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Dawn Black*

S7M-01968 **Angela Ross: Remembrance Day Commemorations Across the Lothians** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, Emma Roddick*, Victor Currie*, Stephen Kerr*

S7M-01967 **Dawn Black: Market Bar Fun Day Supports Local Good Causes** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Jack Middleton*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01966 **Stephen Kerr: 300th Anniversary of the Birth of William Wilson of Bannockburn** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Amanda Bland*, Russell Findlay*

S7M-01965 **Dawn Black: Recognition of Mairi Millar's Inclusion in the Young Women's Movement 30 Under 30 List** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Laura Moodie*, Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01964 **Dawn Black: Mackie Academy's 50th Sponsored Walk** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Emma Roddick*, Jack Middleton*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01961 **Mark Simpson: Poppyscotland Volunteers in Aberdeen and Across Scotland** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Emma Roddick*, Jack Middleton*, Victor Currie*, Stuart McMillan*, Stephen Kerr*, Amanda Lindsay*

S7M-01960 **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Thanking Tony Pirouet for his Contribution to the Loony Dook** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

S7M-01959 **Zen Ghani: Celebrating the Heritage and Community Work of Friends of Crookston Castle** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Monica Lennon*

S7M-01958 **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Vagrant Real Estate on Winning the 2026 Scottish Album of the Year** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

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

S7M-01957 **Pauline McNeill: Earshot and Forensic Architecture Independent Report on the Tel-al-Sultan Attack** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

S7M-01956 **Dawn Black: Scottish Youth Work Week 2026** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Emma Roddick*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01955 **David Torrance: Congratulations to Briggs Marine on its International Marine Response Award** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Amanda Bland*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Julie MacDougall*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01954 **Amanda Bland: Food Access and Nutrition for Older People in Scotland** (lodged on 9 November 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

S7M-01953 **Alex Kerr: Sparks Connections Wins at the VASLan Awards** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, David Torrance*, Colm Merrick*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01952 **Emma Roddick: Celebrating Nairn Synchro's Success** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01951 **Emma Roddick: Inverness, a City of Culture** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, David Torrance*

S7M-01950 **Emma Roddick: The Legacy and Future of the Market Bar** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01949 **Stephen Kerr: Equipping Police Officers with Tasers** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Russell Findlay*, Amanda Lindsay*

S7M-01948 **David Torrance: Celebrating Scotland's Success at the International Six Days Enduro** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

S7M-01946 **Zen Ghani: Cassiltoun Housing Association National Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*, Heather Anderson*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01945 **Zen Ghani: Castlemilk Community Church Supporting New Scots Through Community Outreach** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01944 **Zen Ghani: Friends of Linn Park Community Growing and Nature Projects** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*

S7M-01943 **Zen Ghani: Carnwadric WIN Project Intergenerational Community Activities** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Miles Briggs*

S7M-01942 **Zen Ghani: Home-Start Glasgow South Warm Place Early Years Support in Pollokshaws** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Colm Merrick*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01941 **Zen Ghani: Clyde FC Community Foundation Promoting Respect and Positive Relationships Among Young People** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

S7M-01940 **Zen Ghani: The Saturday Cafe Clubs SCIO Inclusive Sporting Opportunities for Young People** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

S7M-01939 **Zen Ghani: People Relief Support Promoting Young People's Wellbeing and Development** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01938 **Zen Ghani: Whitacres Wolves SCIO Holiday Football Programme for Children and Young People** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Amanda Bland*

S7M-01937 **Emma Roddick: Celebrating Inverness-based Surgeons on Gaza and Ukraine Work** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*, Jack Middleton*, David Torrance*

S7M-01936 **Bob Doris: Scottish Public Service Awards 2026** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

S7M-01935 **Emma Roddick: Congratulations to UHI Inverness Graduates on Receiving Engineering Awards** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Victor Currie*, Kristopher Leask*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01934 **Pauline McNeill: Arisha Asghar Awarded Prestigious Pinsent Masons Scholarship** (lodged on 6 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01933 **Jack Middleton: VSA Supports AberNecessities** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

S7M-01932 **Paul McLennan: Recognition of Andrew Stevenson and Destiny United FC** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

S7M-01930 **Murdo Fraser: Creation of a Scottish Universal Library Offer in Scotland** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

S7M-01928 **Q Manivannan: The Royal Scottish Academy at 200** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Roddick*, Kate Nevens*

S7M-01926 **Thomas Kerr: Carmyle Re:Run Hosts Spirit in the Park Event** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: David Linden*

S7M-01923 **David Torrance: Welcoming Nominations for the 2027 Central Fife ClubSport Awards** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01922 **Heather Anderson: A Century of the Scots Independent** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01914 **Paul Sweeney: 50th Anniversary of Turnbull High School** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Adam Harley*, David Torrance*

S7M-01910 **Bob Doris: Celebrating 175 Years of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Maryhill** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Colm Merrick*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Amanda Bland*

S7M-01909 **Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2026** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01908 **Finlay Carson: Walking Football Scotland Celebrates Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01907 **Ross Greer: Celebrating the Work of Bipolar Scotland** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Ariane Burgess*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Cara McKee*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Holly Bruce*, Kate Nevens*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01901 **Meghan Gallacher: The Welcome to School Bag Initiative** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

S7M-01899 **Bob Doris: Glasgow Phoenix Choir Celebrates 75 Years of Choral Excellence** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Colm Merrick*, Angela Ross*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01898 **Laura Mitchell: Speyfest Nominated for Event of the Year at the 2026 Scots Trad Music Award** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01893 **James Adams: North East Scotland College Recognised at The Herald and s1jobs Top Employer Awards** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01891 **Duncan Dunlop: Recognising the Importance of RSABI** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*, Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Calum Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Jamie Langan*, Amanda Bland*

S7M-01880 **Alan Brown: Kilmarnock Boxer Aaron Sarwar Crowned World Youth Champion** (lodged on 4 November 2026)

New Support: Jack Middleton*

S7M-01853 **Paul McLennan: Contribution of Co-operatives to Scotland's Economy** (lodged on 3 November 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Donald MacKinnon* **R**, Laura Mitchell*

S7M-01852 **Lloyd Melville: Congratulating Jamie Reid, BUCS Stirling International Winner** (lodged on 3 November 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Mark Simpson*

S7M-01720 **Daniel Johnson: Supporting Scotland's Sleep Support Line** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Bob Doris*

S7M-01539 **Duncan Dunlop: Congratulating Former Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Solidier, Danny Mavor** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Kim Schmulian*, Stuart McMillan*, Amanda Bland*, Angela Ross*

Questions

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 12 November 2026

1. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00071)
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00072)
3. **Ross Greer:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00073)
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00074)
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00075)

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 10 November 2026

S7W-04927 **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote fair work conditions for care workers, particularly overseas care workers, including those who are (a) dismissed from their employment or (b) unable to work due to sickness or injury.

S7W-04928 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what changes the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) has made to prison officer training and promotion arrangements in response to the concerns identified in the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all SPS establishments relating to practical skills and management competency.

S7W-04929 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many protected disclosures have been recorded by the Scottish Prison Service in each of the last five financial years.

S7W-04930 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many allegations of victimisation or detrimental treatment following the reporting of wrongdoing have been recorded by the Scottish Prison Service in each of the last five financial years.

S7W-04931 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken in response to the findings in the March 2026 Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all SPS establishments regarding staff fears of reprisals for reporting inappropriate behaviour.

S7W-04932 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce an independent and confidential reporting mechanism for Scottish Prison Service (SPS) employees, as recommended in the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all SPS establishments, and, if so, when this will become operational.

S7W-04933 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many misconduct investigations involving Scottish Prison Service employees have been discontinued following the resignation or retirement of the individual concerned, in each of the last five financial years.

S7W-04934 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will require the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) to continue misconduct investigations following the resignation or retirement of the individual concerned, as recommended in the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all SPS establishments.

S7W-04935 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish Prison Service employees who were subject to ongoing misconduct investigations have left the organisation with pay in lieu of notice, in each of the last five financial years.

S7W-04936 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many complaints of bullying, harassment or discrimination against Scottish Prison Service senior managers have been recorded in each of the last five financial years, and how many resulted in disciplinary action.

S7W-04937 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements are in place to ensure that allegations of misconduct against Scottish Prison Service senior managers are investigated independently of the individuals concerned and their management structures.

S7W-04938 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many settlement agreements have been entered into by the Scottish Prison Service in cases involving allegations of bullying, harassment, discrimination or misconduct, in each of the last five financial years.

S7W-04939 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total expenditure by the Scottish Prison Service on settlement agreements relating to allegations of bullying, harassment, discrimination or misconduct was in each of the last five financial years.

S7W-04940 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will establish an independent complaints panel, as recommended in the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all Scottish Prison Service establishments, and, if so, when it expects the panel to become operational.

S7W-04941 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government on what date ministers first received the findings of Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all Scottish Prison Service establishments.

S7W-04942 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it required the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) to take following receipt of the findings of the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all SPS establishments.

S7W-04943 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government which of the 12 recommendations in the March 2026 Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all Scottish Prison Service establishments have been (a) accepted and (b) implemented.

S7W-04944 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what timetable has been agreed for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations of the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all Scottish Prison Service establishments.

S7W-04945 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Crowe Advisory's independent review of organisational culture across all Scottish Prison Service establishments, what action it has taken to address the finding that 27.2% of staff survey respondents disagreed with the statement that they felt safe in their working environment.

S7W-04946 **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that healthcare professionals working in paediatric settings routinely ask children and young people whether they vape.

S7W-04947 **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people living in communities experiencing the highest health inequalities have access to NHS healthcare services that provide support to quit smoking or vaping.

S7W-04948 **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that children and young people have access to NHS healthcare services that provide treatment for nicotine addiction.

S7W-04949 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the funding that each of the 10 local authorities will receive from the £700,000 of additional funding announced on 29 October 2026 for bringing empty homes back into use.

S7W-04951 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has held any meetings with HM Treasury regarding the UK Government's position on care-related tax relief, and what matters relating

to the impact of that position on people and care services in Scotland were discussed at those meetings.

S7W-04952 **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision to halt the Full Business Case to redevelop Monklands hospital in Lanarkshire, how many graduate apprenticeship positions in relation to the construction of the project had to be withdrawn or paused.

S7W-04953 **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its decision in January 2024 to pause NHS construction projects across Scotland for two years, how many graduate apprenticeship positions were lost, cancelled or not proceeded with as a result, broken down by project.

S7W-04954 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has paid to Morton Fraser MacRoberts LLP to date for legal services in connection with case number 1775/12/13/26, McGill's Bus Service Ltd v Scottish Ministers.

S7W-04955 **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timetable is for making and laying regulations under the Dog Theft (Scotland) Act 2026.

S7W-04956 **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to answers to questions S7W-00433 and S7W-02575 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 9 June and 28 August 2026 respectively, whether it will provide an update on the planned enhancements being made to the review process for Adult Disability Payment, specifically relating to claimants who live with permanent, progressive conditions.

S7W-04957 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what meetings ministers and officials have held regarding maternity and neonatal services in the South Scotland region since the publication of the Scottish Human Rights Commission report, *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the South of Scotland*.

S7W-04958 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what modelling, risk assessment or service-planning work it has carried out regarding maternity and neonatal services in the South Scotland region since the publication of the Scottish Human Rights Commission report, *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the South of Scotland*.

S7W-04959 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of reported concerns regarding access to maternity services in the South Scotland region, including in West Galloway, and what action it is taking in response.

S7W-04960 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent action it has taken in response to concerns raised by Scotland's Patient Safety Commissioner regarding maternity safety and the need for independent scrutiny of maternity services in the South Scotland region.

S7W-04961 **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with NHS Dumfries and Galloway regarding the development of a locally based workforce model, including training for GPs, practice nurses and other community healthcare professionals to provide additional support to pregnant women in rural and remote areas, and whether it plans to support the implementation of such a model in the South Scotland region, in light of concerns raised by the Scottish Human Rights Commission and Scotland's Patient Safety Commissioner.

S7W-04962 **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03032 by Tom Arthur on 18 September 2026, on what date it expects to publish its Digital Inclusion Delivery Plan, and which minister or public body will have overall responsibility for overseeing its implementation and delivery.

S7W-04963 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendations in the *Final Report of the Right to Food UK Commission*, which was published in September 2026.

S7W-04964 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is currently on track to meet its 2030 child poverty targets.

S7W-04965 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *Hunger in Scotland 2026,* by Trussell Trust, which states that the number of people at risk of needing to use a food bank has increased by 25,000 since 2025.

S7W-04966 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the cost of increasing the Scottish Child Payment to (a) £40 per week and (b) £55 per week.

S7W-04967 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of ambulance turnaround times at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary during 2026, including the impact of any prolonged turnarounds on emergency ambulance availability across NHS Grampian.

S7W-04968 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what monthly ambulance handover performance targets have been agreed with NHS Grampian as part of its Stage 4 improvement arrangements for 2026-27, and what progress has been made towards meeting those targets.

S7W-04969 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific action it has taken since 1 September 2026 to support NHS Grampian in reducing ambulance handover delays at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

S7W-04970 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what ambulance handover performance criteria NHS Grampian must meet before it can be considered for de-escalation from Stage 4 to Stage 3 of the NHS Scotland National Performance Framework.

S7W-04971 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area have been waiting more than 52 weeks for inpatient or day case ophthalmology treatment, and what action is being taken to reduce this.

S7W-04972 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported 9.8% increase in ongoing inpatient and day case waits for ophthalmology in the year to 30 September 2026, and what action it is taking to increase cataract surgery capacity.

S7W-04973 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many ophthalmology procedures each NHS board has commissioned from the independent sector in 2025-26.

S7W-04974 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plan it has put in place to ensure that no patient waits beyond 26 weeks for ophthalmology treatment by the end of 2031, and what interim milestones it has set for this specialty.

S7W-04976 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02816 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, which senior official is responsible for coordinating partnerships with philanthropic foundations and individual philanthropists across its directorates.

S7W-04977 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02816 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, what published point of contact philanthropic foundations and individual philanthropists should use to propose partnerships with it, including proposals involving more than one directorate.

S7W-04978 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02817 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, what process and timetable it has established for philanthropic foundations and individual philanthropists to contribute to the development of the Scottish Prevention Investment Framework.

S7W-04979 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02817 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, whether it will convene a roundtable as proposed in the question, and, if so, when.

S7W-04980 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02813 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, what assessment it has made of the Australian Government's *Guide to Government Partnership with Philanthropy*, which was published in

May 2026 and subsequently drawn to the Cabinet Secretary's attention in correspondence, and which recommendations, if any, it considers are applicable to Scotland.

S7W-04981 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02813 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, whether it will develop practical guidance for officials on establishing and managing partnerships with philanthropic foundations and individual philanthropists.

S7W-04982 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02814 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 15 September 2026, what consideration it has given to developing a Scottish philanthropy strategy and, if it has no plans to do so, what the reasons are.

S7W-04983 **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the evidence given by Scottish Government and NatureScot officials to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 11 March 2026, when the review of financial support for goose management that is being carried out by NatureScot is due to be completed.

S7W-04984 **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of reports that patients in NHS Lothian are waiting more than six weeks for the results of chest X-Rays and what action it will take in collaboration with NHS Lothian to ensure that patients receive test results in a timely manner.

S7W-04985 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had, or plans to have, with the UK Government regarding the £7 million feasibility study for a UK Olympic and Paralympic bid in the 2040s, and what proactive steps it is taking to advocate for the inclusion of Glasgow and other Scottish cities, given that the study's current exclusive focus is on a joint bid by a consortium of northern English cities.

S7W-04990 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure equitable access to hybrid closed loop technology across all NHS boards.

S7W-04993 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of Firework Control Zones in reducing the anti-social use of fireworks and protecting communities from noise, disruption and public safety risks.

S7W-04994 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of reported breaches of Firework Control Zones in Glasgow during the 2026 Halloween and Bonfire Night period, and how many resulted in enforcement action or arrests.

S7W-04995 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance, financial support and practical assistance it provides to local authorities to establish and enforce Firework Control Zones.

S7W-04996 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish a national evaluation of Firework Control Zones following the 2026 Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

S7W-04997 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessments it has made of the impact of firework-related incidents on Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Ambulance Service during the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

S7W-04998 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what further action it is considering to prevent fireworks being used as weapons or in acts of anti-social behaviour.

S7W-04999 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding the number of assaults, attacks or acts of anti-social behaviour directed towards emergency service personnel involving fireworks in each of the last five years.

S7W-05000 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to communities experiencing high levels of firework-related anti-social behaviour.

S7W-05001 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional measures it is considering to reduce firework-related anti-social behaviour during the festive period.

S7W-05002 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the effectiveness of the fireworks licensing scheme introduced under the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic

Articles (Scotland) Act 2022.

S7W-05003 **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what the expected commencement date is of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Act 2026.

Progress of Legislation

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(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 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
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 10 November 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)

New Documents

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 10 November 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: Progress Report 2025 to 2026 (SG/2026/254) laid under section 20 and section 87 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/135) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Part 15 The Companies Act 2006

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