Monday 16 November 2026

Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 18 November: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans - Questions 3 and 10.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 11 November 2026

Tuesday 17 November 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr David Strang CBE QPM, Prisoners Week Scotland

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: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary

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 Debate: Climate Action

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Finance and Local Government

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Developing a National Scottish Fontan Service and Transplant Pathway

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: Brain Tumour Tissue Preservation and Patient Choice in Scotland

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

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
17 November 2026
11th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Kim Schmulian will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

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

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

   The draft Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2027

   The draft Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2026

4. **Document subject to parliamentary approval:** The Committee will consider—

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

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

   The Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/319 (C.35))

   The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 9) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/326 (C.38))

   Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) 2026 (SSI 2026/328)

6. **Health Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-6a.

Proposed future business

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee
17 November 2026
11th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 11:00AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Non-Domestic Rates (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to work on non-domestic rates.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Criminal Justice Committee
18 November 2026
12th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 9 in private.

2. **Crime and antisocial behaviour associated with e-bikes and e-scooters – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Andrew Barclay, Superintendent, Deputy Head of Road Policing, Will Linden, Deputy Head, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, and Scott McCarren, Chief Superintendent, Head of Road Policing, Police Scotland.

3. **Police conduct regulations - evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276); and the Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277)

   from—

   Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government;
   Jo Farrell, Chief Constable and Lynn Ratcliff, Assistant Chief Constable, Professionalism, Police Scotland.

4. **Police conduct regulations – motions recommending annulment:** Stephen Kerr MSP to move —

   S7M-01724— That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276) be annulled

   and

   S7M-01725— That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277) be annulled.

5. **Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

6. **Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] – motion recommending approval:** Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Criminal Justice to move—

   S7M-01586— That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

7. **Financial Services and Markets Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandums LCM-S7-8 and LCM-S7-8a from—
   Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

8. **Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the following instruments—

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

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

9. **Police conduct regulations:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the

   Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276); and the Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277).

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs Committee
18 November 2026
11th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 8 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider its work programme in private at its next meeting.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/284) from—
   Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Emma Ash, Land Reform Senior Policy Adviser, Faye Cooke, Solicitor, and Patrick Kirkham, Head of Land Reform, Scottish Government.

3. **Scottish Land Commission (Number of Land Commissioners) Regulations 2026 – motion recommending annulment:** Donald MacKinnon to move—

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

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.) (Amendment) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/1095).

5. **Outdoor access in Scotland – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Richard Barron, Convenor, National Access Forum;
   Stuart Chalmers, Head of Visitor Services, Forestry and Land Scotland;
   Mark Johnston, Head Ranger, Crown Estate Scotland;
   Peter Rawcliffe, Head of People and Places, NatureScot.
   and then from—
   Kenny Auld, Head of Visitor Services, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park;
   Colin Simpson, Head of Visitor Services, Cairngorms National Park Authority;
   Philip Waite, Outdoor Access Manager, Highland Council.

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

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

8. **People's Panel:** The Committee will consider its approach to the People's Panel.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Finance and Public Administration Committee
18 November 2026
11th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **The Scottish Government's Bonds Programme – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Dr Ben Comier, Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor), Department of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde;
   Professor David McMillan, Professor In Finance, Accounting and Finance, University of Stirling.
   and then from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland and Angus Macpherson, Former Co-Chair, Scottish Government's Investor Panel;
   Lenaic Couderc, Assistant Vice-President (Lead Analyst, Scotland), Sovereign Risk, Moody's Ratings;
   Steven Whyte, Former Head of Resources and Finance, Aberdeen City Council.

2. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from the following nominees—
   Melissa Davey.
   and then from—
   Professor Stephen Millard.

3. **Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Transport Committee
18 November 2026
12th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Ports, harbour infrastructure and ferries – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Richard Ballantyne, Chief Executive, British Ports Association;
   Kevin Hobbs, Chief Executive, Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited;
   Duncan Mackison, Chief Executive, CalMac Ferries Ltd;
   Jacqueline McDonell, Chief Executive, Mallaig Harbour Authority;
   Calum Mackenzie, Chief Officer, Assets and Infrastructure, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Representing the Scottish Collaboration of Transport Specialists).
   and then from—
   Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport and Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, Scottish Government;
   Alison Irvine, Chief Executive Officer and Chris Wilcock, Director of Ferries and Ports, Transport Scotland.

2. **HGV Speed Limit (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport, Scottish Government;
   Hugh Gillies, Director of Roads Delivery and Operations and George Henry, National Operations Manager for Road Safety Policy and Education, Transport Scotland.

3. **HGV Speed Limit (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport to move— S7M-01560—That the Transport Committee recommends that the HGV Speed Limit (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

4. **Review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Health, Care and Sport Committee
18 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. **Health Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandums LCM-S7-6 and LCM-S7-6a from—
   Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, Robert Henderson, Head of Health and Social Care, Intergovernmental Relations, and Lucy Mcmichael, Solicitor and Head of Branch, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Women's health inquiry – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
18 November 2026
9th 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. **Planning stakeholder roundtable – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Ewan Anderson, Director, 7N Architects, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;
   Dr Caroline Brown, Director, Royal Town Planning Institute;
   Hazel Johnson, Director, Built Environment Forum Scotland;
   Paul Marcari, Chief Officer, Heads of Planning Scotland;

Clare Symonds, Chief Officer, Planning Democracy.

3. **The Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Hannah Mary Goodlad, Minister for Public Finance, Fiona Campbell, Visitor Levy and Cruise Ship Levy Team Leader, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

4. **Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Hannah Mary Goodlad (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

   S7M-01472—That the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]be approved.

5. **Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the Private Residential Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2026.

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

Proposed future business

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

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.

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-02048 **Monica Lennon: Congratulating Blantyre Youth Development Team on its 35th Annual General Meeting—**That the Parliament congratulates Blantyre Youth Development Team (BYDT) on its 35th Annual General Meeting; recognises the valuable contribution that the organisation has made to the lives of young people and families in Blantyre and surrounding communities; commends the Terminal One Youth Centre, which is ran by BYDT and local young people and supports those aged 8 to 25, families and the wider community; pays tribute to the dedication of its staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters, whose commitment has helped provide opportunities for learning, personal development, inclusion and community engagement; celebrates the important role that youth organisations play in promoting confidence, wellbeing and positive outcomes for young people, and wishes Blantyre Youth Development Team every success for the future as it continues its work in the local community.

*S7M-02047 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Dance Pupils Triumph at Scottish Closed Championships—**That the Parliament congratulates pupils from Kirkcaldy Dance on their outstanding success at the Scottish Closed Championships in Glasgow, organised by Dancesport Scotland; celebrates Alex and McKenna, winning both the under-12 Ballroom and Latin championships, and Evie and Esmè, who secured both the under-21 Ballroom and Latin titles; congratulates Evie on winning the under-21 solo Ballroom league trophy and Abbey on winning the under-21 Latin league trophy; recognises the dedication, talent and teamwork demonstrated by the dancers, including Alex and McKenna's achievements after less than a year dancing together; commends principal teacher Karen Millar, her husband Jim and son Johnny for their support and encouragement of pupils through classes at Philp Hall and St Pius Church Hall in Kirkcaldy; welcomes the school's contribution to providing opportunities for children and adults to enjoy ballroom and Latin dancing, and wishes all involved continued success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*

*S7M-02046 **Patricia Gibson: International Day For the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls—**That the Parliament recognises 25 November 2026 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; notes that violence against women and girls remains a significant human rights violation and a major barrier to achieving equality; acknowledges the profound impact that domestic abuse, sexual violence, coercive control, stalking, harassment, exploitation, technology-facilitated abuse, online harassment, image-based abuse and other forms of gender-based violence have on individuals, families and communities across Scotland and the world;

notes that the increasing use of digital technologies has created new avenues for perpetrators to monitor, threaten, control and abuse women and girls; commends the work of organisations and frontline services that support survivors and challenge gender-based violence; supports efforts to improve prevention, education and victim support and to hold perpetrators to account, and marks the day by reaffirming its commitment to a Scotland where women and girls can live free from violence, abuse and fear, both offline and online.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Neil Bibby*, Miles Briggs*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-02045 **Thomas Kerr: Congratulations to Tesco Shettleston on its Fundraising for the 2026 Scottish Poppy Appeal** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Mark Simpson*

S7M-02042 **Senga Beresford: Joanna's Chippy Van Wins at the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards 2026** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

S7M-02041 **Senga Beresford: Drumlanrig Café Winners at the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards 2026** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

S7M-02039 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Tribute to the Life of the Leading Businessman and Philanthropist, Sir James Milne** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

S7M-02036 **Katie Hagmann: Ayrshire Hospice Candidate Experience Award** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

S7M-02034 **Katie Hagmann: Celebrating the Fundraising Efforts of Charity Heroes in Aid of the Honeypot Children's Charity** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

S7M-02031 **Iris Duane: Shelter Scotland's Building Hope route map** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Monica Lennon*

S7M-02030 **Heather Anderson: New Youth-led Board at Scottish Youth Parliament** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Joe Fagan*

S7M-02029 **Angela Ross: Congratulating Gifford Horticultural Society** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

S7M-02025 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Welcoming the Launch of Aberdeen's Social Care Charity's ELEVATE Training Programme** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

S7M-02024 **David Torrance: Recognising the Efforts of Keeping Kirkcaldy Tidy Volunteers** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

S7M-02023 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's K107FM Named Local Radio Station of the Year 2026** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

S7M-02021 **Alex Kerr: Living Wage Week 2026** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S7M-02020 **David Green: Future Investment for Highland Hospice** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Kristopher Leask*, Emma Roddick*, Q Manivannan*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*

S7M-02015 **Jackie Baillie: Acquired Brain Injury ID Card** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Patricia Gibson*

S7M-02013 **Jackie Baillie: International Day of Radiology** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

S7M-02003 **Monica Lennon: Alcohol Action Day Scotland 2026** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

S7M-01999 **Jackie Baillie: Vale of Leven Hospital Cancer Unit Donation** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Neil Bibby*

S7M-01998 **Jackie Baillie: Cardross Railway Station Wins RHS Britain in Bloom Award** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01992 **Patricia Gibson: Royal Mail Deteriorating Performance** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01990 **Michael Marra: Welcoming the Return of the Open to Carnoustie** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01989 **Michael Marra: Congratulating John Miller on Steps: The Spiritual Journey of Peter Howson** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

S7M-01887 **Paul McLennan: Crisis Scotland Report on Ending Homelessness Through Public Service Reform** (lodged on 4 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Pauline Stafford*

S7M-01677 **Carol Mochan: Stop the Royal Mail From Collapse** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

Questions

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 13 November 2026

S7W-05069 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it conducted an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) or a Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) prior to announcing that local authorities may request up to two additional in-service days for the Curriculum Improvement Cycle and, if so, whether it will publish the results of any such assessments.

S7W-05070 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government which local authorities have so far (a) formally requested, (b) been granted, and (c) indicated that they do not intend to request up to two additional in-service days for the Curriculum Improvement Cycle.

S7W-05071 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to authorise local authorities to request additional in-service days in the 2027-28 academic year ahead of the implementation of the updated curriculum in August 2028.

S7W-05072 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on (a) pupil attainment and (b) national attendance rates of reducing the number of pupil school days from 190 to 188 through the use of additional in-service days in the 2026-27 academic year.

S7W-05073 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has issued to local authorities to ensure that any additional in-service days do not disadvantage senior phase pupils preparing for Qualifications Scotland assessments.

S7W-05074 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what minimum notice period local authorities would be required to give parents and carers before scheduling any additional in-service day.

S7W-05075 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) COSLA and (b) childcare providers regarding the (i) availability and (ii) affordability of wraparound or holiday childcare for working parents on any additional in-service days.

S7W-05076 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities would be required to provide alternative free school meal provision, such as direct payments or food parcels, to eligible families on any additional in-service days.

S7W-05077 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) training materials, (b) guidance and (c) support Education Scotland will provide to schools to ensure that additional in-service days are used consistently across local authorities.

S7W-05078 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it had with national parent organisations before announcing that local authorities may request up to two additional in-service days for the Curriculum Improvement Cycle.

S7W-05079 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it had with the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland and youth organisations, including the Scottish Youth Parliament, before announcing that local authorities may request up to two additional in-service days for the Curriculum Improvement Cycle.

S7W-05080 **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities seeking approval for additional in-service days will be required to consult parents, carers, Parent Councils and school communities and, if so, whether evidence of such consultation will be required as part of the approval process.

S7W-05122 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to patients who are unable to work because of a gynaecological condition and are facing prolonged waits for assessment or treatment, particularly where such delays are causing financial hardship.

S7W-05123 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current (a) average and (b) longest waiting times are for patients referred urgently to gynaecology services in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, broken down by the time from (i) referral to initial consultation and (ii) consultation to treatment.

S7W-05124 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how many patients referred urgently to gynaecology services in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are currently waiting longer for their initial assessment than the clinically recommended timeframe.

S7W-05125 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the causes of delays in urgent gynaecology referrals within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and what steps are being taken to address any underlying causes and to reduce delays.

S7W-05126 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding, staffing or service capacity has been provided to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to reduce waiting times for urgent gynaecology appointments and treatment.

S7W-05127 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that patients awaiting urgent gynaecology appointments are regularly updated about their expected waiting times and are informed of the appropriate route to seek reassessment if their symptoms worsen.

S7W-05134 **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to implement split payments of Universal Credit, as provided for in Part 6, section 94 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018, and what action it has taken in the last six months to address any barriers to the introduction of this policy in Scotland.

S7W-05135 **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government what resources it has committed to progressing its delayed policy of introducing automatic individual payments of Universal Credit in Scotland, and how it is ensuring that this remains a priority within the Social Security Directorate under the current administration.

S7W-05136 **Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to monitor the outcomes of the STRIDE-RCT blood test trial in England, and how it will ensure that any relevant findings are recorded and considered with a view to progressing early diagnosis opportunities in Scotland's GP practices.

S7W-05137 **Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the announcement of the new STRIDE-RCT blood test trial in England, what consideration it has given to supporting similar studies in Scotland aimed at improving the early diagnosis of abdominal cancers, including pancreatic cancer.

S7W-05138 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what responsibility it has for ensuring equitable access to specialist palliative and end-of-life care across Scotland, what monitoring is in place to identify gaps in provision, including in areas of socioeconomic deprivation, and what action it will take where local funding decisions risk reducing access to essential care.

S7W-05139 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its response to question S7W-01698 by Alison Thewliss on 3 August 2026, which confirmed that recruitment for a new National Clinical Lead for Palliative Care was ongoing, (a) what progress has since been made in filling the position and (b) what arrangements are in place to ensure effective clinical leadership and oversight of the delivery of the *Palliative Care Matters for All: Palliative Care Strategy 2025–2030*.

S7W-05140 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership about its decision to withdraw funding for Marie Curie's Fast Track Service from February 2027.

S7W-05141 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that the proposed withdrawal of funding for Marie Curie's Fast Track Service will have on access to specialist palliative and end-of-life care in Glasgow, particularly for terminally ill people in deprived communities, their families and unpaid carers, and what steps it will take to prevent existing inequalities in access to care from widening.

S7W-05142 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how the withdrawal of funding for Marie Curie's Fast Track Service in Glasgow aligns with the objectives of its *Palliative Care Matters for All: Palliative Care Strategy 2025–2030,* what assessment it has made of the implications of the decision on the delivery of the strategy in Glasgow, and what steps it will take to ensure that local funding decisions do not undermine its national commitments to improving palliative and end-of-life care.

S7W-05143 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the Parliament's consideration of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, what additional funding has been made available for hospice and community-based palliative care, and how much of any such funding has reached frontline services.

S7W-05144 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the cost of extending eligibility for the National Concessionary Travel Scheme to all further and higher education students in Scotland, regardless of age, whether it will introduce such an extension during the current parliamentary session, and, if not, what alternative support it will provide to ensure that transport costs do not prevent students from accessing further and higher education, including work placements.

S7W-05145 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will use its funding powers under section 183 of the Broadcasting Act 1990 to deliver a multi-year, inflation-adjusted core funding settlement to support MG ALBA's *Lèirsinn 2030* strategy.

S7W-05146 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to MG ALBA in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2025-26, broken down by (a) core funding, (b) additional resource grants and (c) capital grants, and, for each category in each year, how much was paid (i) through Ofcom and (ii) by other routes.

S7W-05147 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it reconciles the amounts reported by Ofcom as having been paid by Scottish Ministers to MG ALBA in 2014-15 and 2015-16 with the corresponding grant figures reported in MG ALBA's annual accounts, and what accounts for the difference between the two figures published by Ofcom for 2014-15.

S7W-05148 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its announcement on 23 February 2026 that an additional £200,000 would be allocated to MG ALBA, how much of this funding (a) was paid in 2025-26 and (b) has been paid in 2026-27, and whether any of the funding forms part of MG ALBA's £15 million core allocation for 2026-27.

S7W-05149 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the funding required to deliver MG ALBA's *Lèirsinn 2030* strategy.

S7W-05150 **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding its proposed Rural Visa Pilot, and what the outcome of those discussions was.

S7W-05151 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking regarding the monitoring and resolution of anomalies, inconsistencies or delays in the recording and processing of victim impact statements and witness statements within the summary court system.

S7W-05152 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) have been issued in each local authority area, in each year since 2019, broken down by (a) interim ASBOs, (b) full ASBOs and (c) orders issued to individuals aged under 18.

S7W-05153 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance or mechanisms are currently in place to monitor the enforcement of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) across local

authorities and Police Scotland.

S7W-05154 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of compliance rates with antisocial behaviour orders (ASBOs), and what specific enforcement and statutory penalties are expected following a breach of an order.

S7W-05155 **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prosecutions and convictions have taken place for the breach of an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) in each of the last five years

S7W-05156 **Amanda Bland:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on children with hearing loss in West Lothian and their families of having to travel to the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh for routine paediatric audiology services, including hearing aid maintenance, hearing aid adjustments and ear mould impressions, and what evidence has informed that assessment.

S7W-05157 **Amanda Bland:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Lothian has considered providing routine paediatric audiology services, including hearing aid support and ear mould impression clinics, at St John's Hospital in Livingston and, if so, what conclusions were reached and, if not, what clinical, operational or other factors have been identified as preventing such services from being delivered locally.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Digital Waste Tracking) Order 2026 (SI 2026/1188)
Laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill (G)
Stage 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 3 December 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 26 November with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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
Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 18 November 2026
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2026)

Health Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-6a
Lodged on 4 November 2026
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 November 2026
Meeting (evidence (Health, Care and Sport Committee)), 18 November 2026

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

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

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-68a
Lodged on 20 February 2026
Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (14th Report, 2026)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2026)

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

Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a
Lodged on 20 February 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026
Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2026)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)

Representation of the People Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-7b
Lodged on 10 September 2026
Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 29 October 2026
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (18th Report, 2026)

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

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

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

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 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 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)

Subject to annulment by 7 January 2027
Lead Committee report due by 4 January 2027

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Digital Waste Tracking) Order 2026 (SI 2026/1188) (13 November 2026) (Climate Action 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

Committee Reports

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 18th Report, 2026 (Session 7): Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) - delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence, with reference to LCM-S7-7b (SP Paper 43)., publication date: 13 November 2026

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