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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Committee Meetings

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

11:00am Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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1. Gary Bouse: To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made towards addressing Scotland's housing emergency, including what discussions it has had with all stakeholders to increase housebuilding across all tenures. (S7O-00507) **R**

2. Thomas Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the first phase of *The Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes*, including whether there are any comparable themes in Scotland. (S7O-00508)

3. Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in considering extending eligibility for funded early learning and childcare from age two to children from multiple births. (S7O-00509)

4. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to introduce legislation on tenement maintenance. (S7O-00510)

5. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the M8 Woodside Eastbound viaduct. (S7O-00511)

6. Katherine Sangster: To ask the Scottish Government when it will produce a plan on priorities for school assessments, including the re-introduction of the Scottish Survey on Literacy and Numeracy. (S7O-00512)

7. Alex Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on plans to expand community health services across NHS Lanarkshire as part of its wider shift towards preventative healthcare. (S7O-00513)

8. Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government, with regard to recent UK Government advice that households should prepare for emergencies with three days of supplies and for power outages, what assessment it has made of the preparedness of care homes in Scotland. (S7O-00514)

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living

S7M-02053 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —That the Parliament notes that soaring energy bills, combined with severe cost of living pressures, are placing unprecedented pressures on households and businesses this winter; highlights that Ofgem's energy price cap is forecast to go beyond £2,000 from January 2027; regrets that the UK Labour administration has failed to cut energy bills by £300, as promised during the 2024 General Election; welcomes the support already provided by the Scottish Government on a package of measures, within its limited powers, to reduce household bills; calls on the UK Government to go further than the temporary measures announced in the recent Budget and to implement the Scottish Government's proposals for a social tariff in the form of bill discounts targeted at those in greatest need, and believes that, if the UK Government won't act, it must devolve powers to the Scottish Parliament so that the necessary actions can be taken.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-02053.3 Mark Griffin: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from "regrets" to end and insert "recognises that wider pressures on international energy markets, including the impact of conflicts in Ukraine and Iran, are continuing to place significant pressure on household energy bills; welcomes the practical action taken by the UK Labour Government in its Autumn Budget to create immediate breathing space for families with the rising cost of living and to help households with energy costs; notes that these measures have generated additional funding for devolved governments; believes that Scotland should use this to deliver further support to those who need it most; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to use the additional funds to extend the UK Government's £100 energy payment to all households in receipt of Council Tax Reduction and to increase the Winter Heating Payment to £100; further calls on the Scottish Government to maximise uptake of the Warm Home Discount, and notes that these measures combined could deliver up to £350 of extra assistance to the poorest households this winter."

S7M-02053.4 Duncan Massey: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish Government has supported Net Zero and made calls for the UK Government to go even further, which Parliament regards as having increased the cost of living; further notes that Office of National Statistics' CPI and energy intensity data show that, even allowing for global factors, energy costs per household in the UK are, on average currently £1,700 higher than in the USA, based on their current energy costs; calls on the UK and Scottish governments to abandon Net Zero and to focus fully on reducing energy costs, with renewables deployed only when this can be done without subsidy, to deliver cheap, abundant and reliable energy."

S7M-02053.1 Holly Bruce: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), insert at end "; recognises that programmes such as Warmer Homes Scotland and Area Based Schemes can help reduce bills, upgrade homes and provide practical support to households experiencing, or at risk of, fuel poverty; believes that to deliver affordable energy in the long term, the UK Government must decouple the price of electricity from that of gas and Scotland must redouble its efforts to invest in renewables; recognises that powers to support the transition to clean heating and to insulate homes rest with the Scottish Parliament, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the forthcoming Heat in Buildings Bill includes strong measures in both of these areas to help create warm homes for all."

S7M-02053.5 Liam Kerr: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that lasting reductions in energy bills require greater domestic energy production, stronger energy security and lower policy costs; calls on the UK Government to support continued North Sea oil and gas production and to reduce green and energy levies that add to household and business bills, and calls on the Scottish Government to use its existing powers to reduce devolved costs and regulatory burdens rather than pursue interventions, such as food price controls, that risk increasing costs further."

S7M-02053.2 Morven-May MacCallum: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from ", and believes that" to end and insert "; believes that rural and island communities, where some of the highest levels of fuel poverty in Scotland can be found, are facing the prospect of even higher bills for the heating oil on which many households rely, and calls therefore on the UK

Government to introduce a three-month zero rate of VAT on domestic heating oil and to develop a price cap to shield those communities from sudden increases in the price of heating oil."

followed by Committee Announcements

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5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary

S7M-00982 Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary— That the Parliament congratulates Inverclyde Tourist Group (ITG) on reaching its 25th anniversary; recognises the outstanding contribution that its volunteers have made in welcoming visitors to Inverclyde and promoting the area's attractions, heritage and hospitality; notes that ITG members were recently honoured at a special celebration aboard the *Majestic Princess* cruise ship, hosted by Princess Cruises and Global Ports, to mark this significant milestone; acknowledges that the group has welcomed hundreds of thousands of cruise passengers to Greenock over the past quarter century and has played a major role in helping establish Greenock as a leading cruise destination; commends the dedication and commitment of current and former volunteers, including the organisation's founders, whose efforts have helped showcase Inverclyde to visitors from around the world; recognises the positive contribution that tourism makes to local communities, including across the Inverclyde constituency; notes that ITG's work was previously recognised through the award of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, and wishes everyone associated with ITG continued success for the future and for the next 25 years of service.

Committee Meetings

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
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.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 11 November 2026

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: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Local Government Reform

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

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—
   Scott McCarren, Chief Superintendent, Head of Road Policing, Alan Waddell, Assistant Chief Constable, Operational Support, and Will Linden, Deputy Head, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, 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—
   Jo Farrell, Chief Constable and Lynn Ratcliff, Assistant Chief Constable, Professionalism, Police Scotland;
   Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Steven Bunch, Team Leader, Police Conduct Policy Team, Chloe Leslie, Police Conduct Policy Manager, and Amanda Dunlop, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

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

   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, Graham Robertson, Public Protection Unit Head, and Jamie MacQueen, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, 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, Fiona Buggy, Head of Proceeds of Crime and Economic Crime, and Sarah Crawford, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, 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 Cormier, 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

Climate Action Committee
19 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 8 in private.

2. **Instruments relating to the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026
Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026 and
Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026
from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Lynsay Ross, Team Leader, Packaging EPR and DRS, and Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

3. **Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs) to move— S7M-01734—That the Climate Action Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

4. **Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs) to move— S7M-01733—That the Climate Action Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs) to move— S7M-01732—That the Climate Action Committee recommends that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

6. **Water Industry Commission for Scotland – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Satti, Chief Executive and Aidan O'Carroll, Chair, Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

7. **Environmental Standards Scotland engine idling laws air quality investigation: Scottish Government improvement plan – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Jamie McGrandles, Head of Investigations, Standards and Compliance and Sandy Bendall, Principal Investigations Officer, Environmental Standards Scotland.

8. **Water Industry Commission for Scotland – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under item 6.

9. **Environmental Standards Scotland engine idling laws air quality investigation: Scottish Government improvement plan – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under item 7.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee
19 November 2026
11th Meeting, 2026

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

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

2. **Implementation of the EHRC revised code of practice for services, public functions and associations – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Dr Mhairi Crawford, Chief Executive, LGBT Youth Scotland;
   Florence Oulds, Policy and Public Affairs Coordinator, Scottish Trans;
   Vic Valentine, Scottish Trans Manager, Equality Network.
   and then from—
   Dr Mary-Ann Stephenson, Chair, Penny Hobman, Deputy Chief Executive, and Jennifer Laughland, Head of Scotland Legal, Equality and Human Rights Commission.

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, and the evidence heard at its meeting on 12 November.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee
19 November 2026
11th 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, 4 and 5 in private.

2. **The 2025/26 audit of Historic Environment Scotland - evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Lisa Duthie, Audit Director and Neil Maclean, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **The 2025/26 audit of Historic Environment Scotland - evidence:** The Committee will take further evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Lisa Duthie, Audit Director and Neil Maclean, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **The 2025/26 audit of Historic Environment Scotland – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda items 2 and 3.

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Public Petitions Committee
19 November 2026
6th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 5

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

   PE2248: Stop prison overcrowding by changing how prisoners are released or sentenced;

   PE2249: Open the Scottish Super Sponsor Scheme for Ukrainians to new applicants;

   PE2250: Introduce a nationwide knife amnesty;

   PE2251: Create Stronger and More Consistent Dog Control Measures in Scotland;

   PE2253: Create a national database to record outcomes for all endometriosis treatments, surgery and HRT;

   PE2254: Provide funding for Under 3s as part of the Accessible Vehicles Scheme;

PE2255: Reinstate the Minister for Women's Health;

PE2257: Expand Scottish domestic abuse law to protect adults from non-partner coercive control;

PE2258: Independently review NHS complaints handling for greater accountability and learning;

PE2259: Create a criminal offence for targeted online character assassination and unnamed slander campaigns; and

PE2267: Guarantee NHS Shared-Care Pathway for Accredited Private ADHD Diagnoses in Scotland.

3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Motions

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Motions for debate

*S7M-02069 **Ross Greer: Local Government Reform—**That the Parliament agrees that local government reorganisation must include greater fiscal empowerment of councils, including the replacement of the current outdated council tax system with a fairer and more progressive model, and instructs the Scottish Government to lay out the process by which it aims to achieve this in its forthcoming reorganisation proposals.

*S7M-02068 **Mark Ruskell: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —**That the Parliament agrees that new oil and gas exploration licences and the proposed Rosebank oil and gas field are incompatible with the UK's commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, and opposes the development of the Rosebank oil and gas field.

*S7M-02053 **Shirley-Anne Somerville: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —**That the Parliament notes that soaring energy bills, combined with severe cost of living pressures, are placing unprecedented pressures on households and businesses this winter; highlights that Ofgem's energy price cap is forecast to go beyond £2,000 from January 2027; regrets that the UK Labour administration has failed to cut energy bills by £300, as promised during the 2024 General Election; welcomes the support already provided by the Scottish Government on a package of measures, within its limited powers, to reduce household bills; calls on the UK Government to go further than the temporary measures announced in the recent Budget and to implement the Scottish Government's proposals for a social tariff in the form of bill discounts targeted at those in greatest need, and believes that, if the UK Government won't act, it must devolve powers to the Scottish Parliament so that the necessary actions can be taken.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Jamie Hepburn*, Simita Kumar*, Stephen Gethins*

*S7M-02053.5 **Liam Kerr: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that lasting reductions in energy bills require greater domestic energy production, stronger energy security and lower policy costs; calls on the UK Government to support continued North Sea oil and gas production and to reduce green and energy levies that add to household and business bills, and calls on the Scottish Government to use its existing powers to reduce devolved costs and regulatory burdens rather than pursue interventions, such as food price controls, that risk increasing costs further."

*S7M-02053.4 **Duncan Massey: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living),

leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has supported Net Zero and made calls for the UK Government to go even further, which Parliament regards as having increased the cost of living; further notes that Office of National Statistics’ CPI and energy intensity data show that, even allowing for global factors, energy costs per household in the UK are, on average currently £1,700 higher than in the USA, based on their current energy costs; calls on the UK and Scottish governments to abandon Net Zero and to focus fully on reducing energy costs, with renewables deployed only when this can be done without subsidy, to deliver cheap, abundant and reliable energy.”

*S7M-02053.3 **Mark Griffin: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from "regrets" to end and insert "recognises that wider pressures on international energy markets, including the impact of conflicts in Ukraine and Iran, are continuing to place significant pressure on household energy bills; welcomes the practical action taken by the UK Labour Government in its Autumn Budget to create immediate breathing space for families with the rising cost of living and to help households with energy costs; notes that these measures have generated additional funding for devolved governments; believes that Scotland should use this to deliver further support to those who need it most; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to use the additional funds to extend the UK Government's £100 energy payment to all households in receipt of Council Tax Reduction and to increase the Winter Heating Payment to £100; further calls on the Scottish Government to maximise uptake of the Warm Home Discount, and notes that these measures combined could deliver up to £350 of extra assistance to the poorest households this winter.”

*S7M-02053.2 **Morven-May MacCallum: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), leave out from ", and believes that" to end and insert “; believes that rural and island communities, where some of the highest levels of fuel poverty in Scotland can be found, are facing the prospect of even higher bills for the heating oil on which many households rely, and calls therefore on the UK Government to introduce a three-month zero rate of VAT on domestic heating oil and to develop a price cap to shield those communities from sudden increases in the price of heating oil."

Supported by: Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

*S7M-02053.1 **Holly Bruce: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02053 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Energy Prices and the Cost of Living), insert at end “; recognises that programmes such as Warmer Homes Scotland and Area Based Schemes can help reduce bills, upgrade homes and provide practical support to households experiencing, or at risk of, fuel poverty; believes that to deliver affordable energy in the long term, the UK Government must decouple the price of electricity from that of gas and Scotland must redouble its efforts to invest in renewables; recognises that powers to support the transition to clean heating and to insulate homes rest with the Scottish Parliament, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the forthcoming Heat in Buildings Bill includes strong measures in both of these areas to help create warm homes for all.”

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-02070 **Calum Kerr: Thanking Peebles and District Citizens Advice Bureau for 50 Years of Service to the Community—**That the Parliament congratulates Peebles and District Citizens Advice Bureau on its 50th anniversary; considers that the Bureau has provided immeasurable support to the community in those five decades, offering advice and support on a broad range of subjects; recognises that the Bureau has continued to adapt and evolve its services over time to ensure that it is fit for the challenges the community faces today; thanks all the volunteers, employees and donors who

have made this possible, including current manager Gill Westwood and her team, and wishes them all the best for the next 50 years.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Angela Ross*

*S7M-02067 **Amanda Bland: New College Lanarkshire Students Showcase Scotland's Food Talent—**That the Parliament congratulates New College Lanarkshire students Ryan Ritchie and Rune Martin on winning the 2026 Lamb for St Andrew's Day Young Chefs' Competition; notes that their winning dish of roast rack of Scotch lamb was selected as the official dish for the national campaign led by Quality Meat Scotland; recognises the high standard of culinary talent and innovation demonstrated by the students and their lecturers; notes that the young chefs will showcase their award-winning dish at the Royal Highland Show, and wishes them every success in their future careers in Scotland's hospitality and food sectors.

*S7M-02066 **Amanda Bland: Inspectors Commend Nurturing Environment at Tannochside Primary and Nursery—**That the Parliament congratulates Tannochside Primary School and Nursery, Uddingston, on receiving a highly positive report from HM Inspectors of Education; notes that inspectors praised the school's nurturing and inclusive environment, positive relationships, strong community spirit and effective support for families, including initiatives to tackle inequality; recognises the dedication of headteacher Clare Ferrie, staff, pupils, parents and carers in creating a welcoming and supportive learning community, and wishes everyone at Tannochside Primary and Nursery continued success in the years ahead.

*S7M-02065 **Amanda Bland: JogOn Campaign in Scotland—**That the Parliament recognises concerns regarding the harassment experienced by women and girls while running and exercising outdoors; acknowledges reports that such behaviour can have a lasting impact on women's confidence and willingness to exercise outdoors; believes that no one should feel unsafe while taking part in physical activity; notes calls from Denny resident Heather Young for the JogOn campaign to be introduced in Scotland; supports measures that help women and girls participate in sport and recreation without fear of harassment, and notes that the campaign has received support from Forth Valley Rape Crisis Centre.

*S7M-02064 **Laura Mitchell: Billy Walker Receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Scotch Whisky Industry—**That the Parliament congratulates Billy Walker, owner and master distiller of The GlenAllachie Distillery in Speyside, on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at The Spirits Business Awards in London, recognising his more than 50 years of contribution to the Scotch whisky industry; understands that Billy began his career with The Ballantine's Scotch Whisky Company after graduating with a degree in Chemistry from the University of Glasgow in 1974, before going on to work with Inver House Distillers and subsequently joining Burn Stewart Distillers in 1983; recognises that, in 2017, Billy acquired The GlenAllachie Distillery, returning it to independent ownership, and has since established an acclaimed core range of single malt Scotch whiskies, with the distillery securing the title of World's Best Single Malt at the World Whiskies Awards on two occasions; notes that the judges recognised Billy as one of the industry's most respected and influential figures, whose ambition and expertise have helped transform distilleries into internationally renowned brands and made a lasting contribution to the modern Scotch whisky industry; warmly congratulates Billy on this well-deserved recognition of an exceptional career, and wishes him and everyone at The GlenAllachie Distillery continued success for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*, Jamie Langan*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser* **R**, Dawn Black*

*S7M-02063 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Paying Tribute to the Right Reverend Peter A Moran, Bishop Emeritus of Aberdeen —**That the Parliament pays tribute to the Right Reverend Peter A Moran, Bishop Emeritus of Aberdeen, who has died at the age of 91 in Northcote Lodge Care Home, Aberdeen; recalls that Bishop Peter, who was born in Glasgow on 13 April 1935, was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on 19 March 1959 and served as Bishop of Aberdeen from December 2003 until his retirement in August 2011; recognises that Bishop Peter was an accomplished classical scholar

and linguist and, being particularly fluent in French, was a co-founder and chaplain of the French Catholic community in Aberdeen, regularly celebrating Mass for its Francophone members, and believes that he will be remembered with great affection as a devoted priest, a gifted teacher and scholar, and a bishop of exceptional humility, kindness and integrity.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

*S7M-02062 **Claire Baker: Congratulating Mid Scotland and Fife Winners at 4J Studios Scottish Athletics and Jogscotland Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Mid Scotland and Fife winners at the 2026 4J Studios Scottish Athletics and jogscotland Annual Awards; understands that the awards celebrate, recognise and acknowledge the contributions of officials, coaches, clubs and volunteers across Scotland; extends special recognition to Susan Deacon on being bestowed the Community Club Coach of the Year for her commitment, dedication, leadership and inspirational work with young athletes at Pitreavie AAC's Run, Jump, Throw Club in Dunfermline; acknowledges Pitreavie AAC's shortlisting for the Track and Field Club of the Year Award; congratulates Sophie Thomas, of Dunfermline Track and Field, on winning the U20 Athlete of the Year and Eilidh Doyle, from Pitreavie AAC / Kinross, Scotland's most decorated track and field athlete, on being inducted into the Scottish Athletics Hall of Fame; is grateful to everyone for their impact on progressing athletics in Scotland, and extends its very best wishes for the future.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*, Murdo Fraser*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-02061 **Michelle Campbell: Kirklandneuk Primary School Achieves Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Kirklandneuk Primary School in Renfrew on achieving the Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award from UNICEF UK; understands that the award recognises schools that place children's rights at the heart of policy, practice and ethos; commends the school's Rights Respecting Steering Group for showing the difference that children and young people can make when their voices are heard; recognises the dedication of the headteacher, Mrs McKechnie, and the depute headteacher, Mrs Wallace, who facilitates the Rights Respecting Steering Group, along with staff, parents, carers and the wider school community, in embedding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in everyday school life; thanks the steering group pupils for welcoming Michelle Campbell MSP to the school, and wishes everyone there every success in continuing to be a rights respecting school.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*

*S7M-02060 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating Melanie Stewart Wills on Scottish Gymnastics Lifetime Achievement Award 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Melanie Stewart Wills on being presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Scottish Gymnastics Awards 2026, for her many years of dedication to the sport in Scotland; notes that she began coaching at the age of 17; believes that her love for gymnastics is clear for everyone to see; recognises that her enthusiasm, expertise and guidance have helped four gymnasts from Banchory Trampoline Club achieve World Championship-level status, and commends Melanie on coaching for Great Britain at the highest levels of the sport.

Supported by: Colm Merrick*, Dawn Black*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02059 **Marie McNair: Girl Guiding Volunteer Carol-Ann Innes Retires After 30 Years—**That the Parliament congratulates Carol-Ann Innes on her decades of service to the Girl Guides; understands that Carol-Ann, who has volunteered with Girlguiding since 1996, is standing down after 30 years of service; notes that she began her own journey with the Girl Guides when she joined the Brownies at six-years-old; notes that Carol-Ann became a young leader with Faifley Rainbows before completing her leadership with 1st Faifley Guides; recognises that, in 2019, she stepped up to be leader of the 2nd Faifley Brownies; thanks Carol-Ann for her years of hard work and dedication; congratulates her once again, and wishes her all the very best for the future.

*S7M-02058 **Rachael Hamilton: Recognising Sleep Action's National Sleep Support Line—**That the Parliament commends the outstanding work of Sleep Action's national Sleep Support Line in

providing specialist advice and support to nearly 5,000 families across Scotland since 2018; recognises what it sees as the invaluable difference that the service has made to children and families experiencing sleep difficulties, particularly those with additional support needs or facing poverty, trauma and other challenges; acknowledges the dedication of Sleep Action's staff in helping to improve children's wellbeing, school attendance and family life through practical advice and early intervention; welcomes the recognition given to the service by the NHS Borders Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Senior Leadership Team, which has highlighted its important role in supporting families and reducing pressure on NHS services; believes that there are significant benefits in providing families with specialist support before medication is considered; expresses concern at the proposed closure of the Sleep Support Line due to funding pressures, and encourages the Scottish Government to work with Sleep Action to explore opportunities for sustainable funding to ensure that families across Scotland can continue to benefit from this valued service.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Patricia Gibson*, Monica Lennon*, Craig Hoy*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02057 **Mark Simpson: Improving Post-match Rail Connections from Hampden for North East Scotland Supporters—**That the Parliament notes reports of recurring problems of overcrowding, long queues and significant delays experienced by supporters, particularly those travelling from and returning to the North East of Scotland, at Mount Florida station after Scotland national team matches at Hampden Park; is concerned that, despite additional short-hop services between Glasgow Central and Mount Florida, fans frequently face overcrowded trains, missed onward connections at Glasgow Central or Queen Street, and journeys home that become unreasonably long or result in people being stranded; recognises that late evening kick-offs place particular pressure on connections to Aberdeen, Dundee, Inverness and intermediate stations; calls on ScotRail, Transport Scotland, the Scottish FA and relevant local authorities to develop and publish a dedicated post-match transport plan for Scotland fixtures that guarantees sufficient capacity and better-timed connections for North East supporters, and further calls for clear communication to fans in advance about expected waiting times and realistic options for returning home.

Supported by: Duncan Massey*, Angela Ross*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*, Jamie Langan*, Max Bannerman*

*S7M-02056 **Gary Bouse: Celebrating The Lonely Broomstick's Expansion and its Contribution to Tourism in Falkirk—**That the Parliament congratulates The Lonely Broomstick on the forthcoming opening of its new and expanded premises on Newmarket Street in Falkirk town centre on 28 November 2026; recognises the ambition, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of owners Leslie and Doris Lenaghen in bringing together The Lonely Broomstick and Whimsic Alley to create an immersive, wizarding-inspired retail and visitor attraction; understands that the transformation of the former Wilkies building will feature themed shops, a magical café and interactive experiences, offering a distinctive destination for visitors of all ages; believes that this imaginative development has the potential to attract families, tourists and enthusiasts from across Scotland, the wider UK and beyond, further enhancing Falkirk's appeal as a visitor destination; recognises the opportunity to encourage visitors to explore Falkirk's wider tourism offering, including its established attractions, shops, hospitality businesses and cultural heritage; acknowledges what it see as the important contribution that visitor attractions and independent businesses make to increasing footfall, supporting local employment, encouraging visitor spending and strengthening town centre economies; considers that the investment demonstrates confidence in Falkirk's potential as a destination for tourism, leisure and retail; commends the dedication and hard work involved in bringing this ambitious project to fruition, and wishes the entire team at The Lonely Broomstick every success as they prepare to welcome visitors to their new premises.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Amanda Bland*, Stuart McMillan*

*S7M-02055 **Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Fowlis Wester Hall Committee on Winning The King's Award for Voluntary Service—**That the Parliament congratulates Fowlis Wester Village Hall Committee on being awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service; understands that the committee

strives to bring people together and reduce social isolation, hosting social events such as the Scottish Women's Institute (SWI), craft group, badminton, weekly drinks nights, social meal evenings, village walks and ceilidhs; acknowledges that the committee was one of 250 local charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award in 2026; notes what it sees as the importance of local civic committees in communities and the essential work that they do in reducing inequalities and strengthening communities, and wishes the committee further success in the future.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Julie MacDougall*, Craig Hoy*

*S7M-02054 **Rachael Hamilton: Denholm Mountain Biker Phoebe Gale Named ClubSport Roxburgh Sports Personality of the Year—**That the Parliament congratulates Phoebe Gale, aged 22, from Denholm, on being named ClubSport Roxburgh's 2026 Sports Personality of the Year at its annual awards ceremony, which was held at Kelso Rugby Club on 6 November 2026; recognises her outstanding achievements in international downhill mountain biking, including World Cup victories, elite podium finishes and representing British sporting talent on the international stage; commends her dedication, determination and perseverance in progressing through local development opportunities to compete against some of the world's leading riders; applauds her impressive performances in recent seasons, including finishing runner-up in the elite women's downhill competition at the 2026 British National Championships; considers that Phoebe's success brings great pride to her home village of Denholm; believes that her achievements highlight the exceptional sporting talent emerging from rural communities across the Scottish Borders and the importance of recognising and celebrating women's achievements in competitive sport; acknowledges the valuable contribution of ClubSport Roxburgh, local sporting organisations, coaches and volunteers in supporting grassroots participation and sporting development; hopes that Phoebe's achievements will inspire more young people, particularly women and girls, across the Borders to pursue their sporting ambitions, and wishes her continued success in her mountain biking career.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*

*S7M-02052 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Commending the Work of Aberdeen-based Charity Music 4 U —**That the Parliament commends the work of Aberdeen-based registered charity, Music 4 U; recognises that its founder, Debra Baxter, inspired by the transformative power of music, established Music 4 U in 2003 to break down barriers and create an inclusive space where young people can thrive, regardless of disability, circumstance or the challenges they may face; applauds the dedicated team of tutors, musicians, support staff and volunteers who are carefully chosen, not only for their talent and expertise but for their compassion, empathy and commitment to helping every young person reach their full potential; notes that students are given multiple opportunities to perform throughout the year, from small-scale events to major fundraisers, and understands that Music 4 U changes the lives of many young people and their families through inclusive performing arts, and that its students go on to lead enriched lives with increased employability, empathy and wellbeing.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Mark Simpson*, Duncan Massey*

*S7M-02051 **David Torrance: Wellesley Centre and Hope Chest Community Project Receive King's Award for Voluntary Service—**That the Parliament congratulates the Wellesley Centre and Hope Chest Community Project, in Methil, on receiving The King's Award for Voluntary Service 2026; understands that this prestigious award is the highest recognition that a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE; recognises the outstanding dedication and commitment of over 90 volunteers who work tirelessly to support individuals and families within their community, helping to alleviate poverty, social isolation and deprivation; acknowledges the vital role that both projects play in providing essential support, friendship and opportunities to those who need them most; commends the leadership of Reverend Gillian Paterson and the tremendous efforts of all volunteers, past and present, whose compassion and generosity have made this achievement possible, and wishes the Wellesley Centre and Hope Chest Community Project continued success in their invaluable work supporting the local community.

Supported by: Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02050 **Keith Brown: Tullibody Community Garden Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service—**That the Parliament congratulates Tullibody Community Garden on receiving The King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to voluntary groups in the UK; notes that the garden is one of just 23 organisations across Scotland to receive what it sees as this prestigious recognition in 2026; recognises the outstanding dedication of its volunteers, who have transformed the site at Paterson Place in Tullibody into a thriving community space that promotes healthy eating, environmental sustainability, wellbeing and social inclusion; commends the group for its wide range of activities, including growing fresh produce, cookery classes, community open days and seasonal events, which bring people together, encourage new friendships and help residents develop practical skills; particularly welcomes its initiative, Cannae Cook to Canny Cook, which demonstrates how nutritious meals can be prepared simply and affordably using fresh ingredients; acknowledges the important role that the garden plays in supporting individuals and families, dealing with social isolation and strengthening community connections; recognises the contribution of the group's partners, funders and wider community in supporting its success; pays tribute to the dedicated volunteers whose passion, hard work and commitment have made the garden such a welcoming and valued community asset, and wishes everyone involved continued success as they build on this well-deserved recognition.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Clare Haughey*, Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*, Colm Merrick*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02049 **Paul McLennan: Publication of the Consultation on Carbon Dioxide Stunning of Pigs—**That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the consultation on carbon dioxide stunning of pigs, issued by Defra on behalf of the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and the Northern Ireland Executive; appreciates the timely delivery of this consultation, given recent strengthened public interest in the issue; commends the proposal to prohibit the use of high-concentration CO2 for pig stunning, in line with recommendations made by the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) in October 2025, on account of the severe and prolonged pain, fear and respiratory distress it causes; understands that the proposed change would affect one commercial pig slaughterhouse in Scotland, and endorses the decision to propose a two or three year transition period, noting clear evidence that this would leave ample time for industry to prepare.

Supported by: Dawn Black*

*S7M-02033 **Katie Hagmann: Celebrating 250 Years of the Cumnock Chronicle—**That the Parliament congratulates the *Cumnock Chronicle* in celebrating its 250th anniversary of publication; acknowledges the local impact of the long-running newspaper in reporting on events across the Cumnock and Doon Valley area; joins local leaders, businesspeople and communities in thanking the Chronicle for its dedicated local reporting over the years; celebrates the *Cumnock Chronicle's* reputation as a stalwart of regional reporting; acknowledges the importance of rural reporting for local communities, and welcomes the Scottish Government's investment in and support for research and education that are enabling more of Scotland's young people to pursue journalism through college, university or apprenticeship opportunities.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-02048 **Monica Lennon: Congratulating Blantyre Youth Development Team on its 35th Annual General Meeting** (lodged on 13 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*, Miles Briggs*

S7M-02047 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Dance Pupils Triumph at Scottish Closed Championships** (lodged on 13 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*

S7M-02046 **Patricia Gibson: International Day For the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls** (lodged on 13 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Bland*, Amanda Lindsay*, Angela Ross*, Bob Doris*, Alex Kerr*, Thomas Kerr*, Colm Merrick*, Claire Baker*, David Linden*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jamie Langan*, Angela Ross*, Max Bannerman*

S7M-02044 **David Torrance: Recognising Heather Bonner's Service to Kirkcaldy Rugby Club** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-02043 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Fundraising for Poppy Scotland** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Angela Ross*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Max Bannerman*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Max Bannerman* **R**

S7M-02040 **Dawn Black: Oliver Johnstone Named Scottish Under-18 Enduro Champion** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Bland*, Alex Kerr*, Colm Merrick*

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: Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Bland*, Tim Eagle*

S7M-02037 **Katie Hagmann: Celebrating the Success of Angel Blackhurst, World Champion for Tenor Drumming** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Alex Kerr*

S7M-02035 **Katie Hagmann: Congratulating Ayrshire College on Delivering a Fantastic Dining Experience at the Scottish Parliament** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Amanda Bland*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Colm Merrick*, Patricia Gibson*

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: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Amanda Bland*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Patricia Gibson*

S7M-02032 **Duncan Dunlop: Support for Ukraine** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Colm Merrick*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Max Bannerman*

S7M-02028 **Jackie Dunbar: The Period Place Win Small Organisation of the Year at the Celebrate Aberdeen Awards** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Dawn Black*, Colm Merrick*

S7M-02027 **Jackie Dunbar: Grampian Women's Aid Win Team of the Year at Celebrate Aberdeen Awards 2026** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colm Merrick*

S7M-02026 **Jackie Dunbar: AberNecessities' The Bright Future Project** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Colm Merrick*

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: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colm Merrick*

S7M-02022 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: The Reopening of Albyn School's La Bibliothèque Française in Aberdeen** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Kate Nevens*, Colm Merrick*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Kate Nevens*, Paul Sweeney*, Andrew Baxter*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Bob Doris*, Morven-May MacCallum*

S7M-02009 **David Torrance: Growing Kirkcaldy Celebrates Beautiful Scotland Awards Success** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Colm Merrick*

S7M-02008 **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Hosts EAGE Global Energy Transition Congress** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Colm Merrick*

S7M-02005 **Liam McArthur: Peedie Connections Recognised for Outstanding Intergenerational Work in Orkney** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Colm Merrick*

S7M-02004 **Karen Adam: Recognising Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

S7M-02001 **Lorna Slater: Bringing Holyrood Park Legislation into the 21st Century** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Daniel Johnson*

S7M-02000 **Senga Beresford: Remembrance Day: A Living Tradition** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Max Bannerman*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colm Merrick*

S7M-01996 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Ben Millar Wins Gold at the Commonwealth Karate Championships** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: Colm Merrick*

S7M-01994 **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Kris Baillie Takes on 2,260-mile Rail Challenge for Seescape** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Colm Merrick*

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

New Support: Colm Merrick*, David Linden*

S7M-01976 **Paul McLennan: National Children's Grief Awareness Week** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-01973 **Liam McArthur: Sheila Fleet Jewellery Named Women's Enterprise Scotland's Rural Business of the Year** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

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: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Max Bannerman*

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

New Support: Max Bannerman*

S7M-01931 **Holly Bruce: Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

S7M-01924 **Keith Brown: Scotland's Anti-Bullying Week 2026** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Pauline Stafford*

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

New Support: Pauline Stafford*

S7M-01884 **Duncan Dunlop: The Clothes Loop Berwickshire** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-01658 **David Barratt: Congratulating Beath High Teacher Matthew Crawford on Being Named Best Teacher at Forth Awards** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Colm Merrick*

S7M-01386 **Q Manivannan: Reversing the Closure of Craft Courses at Edinburgh College of Art** (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*

Questions

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 25 November 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 18 November 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 19 November 2026.

Justice

1. Amanda Lindsay
2. Katy Clark
3. Tim Eagle
4. Kate Nevens
5. Rachael Hamilton
6. David Linden
7. Kim Schmulian
8. Maggie Chapman
9. Patricia Gibson
10. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill
11. Clare Haughey (Reserve)
12. James Adams (Reserve)

Health and Care

1. Murdo Fraser
2. Senga Beresford
3. Andrew Baxter
4. Victor Currie
5. Cara McKee
6. Alex Kerr
7. Daniel Johnson
8. Carol Mochan
9. Max Bannerman
10. David Green
11. Pauline Stafford (Reserve)
12. Laura Moodie (Reserve)

Members selected for General Questions on 24 November 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 18 November 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 19 November 2026.

1. Paul Sweeney
2. Martyn Day
3. Duncan Dunlop
4. Amanda Bland
5. Calum Kerr
6. Kristopher Leask

7. Patrick Harvie
8. Liam Kerr
9. Thomas Kerr (Reserve)
10. Lloyd Melville (Reserve)

Members selected for General Questions on 26 November 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 18 November 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 19 November 2026.

1. Kate Campbell
2. Finlay Carson
3. Dawn Black
4. Jackie Baillie
5. Marie McNair
6. Gary Bouse
7. Mark Simpson
8. Katie Hagmann
9. Heather Anderson
10. Colm Merrick
11. Alan Brown (Reserve)
12. Monica Lennon (Reserve)

Written Questions

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 16 November 2026

S7W-05213 **Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the review of Scotland's Ukraine response, Scottish Super Sponsor Scheme, and wider humanitarian protection schemes in Scotland led by the Chief Social Policy Adviser.

Written Questions lodged on 16 November 2026

S7W-05129 **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reports that newly qualified paediatric nurses are experiencing difficulties in securing permanent posts within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

S7W-05130 **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government what investigation it has carried out into the cost to NHS boards of overtime for paediatric nurses compared with the cost of employing additional substantive nursing staff.

S7W-05131 **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS boards are permitted to use separate overtime funding while restricting recruitment or not creating permanent posts for newly qualified nurses.

S7W-05132 **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government what review it has undertaken of funding arrangements to ensure that NHS boards are not financially disadvantaged by employing

newly qualified nurses compared with meeting staffing needs through overtime worked by existing staff.

S7W-05133 **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government what practical steps it will take to ensure that newly qualified paediatric nurses have opportunities to enter the NHS workforce and put their qualifications and training into practice.

S7W-05158 **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its 2025 commitment to deliver £56 million in funding for the Granton Waterfront Art Works as part of the wider regeneration of Granton Waterfront.

S7W-05159 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to cross-border provision of funded early learning and childcare for families resident in Scotland where a parent or parents work in England.

S7W-05168 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Healthcare Improvement Scotland report into NHS Grampian, and in light of the NHS board having been at Stage 4 of the NHS Scotland Support and Intervention Framework since May 2025, what further evidence regarding patient safety, leadership and governance it considers would be necessary before escalating the board to Stage 5 intervention.

S7W-05169 **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, before publishing the consultation on transitioning away from the use of farrowing crates, it plans to reconvene the industry, academic and animal welfare representatives who attended the September 2025 farrowing crates roundtable.

S7W-05170 **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it expects to publish the consultation on transitioning away from the use of farrowing crates.

S7W-05171 **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether NHS boards have sufficient funding and workforce capacity to provide hybrid closed loop technology in line with SIGN 170 guidance, following the transfer of funding responsibility to individual NHS boards.

S7W-05172 **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any risk of variation in access to hybrid closed loop technology between NHS boards following the transfer of funding responsibility to individual NHS boards, and what action it will take to ensure equitable access across Scotland.

S7W-05173 **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that financial pressures within individual NHS boards do not restrict clinically appropriate patient choice of diabetes technology, including access to hybrid closed loop technology, in line with SIGN 170 guidance.

S7W-05174 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given, as part of its police funding decisions, to the specialist staffing, training and equipment requirements of Police Scotland's Mountain Rescue Teams.

S7W-05175 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the authorised establishment and actual number of serving police officers assigned to each of Police Scotland's four Mountain Rescue Teams, as at 1 November 2026.

S7W-05176 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has received from Police Scotland regarding staffing levels within the Highland Division Mountain Rescue Team, and whether it has been advised of any shortfall against the team's authorised establishment.

S7W-05177 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the number of police officers assigned to each of Police Scotland's Mountain Rescue Teams, including the (a) authorised establishment and (b) actual staffing levels, in each year since 2020.

S7W-05178 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made, in consultation with Police Scotland, of the operational resilience of police mountain rescue provision

across Scotland, particularly in the Highlands and Islands.

S7W-05179 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding plans to address any staffing shortfalls within its Mountain Rescue Teams, including the timescales for returning teams to their authorised establishment.

S7W-05180 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Government's announcement of the Your First Home scheme, whether it plans to introduce a similar scheme in Scotland and, if so, when.

S7W-05181 **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the consultation on transitioning away from the use of farrowing crates, whether a transition to fully cage-free systems will be consulted on as a preferred option.

S7W-05182 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-04755 by Jim Fairlie on 12 November 2026, whether it will clarify what steps it is considering to raise awareness of the Welfare of Dogs Code of Practice and when it expects to implement these.

S7W-05183 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many carers' health checks have been undertaken by GP practices in each year since 2021.

S7W-05184 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to employability schemes for young carers in each year since 2021.

S7W-05185 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what its long-term strategy is for improving access to employability schemes for young carers.

S7W-05186 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the educational attainment of young carers.

S7W-05187 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total NHS Scotland expenditure on the diagnosis, treatment and management of musculoskeletal conditions was in each financial year since 2021-22.

S7W-05188 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last published an estimate of NHS Scotland expenditure on musculoskeletal conditions and services, and whether it plans to update the *Programme Budgeting in NHS Scotland* analysis, which most recently reported expenditure figures for 2011-12.

S7W-05189 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the annual cost to NHS Scotland of (a) osteoarthritis services and (b) rheumatoid arthritis services, broken down by (i) prescribing, (ii) inpatient and outpatient hospital care, including joint replacement surgery, (iii) primary care and (iv) allied health professional services, in each year since 2021-22.

S7W-05190 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total NHS Scotland expenditure was on services for (a) trauma and orthopaedics, (b) rheumatology, (c) musculoskeletal physiotherapy and (d) chronic pain, broken down by NHS board, in each financial year since 2021-22.

S7W-05191 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total NHS Scotland expenditure was on medicines prescribed for the treatment of (a) inflammatory arthritis, including biologic therapies, and (b) osteoarthritis and musculoskeletal pain, in each year since 2021-22.

S7W-05192 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding musculoskeletal services, what amount of (a) dedicated funding has been allocated to improving services and (b) proportion of the orthopaedic waiting times funding has been allocated to non-surgical musculoskeletal care services in (i) 2025-26 and (ii) 2026-27.

S7W-05193 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government and the other devolved governments regarding a successor to the UK Rare Diseases Framework, which is due to expire in January 2027, including what steps it is taking as part of these to reach agreement on a new UK-wide rare conditions policy prior to the expiry.

S7W-05194 **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to setting clear timescales to phase out animal testing in Scotland's universities.

S7W-05196 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to maintain funding for the Congenital and Rare Conditions Registry Service for Scotland (CARDRISS) beyond January 2027.

S7W-05197 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to provide additional financial support to farmers whose business is being affected by the current outbreak of avian flu and the subsequent control measures.

S7W-05198 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase funding for research into animal diseases, in light of the recent outbreaks of conditions such as avian flu and bluetongue.

S7W-05199 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve the consistent coding of rare conditions in NHS Scotland health records.

S7W-05200 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of Chief Scientist Office research funding has been allocated to rare conditions research in each of the last five years.

S7W-05201 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to link genomic data with health records for people with rare conditions.

S7W-05202 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that people in rural and island communities with rare conditions can access specialist expertise, including through virtual clinics and shared care arrangements.

S7W-05204 **Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government how many patients are currently awaiting maxillofacial surgery in Tayside and across Scotland.

S7W-05205 **Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government how many current vacancies there are for maxillofacial surgeons across Scotland.

S7W-05206 **Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what the current waiting times are for maxillofacial surgery, broken down by NHS board.

S7W-05207 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will create new legislation or a dedicated strategy to bring derelict buildings back into use for housing and business purposes.

S7W-05208 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to create new guidelines regarding the use of AI by teaching staff, and what assessment it has made of the flexibility required for any guidance in that area to account for the rapidly changing nature of AI technologies.

S7W-05210 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to incorporating a coherent strategy for the third sector into its proposed local government reforms.

S7W-05211 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what requirements third sector organisations will need to meet in relation to demonstrating value for money when receiving any future funding from it and local authorities.

S7W-05212 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the extent to which public bodies may take account of political considerations or matters reserved to the UK Parliament, such as foreign affairs, when making procurement decisions.

S7W-05214 **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent report by EPACT UK and the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, *Child Trafficking in the UK a Snapshot: 2026*, which identified Guardianship Scotland's unique national role in identifying emerging child trafficking patterns across local authority areas, what plans it has to implement the report's recommendations that are relevant to Scotland.

S7W-05215 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent report by the University of the West of Scotland, led by the Digital Dairy Chain, *Digitalising Dairy: A Future Skills*

Needs Assessment for Productivity and Sustainability, what support is available for employer-led work experience and early talent partnerships in dairy and agriculture, particularly in rural areas, and what incentives it is considering introducing to encourage farms to host placements.

S7W-05216 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by the University of the West of Scotland, led by the Digital Dairy Chain, *Digitalising Dairy: A Future Skills Needs Assessment for Productivity and Sustainability.*

S7W-05217 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent report by the University of the West of Scotland, led by the Digital Dairy Chain, *Digitalising Dairy: A Future Skills Needs Assessment for Productivity and Sustainability*, what steps it is taking to improve workforce data for the dairy and agri-food sector, including skills demand, age profile and gender participation, to support long-term workforce planning.

S7W-05218 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent report by the University of the West of Scotland, led by the Digital Dairy Chain, *Digitalising Dairy: A Future Skills Needs Assessment for Productivity and Sustainability*, what plans it has to designate dairy and the wider agri-food sector as strategic priority sectors within its skills and careers policy, and what steps it is taking to improve the visibility of modern, technology-enabled careers in schools.

S7W-05219 **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what eligibility criteria will apply to the planned expansion of funded early learning and childcare, and how many additional funded hours eligible children will receive.

S7W-05220 **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the rollout of the planned expansion of funded early learning and childcare, including the expected timescales for implementation.

S7W-05221 **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated to the planned expansion of funded early learning and childcare, and how this funding will be distributed between local authority and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers.

S7W-05222 **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the additional workforce that will be required to deliver the planned expansion of funded early learning and childcare.

S7W-05223 **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how the planned expansion of funded early learning and childcare will be delivered, including the number of additional funded hours that will be provided, and whether eligibility for the expanded entitlement will be universal or targeted.

Progress of Legislation

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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

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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 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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/221) laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/53) laid under Section 2B and Schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 (SFC/2026/6) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report And Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/297) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/296) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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