Tuesday 17 November 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:56pm

The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-02079, today's business will be as follows:

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 Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian

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

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-02079 Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 November 2026—

after

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian

followed by General Questions

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 Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian

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."

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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.

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