Wednesday 18 November 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs Committee

9:15am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:15am Transport Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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

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

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans

1. Amanda Bland: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in implementing the recommendations of the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Pathway, including what timetable has been set for their implementation and the measures that are in place to ensure that veterans can access safe, secure and suitable housing. (S7O-00517)

2. Jack Middleton: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking under its veterans' strategy to ensure that veterans have timely and appropriate access to health care in their communities. (S7O-00518)

3. Kate Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to protect public services in Scotland from the impact of the UK Government's anticipated £650 million real-terms reduction in the Block Grant. (S7O-00519)

4. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to progress council tax reform since the 2026 Scottish election. (S7O-00520)

5. Irshad Ahmed: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with local authorities regarding extending the "Marmot Places" approach beyond Aberdeen City, North Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire. (S7O-00521)

6. Holly Bruce: To ask the Scottish Government what support will be allocated to Glasgow City Council, following the Deputy First Minister's commitment to make a meaningful contribution towards addressing the city's financial pressures related to homelessness prevention and temporary accommodation costs, including when this will be received. (S7O-00522) **R**

7. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's *Progress Report 2026*. (S7O-00523)

8. Kristopher Leask: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its local government reform agenda, whether island councils will have the option to remain distinct local authorities rather than being incorporated into wider regional structures. (S7O-00524)

9. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the cost of voluntary redundancy and other exit packages arising from its proposed public service reform programme, and whether provision for this expenditure has been made in the Scottish Budget. (S7O-00525)

10. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the UK Budget, what assessment it has made of changes to Scotland's capital block grant for 2027-28. (S7O-00526)

Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

1. Zen Ghani: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to use AI to improve decision-making and increase efficiency as part of its public service reform agenda. (S7O-00529)

2. Karen Adam: [Withdrawn] (S7O-00530)

3. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out or plans to carry out of the potential benefits to Scotland of the UK rejoining the EU. (S7O-00531)

4. Senga Beresford: To ask the Scottish Government how much taxpayer money was spent through its external affairs and overseas aid programmes in the most recent year for which figures are available. (S7O-00532)

5. Duncan Massey: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the First Minister's comments during FMQs on 5 November, whether it has changed its previous policy of a presumption against new oil and gas developments and now supports new exploration drilling. (S7O-00533)

6. Donald MacKinnon: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it has provided to ministers on when vacancies on public bodies should be filled, left vacant or abolished as part of its public service reform agenda. (S7O-00534)

7. Yi-pei Chou Turvey: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that third sector organisations, including in North East Scotland, can participate sustainably as equal partners in its planned public service reform. (S7O-00535) **R**

8. Max Bannerman: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to make savings from public sector reform without reducing headcount through redundancies. (S7O-00536)

9. Joe Long: To ask the Scottish Government what role multi-year funding for third sector organisations will play in delivering its public service reform objectives in the forthcoming budget. (S7O-00537) **R**

10. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the workforce has the skills required to support the expansion of renewable energy. (S7O-00538)

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement

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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-02068.4 Stephen Gethins: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —As an amendment to motion S7M-02068 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement), leave out from "and the proposed" to end and insert "must be compatible with climate legislation."

S7M-02068.2 Paul Sweeney: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —As an amendment to motion S7M-02068 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "reaffirms its commitment to meeting the UK's obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement and achieving net zero emissions; considers that oil and gas production and durable hydrocarbon products will remain part of Scotland's economy for years to come and are vital to energy security and the economic security of working families and communities; notes that the decision on whether to grant consent for the Rosebank development will be taken at ministerial level by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero through a quasi-judicial process, with final consenting decisions resting with the North Sea Transition Authority; recognises the need for a wider programme of reindustrialisation that supports jobs, domestic supply chains and investment in communities across Scotland, and believes that the transition to a lower-

carbon economy must be a just transition that protects workers and communities while creating new industrial opportunities in the energy industries of the future."

S7M-02068.1 Liam Kerr: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —As an amendment to motion S7M-02068 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement), leave out from “are incompatible” to end and insert "would provide substantial economic benefits for Scotland and the North East and would significantly bolster Scotland's energy security; opposes recently announced proposals to ban any new exploration for oil and gas in the North Sea, and calls for the energy profits levy to be scrapped.”

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Local Government Reform

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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-02069.3 Hannah Mary Goodlad: Local Government Reform—As an amendment to motion S7M-02069 in the name of Ross Greer (Local Government Reform), insert at end “agrees that local government reform is necessary and should be concluded during the current parliamentary session; notes the Prime Minister’s commitment to support the devolution of powers from the UK government to regions in Scotland; welcomes the Prime Minister’s commitment not to bypass the Scottish Parliament in the devolution of these further powers; recognises that greater devolution of responsibilities to regions will require regional structures to be delivered; supports the view that, alongside new regional structures, new community level structures are also required to give a greater voice to local communities, and believes there are opportunities to place responsibilities that currently rest with non-departmental public bodies within the powers of new regional structures for local government.”

S7M-02069.1 Joe Fagan: Local Government Reform—As an amendment to motion S7M-02069 in the name of Ross Greer (Local Government Reform), insert at end “; notes that the Parliament has voted for cross-party talks on the future of the council tax; further notes the content of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, which was incorporated into law in October 2026, and the Verity House Agreement, which states that the Scottish Government and local authorities will work together to ‘deliver sustainable person-centred public services recognising the fiscal challenges, ageing demography and opportunities to innovate’, and believes that, even if no consensus can be reached on local government reorganisation, the Scottish Government should nonetheless work to replace the council tax and progress regional devolution.”

S7M-02069.2 Murdo Fraser: Local Government Reform—As an amendment to motion S7M-02069 in the name of Ross Greer (Local Government Reform), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “notes the widespread opposition to the Scottish Government’s plans for local government reform and the rushed timetable for consultation, which demonstrates contempt for stakeholders; believes that imposing a new regional tier would not provide efficiencies or benefit local communities; further believes that there is an opportunity for meaningful reform, which needs to be progressed through consensus, and considers that any such reform must be based on an understanding of the role and function of local government and its autonomy from the Scottish Government, and must deliver a fair, secure and stable funding settlement for councils across Scotland, with proper recognition of the additional costs of delivering services in rural communities.”

followed by Business Motions

S7M-02080 Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Simplification

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Trade, Investment and International Engagement: Driving Economic Growth

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 Debate: 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women and Girls for an Equally Safe Scotland

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 Debate: Marking World AIDS Day

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating St Andrew's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 1 December 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 2 December 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 December 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2027-28

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 November 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-02081 Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

5:30 pm Decision Time

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

S7M-01572 Fulton MacGregor: Developing a National Scottish Fontan Service and Transplant Pathway—That the Parliament recognises the life-saving role of the Fontan procedure for children born with complex congenital heart disease and a single-ventricle circulation; notes that the Fontan operation is a form of open-heart surgery, which enables oxygen-poor blood returning from the lower body to bypass the heart and flow directly to the blood vessels of the lungs, separating oxygen-poor and oxygen-rich blood and significantly improving oxygen levels throughout the body; recognises that, following Fontan surgery, many children experience improved oxygenation, energy and quality of life, allowing them to survive into adulthood; further recognises, however, that the Fontan circulation is a form of palliation rather than a cure and that people living with it require lifelong specialist surveillance and multidisciplinary care; notes what it sees as the growing current and foreseeable clinical needs of people in Coatbridge and Chryston and across Scotland who are living with Fontan circulation and

complex congenital heart disease; understands that international prevalence data suggest that between 300 and 400 individuals in Scotland currently live with it, with adult survival now up to 90%, resulting in a growing adult population at increasing risk of Fontan-associated complications and multi-organ disease; notes that complications can include progressive heart failure, arrhythmias, protein-losing enteropathy, plastic bronchitis, kidney dysfunction and liver disease, with up to 50% of adult Fontan patients developing clinically significant liver disease; understands that approximately 20 to 30% might ultimately require multi-organ transplantation such as heart, liver and/or lung transplants; believes that the increasing number of adults living with Fontan circulation represents a significant and evolving clinical need for NHS Scotland; notes with concern that Scotland currently lacks a dedicated national pathway for failing Fontan circulation and complex congenital heart disease requiring transplantation, resulting in some patients being referred outwith the country, most commonly to specialist centres in England; recognises the physical, emotional, financial and logistical burden that this can place on patients and families, including prolonged separation, fragmented continuity of care and ongoing cross-border follow-up requirements; notes what it sees as the absence of a formalised Scottish shared care model for post-transplant surveillance and long-term management; acknowledges Scotland's existing strengths, including the Scottish Adult Congenital Cardiac Service (SACCS), established heart transplant infrastructure at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital, experienced cardiothoracic surgical programmes and national service planning capability; believes that these existing strengths provide a strong foundation for developing a coordinated Scottish Fontan service; further believes that there is a strategic opportunity to develop a national Scottish Fontan hub to provide structured lifelong surveillance, early identification of Fontan-associated complications, multidisciplinary assessment, risk stratification, transplant planning and coordination, and post-transplant shared care; considers that such a model could improve patient safety, equity of access, continuity of care and clinical outcomes, while supporting the principle of providing specialist care as close to home as clinically appropriate; notes the view that, in the context of any future changes to the organisation or provision of specialist health services in Scotland, particular consideration should be given to the arrangements required to ensure continued access to specialist transplant centres in England for patients from Scotland, where clinically appropriate, and notes the view that clear and sustainable cross-border pathways should form an important part of the long-term planning for Fontan and complex congenital heart disease services, and acknowledges the calls on the Scottish Government to engage with NHS Scotland, SACCS leadership, transplant centres, relevant clinical specialists and patients and families affected by Fontan circulation to undertake a feasibility assessment for the development of a national Fontan hub and structured complex congenital heart disease transplant pathway, including consideration of workforce planning, specialist training, infrastructure, cross-border arrangements, research and data collection, and the long-term sustainability of the service.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee
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—
   Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Amanda Dunlop, Lawyer, Chloe Leslie, Police Conduct Policy Manager, and Kevin Lee, Police Division, Scottish Government;
   Jo Farrell, Chief Constable and Lynn Ratcliff, Assistant Chief Constable, Professionalism, Police Scotland.

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

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

   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).

Rural Affairs Committee
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.

Finance and Public Administration Committee
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.

Transport Committee
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;
Deborah Blair, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

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.

Health, Care and Sport Committee
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.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 11 November 2026

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

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection

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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

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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

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

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Motions

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Motions for debate

*S7M-02089 **Ivan McKee: Prevention and Preventative Budgeting—**That the Parliament recognises that accelerating the shift towards prevention is essential to improving outcomes for people and communities and securing the long-term sustainability of public services in Scotland; welcomes action through the Public Service Reform Strategy to embed prevention, including through the establishment of the Prevention Unit, the development of preventative budgeting approaches and the implementation of a Prevention Investment Framework; welcomes the Scottish Government's work to shift to action, including support for families and childcare, action to improve population health through earlier intervention and more community-based care, and the exploration of investment approaches, such as Social Impact Partner's Investment, which focus on early intervention and prevention, and supports continued collaboration across all levels of government, public services, communities, the third sector and other partners to make prevention a central principle of public service reform, budgeting and investment in Scotland.

Supported by: Hannah Mary Goodlad*

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-02069.3 **Hannah Mary Goodlad: Local Government Reform—**As an amendment to motion S7M-02069 in the name of Ross Greer (Local Government Reform), insert at end "agrees that local government reform is necessary and should be concluded during the current parliamentary session; notes the Prime Minister's commitment to support the devolution of powers from the UK government to regions in Scotland; welcomes the Prime Minister's commitment not to bypass the Scottish Parliament in the devolution of these further powers; recognises that greater devolution of responsibilities to regions will require regional structures to be delivered; supports the view that, alongside new regional structures, new community level structures are also required to give a greater voice to local communities, and believes there are opportunities to place responsibilities that currently rest with non-departmental public bodies within the powers of new regional structures for local government."

Supported by: Ivan McKee*, Jenny Gilruth*

*S7M-02069.2 **Murdo Fraser: Local Government Reform—**As an amendment to motion S7M-02069 in the name of Ross Greer (Local Government Reform), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "notes the widespread opposition to the Scottish Government's plans for local government reform and the rushed timetable for consultation, which demonstrates contempt for stakeholders; believes that imposing a new regional tier would not provide efficiencies or benefit local communities; further believes that there is an opportunity for meaningful reform, which needs to be progressed through consensus, and considers that any such reform must be based on an understanding of the role and function of local government and its autonomy from the Scottish Government, and must deliver a fair, secure and stable funding settlement for councils across Scotland, with proper recognition of the additional costs of delivering services in rural communities."

*S7M-02069.1 **Joe Fagan: Local Government Reform—**As an amendment to motion S7M-02069 in the name of Ross Greer (Local Government Reform), insert at end "; notes that the Parliament has voted for cross-party talks on the future of the council tax; further notes the content of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, which was incorporated into law in October 2026, and the Verity House Agreement, which states that the Scottish Government and local authorities will work together to 'deliver sustainable person-centred public services recognising the fiscal challenges, ageing demography and opportunities to innovate', and believes that, even if no consensus can be reached on local government reorganisation, the Scottish Government should nonetheless work to replace the council tax and progress regional devolution."

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-02068.4 **Stephen Gethins: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02068 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement), leave out from "and the proposed" to end and insert "must be compatible with climate legislation."

Supported by: John Swinney*, Jamie Hepburn*

*S7M-02068.2 **Paul Sweeney: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02068 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "reaffirms its commitment to meeting the UK's obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement and achieving net zero emissions; considers that oil and gas production and durable hydrocarbon products will remain part of Scotland's economy for years to come and are vital to energy security and the economic security of working families and communities; notes that the decision on whether to grant consent for the Rosebank development will be taken at ministerial level by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero through a quasi-judicial process, with final consenting decisions resting with the North Sea Transition Authority; recognises the need for a wider programme of reindustrialisation that supports jobs, domestic supply chains and investment in communities across Scotland, and believes that the transition to a lower-carbon economy must be a just transition that protects workers and communities while creating new industrial opportunities in the energy industries of the future."

*S7M-02068.1 **Liam Kerr: Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement —**As an amendment to motion S7M-02068 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Stop Rosebank, Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement), leave out from "are incompatible" to end and insert "would provide substantial economic benefits for Scotland and the North East and would significantly bolster Scotland's energy security; opposes recently announced proposals to ban any new exploration for oil and gas in the North Sea, and calls for the energy profits levy to be scrapped."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

*S7M-02076 **Kim Schmulian: Supporting Glasgow's Night-time Economy—**That the Parliament commends what it sees as the valuable contribution that Glasgow's night-time economy, the 4th largest in the UK, has made to Scotland; considers that, currently, hospitality venues are struggling due to business rates, hybrid working, employer National Insurance contributions, transport issues, as well as the implications of the UK Government's Employment Rights Act 2025 on zero-hour contract workers; commends the creation of a Night-Time Economy Commission to look at strategies to support hospitality amidst current constraints in the city, including anti-social behaviour, drug misuse, women's safety, cost of living, homelessness, council-controlled numbers of black cabs and private hire taxis, as well as the proliferation of building projects and related road closures; notes the belief that there is a requirement for more night time bus services to be available and reliable between 11.00 pm and 04.00 am and that these must be safe to access, with adequate notification of cancelled services, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to extend initiatives for young people trying to build a career in Glasgow and earn what it considers is a decent wage, outwith the £2 bus cap.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Mark Simpson*, Amanda Lindsay*, Jamie Langan*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-02090 **David Green: Congratulating Melvich Primary Pupils for their Contribution to Shoebox Appeal—**That the Parliament congratulations Melvich Primary School and the wider Melvich community for filling 33 shoeboxes for Blythswood's shoebox appeal; commends the work done by the appeal in bringing hope to people living in poverty and experiencing trauma and exploitation; recognises the impact that Blythswood's work has on families affected by conflict and destitution, and celebrates the charitable work carried out by children throughout Caithness, Sutherland and Ross

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

*S7M-02088 **Iris Duane: Congratulating Rockstar Workers on the Release of Grand Theft Auto VI—**That the Parliament congratulates Rockstar Games employees on their work developing *Grand Theft Auto VI* ahead of its launch on 19 November 2026; understands that the game is expected to be one of the biggest video game releases of all time; recognises the years of work that have gone into making the game and the contribution of Rockstar North employees in Scotland; expresses concern over the dismissal of employees at Rockstar North in October 2025; welcomes and supports the ongoing ballot on trade union recognition among Rockstar Games workers in Scotland and their efforts to secure better protections in the workplace; wishes all those who have worked on *Grand Theft Auto VI* every success with its launch; recognises *Grand Theft Auto*'s Scottish origins, and celebrates Scotland's successful contribution to the video game industry.

*S7M-02087 **Jackie Baillie: Dumbarton's Billy Walker Receives Lifetime Achievement Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Billy Walker, who is from Dumbarton, on receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at The Spirits Business Awards, in recognition of his more than 50 years of contribution to the Scotch whisky industry; notes that Billy, who was born in Dumbarton in 1946, has enjoyed an exceptional career spanning some of Scotland's most celebrated distilleries, including Ballantine's, Deanston, Tobermory, Benriach, GlenDronach, Glenglassaugh and, most recently, GlenAllachie; recognises his reputation as one of the industry's most respected master distillers and blenders, and his role in reviving and transforming distilleries across Scotland; celebrates the achievement of Billy, who is a proud son of Dumbarton, and recognises that his outstanding contribution to Scotland's whisky industry has received international recognition.

*S7M-02086 **Jackie Baillie: Cardross Mental Health Campaigner Graham Morgan Receives Honorary Degree—**That the Parliament congratulates the Cardross resident, Graham Morgan MBE, on being awarded an honorary degree by the University of Stirling in recognition of his outstanding

contribution to mental health advocacy; recognises his decades of campaigning to improve mental health services, challenge stigma and ensure that people with lived experience of mental ill health have their voices heard; highlights his involvement with Jean's Bothy in Helensburgh, which is a community mental health and wellbeing hub that Graham describes as "a safe place to be me and with people who understand"; notes his work using his own experiences to support others, including through writing, peer support and sharing his knowledge with students and mental health professionals, and celebrates this well-deserved recognition of a campaigner whose work has made a real difference in communities across Scotland.

*S7M-02085 **Jackie Baillie: Lomond Radio Honoured with The King's Award for Voluntary Service —**That the Parliament congratulates Lomond Radio on receiving The King's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to local volunteer groups in the United Kingdom; understands that the award recognises the outstanding contribution of Lomond Radio's team of more than 50 volunteers, who provide local news, community information, charity promotion, event coverage and entertainment programming across West Dunbartonshire and beyond; notes that Lomond Radio began as a small project during the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 and has since grown into a recognised multi-platform community broadcaster; commends the dedication, generosity and community spirit of its volunteers, who give their time and skills to ensure that local voices, organisations and stories are heard; recognises the opportunities that Lomond Radio and Lomond Country provide for people to develop broadcasting skills, build confidence and showcase local talent, and wishes everyone involved with Lomond Radio continued success in the years ahead.

*S7M-02084 **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Celebrating the YWM 30 Under 30 List —**That the Parliament congratulates Poppy Watson, Francesca Sophia Muñoz Caparo, Jo Dargie, Jules, Lok Pui Lo and Amy Connelly from the Edinburgh and Lothians East Region on being selected for the Young Women's Movement (YWM) 2026 30 Under 30 list; commends Poppy, Francesca, Jo, Jules, Lok and Amy for their contributions to Scotland's creative sector and valuable work supporting LGBTQ+ communities, creating opportunities for underrepresented children and young people and strengthening relationships between communities; recognises that these awards celebrate the dedication and commitment of young women, girls and non-binary people to making change in their lives and communities, and wishes Poppy, Francesca, Jo, Jules, Lok and Amy, and all other YWM 2026 30 Under 30 recipients, continued success.

*S7M-02083 **Lloyd Melville: The Beacon Wins Care for Mental Health Award at Scotland's Health Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates The Beacon on winning the Care for Mental Health Award at Scotland's Health Awards 2026; recognises the vital support provided by The Beacon, based in Arbroath, to people aged 16 and over experiencing mental health and emotional distress across Angus; notes that the centre, commissioned by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership and managed by Hillcrest Futures, provides compassionate support from noon until midnight, seven days a week, throughout the year; welcomes its commitment to ensuring that people can access support in person, by telephone and through digital channels; congratulates The Beacon on being named Policing Partner of the Year by Police Scotland in November 2026; commends the dedication and compassion of its staff and everyone involved in delivering the service, and wishes The Beacon continued success in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of communities across Angus.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Tim Eagle*, Helen McDade*, Dawn Black*

*S7M-02082 **Clare Adamson: Recognising a Generous Donation to University Hospital Wishaw's Transitional Care Unit—**That the Parliament recognises the generous donation of £9,500 made by Motherwell couple Nicole and Gordon Calderwood to the transitional care unit (TCU) at University Hospital Wishaw, in memory of their daughter, Ava, and in gratitude for the exceptional care and support provided by staff; understands that Ava was born prematurely on 17 March 2023 and received care in both the TCU and special care baby unit for approximately four weeks; acknowledges that the donation was raised by family friend Carl Lynch, who completed a sponsored walk of more than 200 miles from Liverpool to University Hospital Wishaw; notes that the funds have been used to

redecorate and enhance the family rooms within the TCU, creating a more welcoming and comfortable environment for families; commends Carl for his remarkable fundraising efforts and Nicole and Gordon for their generosity in supporting other families going through similarly difficult experiences, and pays tribute to the staff at University Hospital Wishaw for the compassion, dedication and support they provide to babies and their families.

*S7M-02081 **Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees—**That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

*S7M-02080 **Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Simplification

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Trade, Investment and International Engagement: Driving Economic Growth

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 Debate: 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women and Girls for an Equally Safe Scotland

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 Debate: Marking World AIDS Day

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating St Andrew's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 1 December 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 2 December 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 December 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2027-28

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 November 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

*S7M-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

*S7M-02078 **Pauline McNeill: Scottish Police Federation's Bring It Back Campaign—**That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Scottish Police Federation's Bring It Back campaign, which calls for a return to accountable local community policing; notes that, since the creation of Police Scotland, around 1,000 police officer posts have been lost and around 200 police stations have

closed; further notes reports of significant numbers of calls to the police going unanswered each day; agrees that a well-resourced police service is fundamental to a safe and well-functioning society; believes that decisions taken by the Scottish Government have contributed to a reduction in visible local policing, and calls on the Scottish Government and Police Scotland to work with Scottish Police Federation members to restore genuinely accountable local community policing.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Angela Ross*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Graham Simpson*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02077 **Duncan Dunlop: Ruth Griffin Wins the Scottish Gymnastics Lifetime Achievement Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Ruth Griffin on being the recipient of the Scottish Gymnastics Lifetime Achievement Award 2026; recognises her outstanding lifetime contribution to Scottish Gymnastics; believes that Ruth's influence has been felt across many areas of the sport over many years; acknowledges her dedication to coaching future generations of gymnasts and the vital role she played in helping to relaunch events following the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; considers her a true champion of the sport; thanks her for her unwavering commitment to fostering athletic talent and community spirit within gymnastics, and wishes her the very best in all her future endeavours.

Supported by: Tim Eagle*, Angela Ross*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Laura Moodie*, Jackie Baillie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02075 **James Adams: Fraserburgh Junior Arts Society Awarded King's Award for Voluntary Service 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Fraserburgh Junior Arts Society on being awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service 2026, the highest award given to local voluntary groups in the UK and equivalent to an MBE; recognises the outstanding contribution that the society has made to the Fraserburgh community through its dedication to promoting the performing arts and providing opportunities for people of all ages to develop their talents, build confidence and participate in creative activities; commends the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment of the society's volunteers, whose dedication has helped to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for generations of performers; acknowledges the important role that voluntary organisations play in enriching cultural life and strengthening communities across the north east of Scotland, and wishes Fraserburgh Junior Arts Society continued success in its future productions and activities.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Tim Eagle*, Stephen Kerr*, Craig Hoy*, Jackie Baillie*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02074 **Carol Mochan: Carers Rights Day 2026 —**That the Parliament welcomes Carers Rights Day, which is an annual awareness-raising day taking place on 19 November; recognises the immense contribution to society of over 722,000 unpaid carers in Scotland, who are caring for their family or friends who are ill, frail, disabled or are experiencing mental health or addiction issues; notes the recently published research by Carers Scotland showing that 50% of carers have postponed or cancelled healthcare appointments because of their caring responsibilities; acknowledges Carers Scotland's call to action for the Scottish Government to set out timescales and an action plan to deliver health checks and improve access to health services for carers, including how outcomes will be measured and replacement care provided where required; welcomes that a Carers Scotland's event, *Understanding the State of Unpaid Caring in Scotland 2026,* is taking place on Carers Rights Day at the Scottish Parliament; agrees that all unpaid carers in Scotland should be supported to stay well and be financially secure; believes that every effort should be made to ensure unpaid carers' rights are promoted, protected and advanced so that Scotland's unpaid carers are able to have a fair future, and wishes Carers Rights Day 2026 every success.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Cara McKee*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Colin Beattie*, Pauline McNeill*, Liam McArthur*, Bob Doris*, Monica Lennon*, David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Jenni Minto*, Mark Griffin*, Zen Ghani*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Julie MacDougall*

*S7M-02073 **Laura Moodie: Burnfoot Community School Praised for Significant Improvements —**That the Parliament congratulates Burnfoot Community School in Hawick on the significant

improvements identified in its inspection in October 2026; notes that inspectors praised improvements in learning, teaching and assessment, including more engaging lessons, better support for individual learning needs and greater opportunities for children to have a say in their education; welcomes the significant progress made in learning through play and the positive steps taken to support pupils with additional support needs; commends headteacher Jenni Curson for her leadership and commitment to improving outcomes for pupils; recognises the dedication and hard work of teachers, support staff, pupils, parents and the wider school community in achieving these improvements over the past year; welcomes the school's vision, Being Our Best Together, as an example of the importance of collaboration in education, and wishes everyone at Burnfoot Community School continued success as they build on these achievements.

Supported by: Cara McKee*, Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*

*S7M-02072 **Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Optometrist Frank Munro Wins at Scotland's Health Awards 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow optometrist, Frank Munro, on winning the Unsung Hero/Heroes Readers' Choice Award at Scotland's Health Awards 2026; recognises his instrumental role, as a co-founder and honorary member of Optometry Scotland, in helping to establish and develop General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) in 2006, which introduced universal free NHS eye examinations across Scotland; notes that this recognition comes as Scotland marks 20 years of GOS, a model that has transformed community eye care by enabling patients to access high-quality preventative care and clinical triage closer to home; commends Frank's decades of service to patients across Glasgow and his enduring leadership within the optometry profession, and wishes him continued success.

Supported by: Joe Fagan*, Miles Briggs*, Pauline McNeill*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Jenni Minto*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Amanda Bland*

*S7M-02071 **Russell Findlay: Sir James Milne CBE—**That the Parliament notes with sadness the death at the age of 85 of Sir James Milne CBE, a highly respected Aberdeen businessman and philanthropist; recognises what it sees as his remarkable contribution to the economic development of Aberdeen and north east Scotland over more than six decades; celebrates his entrepreneurial vision in founding and building Balmoral Group into an internationally successful engineering and manufacturing business, creating employment and helping to establish Aberdeen's reputation as a global centre of excellence in the energy and offshore industries; recognises his success in international markets, resulting in three Queen's Awards for International Trade; notes that Sir James, who was known as Jimmy, was awarded a CBE in 1994 and received a knighthood in 2022 for services to business and charity; recognises that the contribution of Sir James extended beyond the business world, particularly through his charitable work; pays tribute to his role in co-founding Friends of ANCHOR charity in 1997, following the loss of his first wife Jill to cancer; notes that the charity has provided support to thousands of cancer patients and their families across the North East of Scotland; commends Sir James's longstanding commitment to philanthropy, including through the Milne Family Foundation; notes his contribution to sport, including his longstanding support of Aberdeen FC and Cove Rangers FC; acknowledges that Sir James will be remembered not only for his considerable business achievements and generosity, but also for his affection for Aberdeen, pride in his North East roots, loyalty to his workforce and his belief in the potential of the people and businesses of Scotland, and extends its condolences to his wife Lady Gillian, his children and grandchildren.

Supported by: Stephen Kerr*, Murdo Fraser*, Amanda Lindsay*, Angela Ross*, Julie MacDougall*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*, Dawn Black*, James Adams*, Amanda Bland*, Miles Briggs*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-02070 **Calum Kerr: Thanking Peebles and District Citizens Advice Bureau for 50 Years of Service to the Community** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Dunlop*, Colm Merrick*, David Torrance*

S7M-02067 **Amanda Bland: New College Lanarkshire Students Showcase Scotland's Food Talent** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Tim Eagle* **R**

S7M-02066 **Amanda Bland: Inspectors Commend Nurturing Environment at Tannochside Primary and Nursery** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, James Adams*, Tim Eagle*

S7M-02065 **Amanda Bland: JogOn Campaign in Scotland** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Dawn Black*, James Adams*, Tim Eagle*

S7M-02064 **Laura Mitchell: Billy Walker Receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Scotch Whisky Industry** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, David Torrance*, Jenni Minto*, Bob Doris*

S7M-02063 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Paying Tribute to the Right Reverend Peter A Moran, Bishop Emeritus of Aberdeen** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*, James Adams*, Tim Eagle*

S7M-02062 **Claire Baker: Congratulating Mid Scotland and Fife Winners at 4J Studios Scottish Athletics and Jogscotland Awards** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

S7M-02061 **Michelle Campbell: Kirklandneuk Primary School Achieves Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Neil Bibby*, Jenni Minto*, Bob Doris*

S7M-02060 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating Melanie Stewart Wills on Scottish Gymnastics Lifetime Achievement Award 2026** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Jenni Minto*

S7M-02059 **Marie McNair: Girl Guiding Volunteer Carol-Ann Innes Retires After 30 Years** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Monica Lennon*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Jenni Minto*

S7M-02058 **Rachael Hamilton: Recognising Sleep Action's National Sleep Support Line** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Duncan Dunlop*, Tim Eagle*, Miles Briggs*, Jenni Minto*

S7M-02057 **Mark Simpson: Improving Post-match Rail Connections from Hampden for North East Scotland Supporters** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

S7M-02056 **Gary Bouse: Celebrating The Lonely Broomstick's Expansion and its Contribution to Tourism in Falkirk** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Jenni Minto*

S7M-02055 **Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Fowlis Wester Hall Committee on Winning The King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Miles Briggs*

S7M-02054 **Rachael Hamilton: Denholm Mountain Biker Phoebe Gale Named ClubSport Roxburgh Sports Personality of the Year** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*

S7M-02053.3 **Mark Griffin: Energy Prices and the Cost of Living** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-02052 **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Commending the Work of Aberdeen-based Charity Music 4 U** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-02051 **David Torrance: Wellesley Centre and Hope Chest Community Project Receive King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Jenni Minto*

S7M-02050 **Keith Brown: Tullibody Community Garden Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Jenni Minto*

S7M-02049 **Paul McLennan: Publication of the Consultation on Carbon Dioxide Stunning of Pigs** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, James Adams*, David Torrance*, Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: James Adams*, Jenni Minto*

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: James Adams*, Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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: Jenni Minto*

S7M-02033 **Katie Hagmann: Celebrating 250 Years of the Cumnock Chronicle** (lodged on 16 November 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, James Adams*

S7M-02017 **Russell Findlay: Scottish Business UK (SBUK) Reaches 10th Anniversary** (lodged on 12 November 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, James Adams*, Miles Briggs*, Finlay Carson*, Rachael Hamilton*, Craig Hoy*, Alexander Burnett*, Murdo Fraser*, Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*

S7M-02010 **David Linden: Innovation in Impact Award for The Scottish Pantry Network** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*, Paul McLennan*, Jackie Dunbar*

S7M-02002 **Claire Baker: Applauding the Wee Chippy in Anstruther on Accolades at the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards** (lodged on 11 November 2026)

New Support: James Adams*, Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: James Adams*, Tim Eagle*

S7M-01987 **Stephen Kerr: Relight Stirling Castle** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: James Adams*

S7M-01986 **Craig Hoy: Recognising the 2026 Lockerbie Fellows and the Lockerbie-Syracuse Bond** (lodged on 10 November 2026)

New Support: James Adams*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

S7M-01913 **Monica Lennon: Trussell Scotland Research Highlights Scale of Food Insecurity Across Scotland** (lodged on 5 November 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Zen Ghani*, Lloyd Melville*

S7M-00982 **Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-00351 **Willie Rennie: The People’s Emergency Briefing Screenings** (lodged on 12 June 2026)

New Support: Kristopher Leask*

Questions

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 19 November 2026

1. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00076)
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00077)
3. **Gillian Mackay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00078)
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00079)
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00080)

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 17 November 2026

S7W-05164 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what gaps it has identified in the drug and alcohol education resources available to schools, particularly in relation to emerging substances, synthetic drugs, drug contamination, overdose prevention and the risks of mixing substances, and what action it is taking to address these.

S7W-05165 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what drug and alcohol education resources are available to schools, including those provided by Education Scotland, and whether it maintains a central directory of these.

S7W-05166 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation has been carried out of the effectiveness of the drug and alcohol education resources used in schools, including whether they have been assessed for their impact on pupils' (a) knowledge and understanding of risks and (b) ability to make informed decisions.

S7W-05167 **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the National Drugs Mission Clinical Advisory Group remains operational and, if so, (a) what its (i) terms of reference and (ii) responsibilities are, (b) on what dates it has met formally, including meetings conducted virtually or by correspondence, since September 2025 and (c) whether minutes, records of decisions or recommendations arising from its work since September 2024 have been or will be published.

S7W-05203 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what further actions it can take to prevent childminding licences being issued to any individuals who pose a risk to children, and what support it can provide to bodies, including the Care Inspectorate, to identify suspected offences and pursue enforcement action, including prosecution where appropriate.

S7W-05209 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether school pupils have been encouraged to use AI tools in classrooms, by their teachers and/or as a result of guidance that is in place, and whether any digital security assessments related to such activity have been conducted.

S7W-05224 **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the report by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS), which was commissioned in October 2025 to examine the management of traumatic fractures and the associated ambulance provision and triaging, as referred to by Neil Gray in his answer to a topical question on 4 November 2025, (a) whether it has been completed, (b) what changes to SAS procedures and A&E procedures have taken place as a direct result of the findings and recommendations in the report and (c) whether it will be published.

S7W-05225 **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that workers at Dalzell Steelworks have their wages, pension entitlements and other employment rights protected, and what support, intervention or engagement has been undertaken with the company to secure the long-term future of the workforce.

S7W-05226 **Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43348 by Shirley-Anne Somerville on 4 February 2026, what estimate it has made of the total cost of mitigating any impact in Scotland of UK Government policy decisions since 2025-26, and how much of that has been spent (a) in 2025-26 and (b) since April 2026.

S7W-05227 **Dawn Black:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing a maximum interval between school inspections, in light of reports that some schools have not been inspected for up to 17 years.

S7W-05228 **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers the teaching of Scottish and wider British history to be appropriately balanced in Scotland's schools and, if so, what assessment it has made of any impact any imbalance in the teaching of national history may have on educational outcomes and social cohesion.

S7W-05229 **Pauline Stafford:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with NHS Scotland regarding GP complaints processes, and what consideration it has given to implementing a standardised complaints process for GP practices across Scotland.

S7W-05230 **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to providing non-domestic rates relief for the Post Office element of premises containing a Post Office counter.

S7W-05231 **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the report by Dr Sohail Bhatti, *Our Future Selves: Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People in the Scottish Borders*, which highlights the risks associated with excessive screen time, what action it is taking to limit screen time for children from nursery age upwards, who are currently being encouraged to use tablet devices both in and out of school.

S7W-05232 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Orkney Ferry Replacement Task Force, how many times the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport has attended its meetings and when it (a) last met and (b) will next meet.

S7W-05233 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Shetland Ferry Replacement Task Force, how many times the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport has attended its meetings and when it (a) last met and (b) will next meet.

S7W-05235 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to conducting formal economic impact assessments for transport disruption in the South of Scotland, particularly due to challenges facing the A77, similar to those undertaken for the A83 corridor.

S7W-05236 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it assesses the long-term total economic impact of a lack of road infrastructure investment in Dumfries and Galloway and how this compares with its assessment of other regions, including Argyll and Bute.

S7W-05237 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what long-term infrastructure resilience plans are being developed for vulnerable transport corridors in the South of Scotland.

S7W-05238 **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what long-term infrastructure resilience plans are being developed for the A77.

S7W-05239 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many Scots could be impacted by the UK earned settlement reforms, whether it has undertaken any risk assessment of this potential impact on the Scottish workforce, and what representations it has made to the Home Office in this regard.

S7W-05240 **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing an English language foundation year option within the Palestinian Student Scholarship

scheme.

S7W-05241 **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, prior to approving the appointment of new IT contractors for NHS services, it requires or undertakes an assessment of the impact on patients' access to their GP records and repeat prescriptions, and whether it considers that a period of 11 days without access to such records is acceptable.

Non-Government Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

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New or reprinted draft proposals for a Member's Bill

Tim Eagle: Proposed Scottish Elections (Restricting Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) (Scotland) Bill—A proposal for a Bill to restrict candidacy rights of foreign nationals in relation to Scottish Parliament and local government elections. (lodged 17 November 2026)

A statement of reasons (as to why consultation is considered unnecessary), lodged with the proposal, may be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) or on the website page referred to above.

Progress of Legislation

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As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 2.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3
Lodged on 16 June 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026

Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 2026)

Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-11a

Lodged on 17 September 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026
Report - Lead committee (Transport) (1st Report, 2026)

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5b
Lodged on 9 October 2026
Meeting (lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy)), 3 November 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (14th Report, 2026)

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-12
Lodged on 10 September 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026
Report - Lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy) (2nd Report, 2026)

Financial Services and Markets Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-8a
Lodged on 6 October 2026
Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 18 November 2026
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2026)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

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

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 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 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 17 November 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 - Rural and Island Communities Impact Assessment (SG/2026/292) laid under section 81(2)(a) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/285) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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