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Business Bulletin

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Chamber Desk Arrangements during the October Recess

During the October recess from 10 to 25 October 2026, the Chamber Desk will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 3.30 pm on a Friday. Normal opening arrangements will resume on Monday 26 October.

Portfolio Questions and General Questions

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for General and Portfolio Questions on 27, 28 and 29 October is 12 noon on Monday 19 October.

Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 21 October to submit their questions.

The submitted questions will appear in the Business Bulletin on Monday 26 October. The Portfolios on Wednesday 28 October will be Justice, and Health and Care.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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:
Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Calling for a
Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands

Committee Meetings

9:15am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

9:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice
Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

9:30am Public Service Reform Committee

10:00am Climate Action Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

1. David Linden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that expanded childcare is available to all families. ([S7O-00329](#))

2. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on patient engagement within NHS Scotland, including pilots for Martha's Rule. ([S7O-00330](#))

3. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports rural health boards, including NHS Borders. ([S7O-00331](#))

4. Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government, following the Town of Culture 2028 bidding process, how it will further support local authorities in the South Scotland region to use culture to tell stories about their communities. ([S7O-00332](#))

5. Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on actions NHS Scotland is taking to reduce waiting times for assessments of children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism and ADHD. ([S7O-00333](#))

6. Helen McDade: To ask the Scottish Government what process it followed in selecting SAMH to deliver its new network of mental health drop-in hubs, including how it took account of existing local provision, such as Hope Point at The Centre in Dundee and the original Nook in Perth, when reaching its decision. ([S7O-00334](#))

7. Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: To ask the Scottish Government when it will commission feasibility studies on bringing sections of the Water of Leith and Wardie Bay into safe public usage, in light of its Programme for Government commitment. ([S7O-00335](#))

8. Max Bannerman: To ask the Scottish Government what role, if any, Police Scotland has in monitoring the activities of people studying in Scotland on student visas, including what information it receives or holds regarding such individuals. ([S7O-00336](#))

9. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to strengthen partnerships between Police Scotland and other public sector bodies to improve multi-agency approaches to community policing. ([S7O-00337](#))

10. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what urgent action it is taking in response to reported warnings from the Governor of HMP Barlinnie about overcrowding and the risk of critical failure arising from the prison's ageing infrastructure. ([S7O-00338](#))

2:00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

1. Malcolm Offord: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00051](#))

2. Michael Marra: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00052](#))

3. Ross Greer: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00053](#))

4. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00054](#))

5. Alex Cole-Hamilton: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00055](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget

S7M-01395 Jenny Gilruth: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget —That the Parliament welcomes the new Prime Minister's approach to further devolution for Scotland; calls for commensurate funding to support the transfer of further powers and for the UK Government to end the era of austerity by increasing the Scottish Government's budget in real terms; demands that the UK Government take action to address the cost of living crisis, including immediate action on energy and fuel bills; suggests that the UK Government should improve wealth taxation to support the public finances and devolve a greater range of powers, including fiscal powers, to Scotland, to aid investment and growth.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01395.2 Malcolm Offord: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget —As an amendment to S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "for Scotland" to end, and insert "across the UK as a whole; believes however that Scotland already has the most generous devolution settlement and that the Scottish Government must maximise the powers that it already has before asking for more; further believes that, despite extensive devolution already and total state spending being 26% higher per capita than England, many Scottish public services have worse outcomes than in England; calls on the Scottish Government to take action to address the cost of living crisis, on the basis that the most impactful immediate action it could take would be to reduce energy and fuel bills, and notes that Parliament already has the power to assist with this by ending the ban on nuclear energy development and opposition to new oil and gas."

S7M-01395.3 Daniel Johnson: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget —As an amendment to S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "commensurate" to end and insert "a new approach to devolution within Scotland, transferring power and resources from the Scottish Parliament to Scotland's regions and local communities to support stronger regional economies and better local decision-making; notes the experience of regional devolution in places such as Greater Manchester and the role that greater local control has played in supporting regional economic development; believes that skills policy and funding should form a core part of regional devolution in Scotland, giving councils, colleges, employers and other local partners greater power to respond to the needs of their regional economies; calls on the Scottish Government to provide greater clarity regarding what its public service reform agenda would mean in practice for public services, the public sector workforce and communities across Scotland; further calls on the Scottish Government to publish an updated Medium-Term financial strategy ahead of its Budget, setting out the outlook for spending, taxation, reform and the sustainability of public finances over the medium term, in order for Parliament to have a clear and comprehensive picture to be able to scrutinise the Budget and make decisions about Scotland's priorities."

S7M-01395.4 Ross Greer: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget —As an amendment to motion S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "suggests" to end and insert "believes that the UK Government must implement improved wealth taxation to support the public finances, and devolve a greater range of powers, including fiscal powers, to Scotland, to aid investment and growth; believes that it is the duty of governments to protect the most vulnerable in society; is concerned by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's recent comments regarding social security spending; calls on the Prime Minister to rule out cuts to support for disabled people and people living in poverty, and further believes that any UK Government decision to increase defence spending must not come at the expense of Scotland's public finances in the form of cuts to the block grant."

S7M-01395.5 Craig Hoy: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget —As an amendment to motion S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that the UK Budget should prioritise economic growth by avoiding further tax rises, keeping fuel costs down and supporting investment in Scotland; calls on the

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Scottish Government to control unsustainable welfare spending and deliver meaningful public service reform, and calls on both governments to reduce the burden on workers and businesses, and to support economic growth.”

[S7M-01395.1](#) Liam McArthur: Scotland’s Priorities for the UK Budget —As an amendment to motion S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland’s Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “believes that the focus of the UK Budget should be economic growth; further believes that the most impactful measure that the UK Government can take to improve economic growth is to reverse the economic damage of Brexit by negotiating a new growth and defence partnership with the EU, including joining the single market and a new customs union, and calls on the UK Government to take measures to support people with the cost of living, including cutting fuel duty by 10p.”

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands

[S7M-01191](#) Liam McArthur: Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands— That the Parliament recognises that, for many island, coastal and rural communities, including those in Orkney, short-haul flights that connect them with mainland Scotland and the rest of the UK are a lifeline service, providing vital transport links for NHS patients, local businesses and the wider community; notes the deep concern of communities regarding the recent decision by Loganair to reduce services on routes from Inverness that connect the Northern and Western Isles with mainland Scotland, and the wider concern that this reflects an ongoing pattern of consolidation by the operator, which has cited the financial unsustainability of certain routes; recognises that reductions in flight availability and increasing fares can adversely affect the resilience and economies of island, coastal and rural communities; understands that the Scottish Government has already committed funding to restore air services from Inverness to island communities from October; notes the view that a long-term strategy is required to support a resilient, sustainable and accessible air transport network and that the development of such a strategy must be led by Scottish Ministers in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and informed by the needs and perspectives of island and coastal communities, and welcomes recent steps by the Scottish Government to take this work forward, while noting the call for this work to be done as a matter of urgency.

Committee Meetings

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on —

[The Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#)

[The Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026 \[draft\]](#)

from—

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans and Iain Hockenhull, Head of Elections, Scottish Government;
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Subordinate Legislation:** Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans to move—

S7M-01085—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the [The Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#) be approved.

S7M-01086—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the [The Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026 \[draft\]](#) be approved.

4. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider— [The Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/251\)](#)

[The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/254\)](#)

5. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Stage 1 evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Robert Nicol, President, Scottish Assessors Association;
Chris Highcock, Secretary to the Board and Depute Returning Officer for the City of Edinburgh, Electoral Management Board for Scotland.
6. **Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandums LCM-S6-74, LCM-S7-7, LCM-S7-7a and LCM-S7-7b from—
Robert Nicol, Electoral Registration Officer and Chris Highcock, Secretary to the Board and Depute Returning Officer for the City of Edinburgh, Electoral Management Board for Scotland;
Professor Toby James, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, University of East Anglia UK.
7. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda items 5 and 6.

**Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee
6th 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, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Women's poverty inquiry – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Anna Ritchie Allan, Executive Director, Close the Gap;
Chloe Campbell, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, The Poverty Alliance;
Charis Chittick, Head of Policy, Strategy and Communication, One Parent Families Scotland;
Sara Cowan, Director, Scottish Women's Budget Group;
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland;
Susan McKellar, Manager, The Scottish Women's Convention.
3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Women's poverty inquiry – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2 at its meeting on 24 September 2026.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**Public Audit Committee
6th Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 6

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- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Future Business** The Committee will consider its future business.
- Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value and Martin McLauchlan, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value and Martin McLauchlan, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Management of the ScotWind leasing round – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Public Service Reform Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Simon Mair, Deputy Director for Place Based Service Change and Reform, and Cathy Sumner, Interim Deputy Director, Spending and Pay Strategy, Scottish Government.
- Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Climate Action Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 1

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Josiah Lockhart, CEO, Changeworks, and Member, Climate Emergency Response Group;
Lewis Barlow, Decarbonisation Head of Profession, WSP.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

4. **The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – approach:** The Committee will review its approach to the inquiry.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 30 September 2026

Tuesday 6 October 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: Improving Outcomes for Neurodivergent People, Autistic People and People with Learning Disabilities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi

Wednesday 7 October 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026

Thursday 8 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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1:30 pm General Questions

2:00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter and Improving Hospital Flow

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Cyber Resilience

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Face Coverings in Public Places

Tuesday 27 October 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 28 October 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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Thursday 29 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

2:00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

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

Motions for debate

[S7M-01395](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget** —That the Parliament welcomes the new Prime Minister's approach to further devolution for Scotland; calls for commensurate funding to support the transfer of further powers and for the UK Government to end the era of austerity by increasing the Scottish Government's budget in real terms; demands that the UK Government take action to address the cost of living crisis, including immediate action on energy and fuel bills; suggests that the UK Government should improve wealth taxation to support the public finances and devolve a greater range of powers, including fiscal powers, to Scotland, to aid investment and growth.

Supported by: Hannah Mary Goodlad

[*S7M-01395.5](#) **Craig Hoy: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget** —As an amendment to motion S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that the UK Budget should prioritise economic growth by avoiding further tax rises, keeping fuel costs down and supporting investment in Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to control unsustainable welfare spending and deliver meaningful public service reform, and calls on both governments to reduce the burden on workers and businesses, and to support economic growth."

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[*S7M-01395.3](#) **Daniel Johnson: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget** —As an amendment to S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "commensurate" to end and insert "a new approach to devolution within Scotland, transferring power and resources from the Scottish Parliament to Scotland's regions and local communities to support stronger regional economies and better local decision-making; notes the experience of regional

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***[S7M-01395.2](#) Malcolm Offord: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget** —As an amendment to S7M-01395 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget), leave out from "for Scotland" to end, and insert "across the UK as a whole; believes however that Scotland already has the most generous devolution settlement and that the Scottish Government must maximise the powers that it already has before asking for more; further believes that, despite extensive devolution already and total state spending being 26% higher per capita than England, many Scottish public services have worse outcomes than in England; calls on the Scottish Government to take action to address the cost of living crisis, on the basis that the most impactful immediate action it could take would be to reduce energy and fuel bills, and notes that Parliament already has the power to assist with this by ending the ban on nuclear energy development and opposition to new oil and gas."

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01394](#) George Adam: Octopus Clinical Trial for Primary and Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis**—That the Parliament welcomes the recent interim results from the Octopus clinical trial for primary and secondary progressive Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which has indicated that alpha-lipoic acid has early promise as a potential treatment; notes that Octopus is designed to test potential treatments up to three times faster than traditional trials by using the multi-arm, multi-stage (MAMS) approach; understands that the trial is testing repurposed treatments and, at this stage, has tested metformin and alpha-lipoic acid; welcomes that alpha-lipoic acid will now continue to the next stage of the trial, which will see hundreds more people recruited; believes that Octopus demonstrates that an innovative approach to clinical trials is possible with MS and that this encouraging news is a step in the right direction to finding treatments to slow or stop progression of MS; anticipates that new treatments to be tested will be announced in early 2027 and that the final results of the alpha-lipoic stage of the trial will be available in 2029; considers this to be a positive development for people living with progressive MS, including in Paisley, who currently have limited treatment options, and wishes staff and participants well as the trial continues.

Supported by: Mark Simpson*, Alex Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Collette Stevenson*, Clare Haughey*, Lloyd Melville*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S7M-01406](#) Paul McLennan: Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland** —That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the potential for households, businesses, farms and communities in East Lothian and across Scotland to benefit from solar photovoltaics combined with battery storage at domestic, commercial, community and utility scales; considers that locally generated and stored electricity can help to reduce consumer energy costs, limit exposure to volatile fossil fuel prices and support the electrification of heat, transport and industry; notes the approach in England and Wales, where new homes and non-domestic buildings will be required to include on-site renewable electricity generation from 2027; further notes that solar-ready building standards are increasingly being adopted internationally, with requirements phased according to building type, suitability and feasibility; recognises the opportunity to incorporate solar at the construction stage to lower running costs and enable low-carbon heating and electric-vehicle charging; understands that Solar Energy Scotland estimates that 5.4GW of ground-mounted solar, as part of a 9GW solar ambition for 2035, would occupy around 0.1% of Scotland's land area; acknowledges that appropriately sited, designed and managed solar farms can contribute to biodiversity enhancement, nature networks and agricultural uses, such as grazing, and welcomes the contribution that it believes solar and battery storage can make to affordable, secure and clean electricity in Scotland.

Supported by: Alex Kerr*, Collette Stevenson*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Liam McArthur*

***[S7M-01405](#) Rachael Hamilton: Newcastleton First Responders Mark 20 Years of Lifesaving Service** —That the Parliament congratulates Newcastleton First Responders on celebrating 20 years of service to the Newcastleton and the wider Liddesdale community; understands that the group was established in 2006 after the Liddesdale Ladies Amenities Group raised funds for a defibrillator for the village and that nine local volunteers subsequently came forward to undertake a training weekend, enabling the First Responders group to be established; recognises the dedication of the volunteers, who have given their time over the past two decades to respond to medical emergencies and provide potentially lifesaving assistance in their rural community; acknowledges what it sees as the particularly important role that community first responders can play in remote and rural areas, working alongside the Scottish Ambulance Service to provide support when it is most needed; recognises Katrina Skelton and Susan Armstrong, who have been involved with the group since its beginnings, for their longstanding commitment to the community; commends the original volunteers and everyone who has subsequently served with and supported Newcastleton First Responders; recognises the community spirit that has sustained the group for 20 years, and wishes Newcastleton First Responders, and all of its volunteers, continued success for the future.

***[S7M-01404](#) Dawn Black: Fieldfare CSA Wins Small-scale Producer of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Fieldfare CSA, based at Balmakewan Farm near Laurencekirk, on being named Small-scale Producer of the Year at the 2026 RBST Scotland Food & Farming Sustainability Awards; notes that the award celebrates small-scale producers making a significant impact through innovation, sustainability and community engagement; recognises Fieldfare CSA's commitment to community-supported agriculture and sustainable food production; acknowledges what it sees as the positive contribution that it makes to the local community and rural economy, and wishes everyone involved continued success in the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Clare Haughey*, Heather Anderson*, Collette Stevenson*, Colin Beattie*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01403](#) Cara McKee: Welcoming Hospice Care Week 2026**—That the Parliament notes that Hospice Care Week is taking place from 5 to 11 October 2026, with the theme, Don't leave hospice care to chance, which highlights the inequalities that exist for people across Scotland in accessing end-of-life care; understands that hospice care eases the emotional and physical pain of death and dying, and enables people and their families to focus on living well right up until the end of life; notes that much hospice care takes place in people's homes, enabling people to stay in familiar surroundings; recognises that Hospice UK reports that nearly one in three people do not get the care that they need at the end of their lives, and that where you live affects your chance of getting the care you need; understands that rising costs and increasing demand and needs are placing a strain on

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hospices; recognises that adequate and sustainable government funding is essential to enable hospices to meet the challenges facing the healthcare system and to continue providing vital care and support; appreciates the incredible and invaluable work of hospice staff across Scotland, and believes that everyone deserves high-quality hospice care, whoever they are, and wherever they live.

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***[S7M-01402](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed Wins Silver Prize for Shed of The Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed for winning the silver prize as West Coast, North region, Scottish Men's Shed Association Shed of the Year 2026; welcomes this acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed members and volunteers who offer a social outlet for men, and recognises what it sees as the important role that Men's Shed organisations play in tackling social isolation and the positive impact that they have on men's mental health across Scotland.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01401](#) Max Bannerman: Indian Restaurant of the Year, North East Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates The Bengal Spice in Keith, which has been named Indian Restaurant of the Year, North East Scotland, at the recent 10th Asian Restaurant Awards held in Glasgow; understands that over 250 Asian restaurants and takeaways across Scotland were shortlisted earlier in 2026 through a series of public votes; recognises that The Asian Restaurant Awards in Glasgow are a key event for the industry, and acknowledges the standard of Asian cuisine across Scotland, which increases year on year.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, David Smith*, Angela Ross*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*, Kim Schmulian*, Amanda Bland*, Victor Currie*, Amanda Lindsay*

***[S7M-01400](#) David Smith: Highlands2Hammocks Wins West of Scotland Innovation Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Renfrew-based travel business Highlands2Hammocks on winning the Innovation Award at the West of Scotland Thistle Awards; recognises the business's success in promoting Scotland and travel to a growing online audience; notes that its Destination Earth Guides have sold more than 107,000 products, and celebrates the contribution of innovative local businesses to the West of Scotland's tourism sector and wider economy.

Supported by: Max Bannerman*, Angela Ross*, Julie MacDougall*, Senga Beresford*, Mark Simpson*, Amanda Bland*, Victor Currie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Helen McDade*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01399](#) David Smith: Finding Your Feet's New Community Garden in Paisley**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of Finding Your Feet's new Charity Hub Garden in Paisley; recognises the important work of Finding Your Feet in supporting people affected by amputation and limb difference; acknowledges the importance of accessible community spaces in bringing people together and reducing isolation, and congratulates everyone involved in creating this new community facility.

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***[S7M-01398](#) Miles Briggs: World Mental Health Day 2026**—That the Parliament recognises that 10 October 2026 is World Mental Health Day; acknowledges that the day highlights the impact that living with chronic kidney disease (CKD) has on mental health as evidenced through Kidney Care UK's *Left to get on with it* report; recognises that over 600,000 people in Scotland have CKD; believes that

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appropriate mental health and social (psychosocial) support helps people with CKD live longer in much better health; considers that, currently, and despite the prevalence of mental health and social challenges for people with CKD and the rising number of CKD cases in Scotland, adequate psychosocial support and resources for people with CKD are lacking across the healthcare system, and commends what it considers to be the important work of charities such as Kidney Care UK that provide social, emotional and financial support to patients in need and advocate for greater psychosocial support for people with kidney disease.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01397](#) Angela Ross: Welcoming the Launch of the Friends of Haddington Garden Scheme**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Friends of Haddington Garden scheme at St Mary's Pleasance in Haddington, East Lothian; recognises the historic importance of the 17th-century walled garden, which was restored in the 1970s after it was gifted to the Haddington Garden Trust; notes that more than 50 guests, including volunteers, trustees, local businesses and community groups, attended the launch of the new scheme; understands that St Mary's Pleasance welcomes more than 10,000 visitors each year and is maintained for the benefit and enjoyment of the local community; recognises that the Friends scheme aims to provide annual funding towards the continued maintenance and preservation of the garden, and wishes the Haddington Garden Trust, its volunteers and the Friends of Haddington Garden every success in preserving this historic garden for future generations.

Supported by: Max Bannerman*, Colin Beattie*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, Victor Currie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Kim Schmulian*

***[S7M-01396](#) Angela Ross: Congratulating The Salty Selkies on Completing the Lighthouse Swimming Challenge**—That the Parliament congratulates The Salty Selkies, from North Berwick, on successfully completing the 15km Lighthouse swimming challenge; recognises the determination and commitment shown by everyone who took part; welcomes the news that the group raised more than £3,000, which will be shared between Leuchie House and Brain Power; acknowledges what it considers to be the important work carried out by both charities in supporting people and families, and commends The Salty Selkies for their fundraising efforts and completion of their challenge.

Supported by: David Smith*, Max Bannerman*, Colin Beattie*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, Victor Currie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01390](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 October 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: Improving Outcomes for Neurodivergent People, Autistic People and People with Learning Disabilities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe

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followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 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: Planning for Winter and Improving Hospital Flow

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Cyber Resilience

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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Tuesday 27 October 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 28 October 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

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(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 October 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-01390.1](#) Max Bannerman: Business Programme**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01390 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Business Programme), leave out—

“followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe”

and insert—

“followed by Scottish Government Debate: Addressing Scotland's Drug Deaths”

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01393](#) Dawn Black: Recognition for Archie Anderson’s Scottish FA Best Young Volunteer Award (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Collette Stevenson*, Clare Haughey*, Bob Doris*

[S7M-01392](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Student Radio Relaunch (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*

[S7M-01388](#) Jack Middleton: Befriend a Child’s Ladies’ Golf Day 2026 (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Karen Adam*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01387](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Edinburgh Celebrates 22nd Year as a Fairtrade City (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Collette Stevenson*

[S7M-01384](#) Alexander Burnett: Heart of The High Street Awards (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01382](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Collette Stevenson*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01381](#) Dawn Black: Opening of the Tay Skills Academy at Rossie Young People’s Trust (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*

[S7M-01380](#) Michelle Campbell: The Wider Impact of Warmer Homes Scotland (lodged on 29 September 2026)

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New Support: Martyn Day*

[S7M-01379](#) **Stuart McMillan: Jax Snax success at Food Awards Scotland 2026** (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*

[S7M-01375](#) **Thomas Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*, Julie MacDougall*, Victor Currie*, Max Bannerman*, Senga Beresford*

[S7M-01374](#) **Jack Middleton: Scotland Netball Team Qualifies for World Cup** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01373](#) **Jack Middleton: Craig Brown Memorial Tournament 2026** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01369](#) **Martyn Day: Supporting the Mental Health Workforce** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01368](#) **Keith Brown: 115th Anniversary of Sauchie Public Hall** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01365](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Enhorabuena to EasyJet and Aberdeen International Airport on Two New Routes between Aberdeen and Spain** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01362](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Vagrant Real Estate on his Scottish Album of the Year 2026 Nomination** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01361](#) **Stuart McMillan: Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland 2026, The Right Tools for the Job** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01357](#) **Jack Middleton: Scottish Football Fans Break Attendance Record** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01355](#) **Mark Simpson: Celebrating Scotland's Status as Europe's Best-Supported Football Nation** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01351](#) **Cara McKee: Celebrating the Opening of Balgray Train Station** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01349](#) **Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Impact of ScottishPower Funding on Highlands and Islands Women's Football** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Kristopher Leask*

[S7M-01346](#) **Martyn Day: Wild Animals Kept as Exotic Pets** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

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[S7M-01341](#) **Kate Nevens: Solidarity with Staff and Students at the University of Edinburgh** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

[S7M-01340](#) **Laura Mitchell: Official Opening of the Rothes Way** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01336](#) **Tim Eagle: Celebrating 25 Years of the Highland Indian Association** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01334](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to K107FM on National Recognition** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01320](#) **Bob Doris: Honouring David McCallum with a Blue Plaque in Hillhead** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Lindsay*, Heather Anderson*, Murdo Fraser*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Clare Haughey*, Collette Stevenson*

[S7M-01319](#) **Bob Doris: Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Clare Haughey*, Collette Stevenson*

[S7M-01121](#) **Steven Bonnar: Turning Lucky Into Normal, Preventing Homelessness in Scotland** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: David Green*

[S7M-00815](#) **Patricia Gibson: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026** (lodged on 7 August 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Liam McArthur*, James Adams*, Michelle Campbell*, Clare Haughey*

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Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 7 October 2026

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

- Laura Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on discussions it has had with the UK Government in advance of the UK Budget. ([S7O-00347](#))
- Gary Bouse:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its proposed local governance reforms, what discussions it has had with COSLA and other relevant bodies regarding the future of local government. **R** ([S7O-00348](#))
- Duncan Massey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the council elections scheduled for May 2027 could be postponed to align with its local governance reform proposals. **R** ([S7O-00349](#))
- Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any reviews since 2007 regarding the functionality of local authority area and ward boundaries. ([S7O-00350](#))
- David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in implementing the commitments set out in its Veterans Strategy across the Kirkcaldy constituency. ([S7O-00351](#))
- Senga Beresford:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of differences in the support available to military veterans and people granted asylum in Scotland. ([S7O-00352](#))
- Pauline Stafford:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on local government finances of decisions by certain local authorities to restrict cross-boundary funded early learning and childcare placements. **R** ([S7O-00353](#))
- Amanda Bland:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of local government action to improve road verge management, including by increasing native plant and pollinator habitat, improving ecological connectivity, increasing soil infiltration, reducing surface-water runoff and pressure on drainage infrastructure, and what were its findings. ([S7O-00354](#))
- Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to communities seeking to take ownership of vacant or underused assets, including how it is working with local authorities to facilitate such projects. ([S7O-00355](#))
- David Kirkwood:** To ask the Scottish Government what timescale it anticipates for the implementation of its recently announced local governance reform proposals. ([S7O-00356](#))

Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

- Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that communities hosting multiple onshore wind developments, including Tweedsmuir, receive a fair and lasting share of the benefits arising from those developments. ([S7O-00357](#))

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- 2. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects its proposed new regional and local authorities to be established. ([S7O-00358](#))
- 3. Zen Ghani:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to strengthen Scotland's relationships with international partners and multilateral organisations, including to support its target of increasing exports to 25% of GDP by 2029 as set out in its plan for growing Scotland's exports. ([S7O-00359](#))
- 4. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the financial implications of its proposed public service reform and local government reorganisation agenda. ([S7O-00360](#))
- 5. Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding financial support for Acorn Carbon Capture and Storage. ([S7O-00361](#))
- 6. Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to engage with the public sector workforce and trade unions regarding its public service reform proposals. ([S7O-00362](#))
- 7. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to embed the principle of subsidiarity into its proposed public sector reform. ([S7O-00363](#))
- 8. Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it expects volunteering to play in the delivery of its proposed public service reform agenda, particularly in relation to prevention, health and wellbeing. ([S7O-00364](#))
- 9. Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of its public service reform agenda on funding for third sector organisations. ([S7O-00365](#))
- 10. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will assess whether its public sector reforms achieve their intended outcome. ([S7O-00366](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 6 October 2026

- 1. Thomas Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the operation of the early release scheme for short-term prisoners. ([S7O-00339](#))
- 2. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to including the expansion of 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare to all twins and other multiple-birth children from age two in its forthcoming Early Learning and Childcare Strategic Framework. ([S7O-00340](#))
- 3. David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the changes outlined in its proposed neonatal intensive care plan on rural areas. ([S7O-00341](#))
- 4. Colm Merrick:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it plans to make of any potential impact on patients and NHS boards before determining future funding arrangements in its Budget 2027-28 for the delivery of hybrid closed loop technology for people with type 1 diabetes. ([S7O-00342](#))
- 5. Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the results of the Scottish Household Survey 2025 regarding childcare. ([S7O-00343](#))
- 6. Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will review the Highlands and Islands Patient Travel scheme. ([S7O-00344](#))
- 7. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support domestic abuse advocacy services. ([S7O-00345](#))
- 8. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to a speech delivered by the Prime Minister at the Labour Annual Conference on 29 September regarding its potential impact on the people and economy of Scotland. ([S7O-00346](#))

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General Questions selected for answer on 8 October 2026

- 1. David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that vehicles seized by the police in connection with criminal or antisocial use are disposed of in a way that prevents them from re-entering circulation and being involved in further offending. ([S7O-00367](#))
- 2. Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in developing a new national funding framework for hospice care. ([S7O-00368](#))
- 3. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with partners, relevant groups and communities regarding the rollout of bleed kits to community settings, including the timeline for that rollout. ([S7O-00369](#))
- 4. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government when the National Treatment Centre at Perth Royal Infirmary, which it committed to in 2021, will open. ([S7O-00370](#))
- 5. Victor Currie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of cardiology waiting times on unscheduled care and patient outcomes, including any action it can take to reduce diagnostic and treatment delays and avoidable hospital admissions. ([S7O-00371](#))
- 6. Holly Bruce:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions Transport Scotland has had with bus operators regarding night services that are categorised as “premium”, including what consideration has been given to adapting the £2 bus fare cap to help ensure that people requiring access to evening services in Glasgow have access to safe and affordable travel. ([S7O-00372](#))
- 7. Dawn Black:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to commence the remaining provisions of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 relating to child contact cases, including those that can address delays affecting grandparents seeking to maintain contact with their grandchildren. ([S7O-00373](#))
- 8. Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will match the UK Government's £10 million commitment for Defence Technical Excellence Colleges, to create the possibility of two such hubs in Scotland to support skills and economic development. ([S7O-00374](#))
- 9. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of NHS Grampian's preparedness to respond to any further cases of measles. ([S7O-00375](#))
- 10. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what decisions it has made regarding the timing and content of its proposed Better Buses legislation. ([S7O-00376](#))

Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 30 September 2026

[S7W-03833](#) **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in the implementation of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Act 2026.

Written Questions lodged on 30 September 2026

[S7W-03779](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how many endoscopies have been undertaken in each year since 2016, broken down by NHS board.

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[S7W-03780 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on how many occasions medical records have been inappropriately accessed in each year since 2016, broken down by (a) NHS board and (b) the setting where records were accessed, for example, hospitals or GP practices.

[S7W-03782 Jamie Langan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of proposals in Northern Ireland, which would require sellers and suppliers of puppies, and sellers of kittens under six months of age, to register with their local council, and what consideration it has given to establishing such a requirement in Scotland.

[S7W-03783 Stuart McMillan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will allocate funding to local authorities to enable the payment of the £2,000 Care Leavers Payment to young people leaving care.

[S7W-03784 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what funding and technical support are available to identify, restore and maintain strategic water supplies for wildfire response, including disused storage structures, and how environmental requirements are addressed when considering such projects.

[S7W-03785 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03010 by Neil Gray on 18 September 2026, what helicopter standby arrangements are in place under the current Public Sector Framework contract for periods of very high wildfire risk, including the geographical coverage, activation criteria, contracted availability and maximum notice-to-move time, and which organisation or organisations have authority to request deployment.

[S7W-03786 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of comments reportedly made by the Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands at a public meeting in Aviemore on 18 September 2026 regarding the Cairngorms wildfire, whether the central budget and contractual arrangements for aerial wildfire support enable its deployment to be authorised before agreement has been reached on which responding organisation will bear the cost.

[S7W-03787 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to community organisations seeking wildfire equipment and training, whether eligibility for such support requires applicants to own the land on which the equipment would be used, and whether it will review any such requirement to enable organisations operating with the permission of a landowner to access support.

[S7W-03788 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements are in place to cover any injury, public liability and loss of, or damage to, equipment when land managers, contractors and volunteers assist with wildfire response on land beyond their own holdings, and whether it will work with responding organisations and insurers to address any gaps in that protection.

[S7W-03789 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide for the community wildfire volunteer pilot, which is reportedly being discussed by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Cairngorms National Park Authority, including funding for training, protective equipment and insurance, and when it expects the pilot to become operational.

[S7W-03790 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports calls to establish a register of wildfire-capable equipment and specialist contractors that organisations responding to wildfires can access and, if so, what arrangements it would propose for checking competence, agreeing deployment and payment terms, and ensuring that information remains current.

[S7W-03791 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding recipients of public funding for woodland creation and habitat restoration, what requirements apply in relation to wildfire risk assessment, access for firefighting, buffer zones and the maintenance of firebreaks, and how compliance with those requirements is monitored throughout the duration of the scheme.

[S7W-03792 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government in what circumstances recipients of woodland creation or management grants may be required to repay funding where woodland is damaged or destroyed by wildfire, and what discretion, appeal arrangements and restoration support are available.

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[S7W-03793](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what minimum standards it expects local resilience partners to apply when evacuating communities affected by wildfire, including registration and subsequent contact with evacuees, transport for people without vehicles, and support for visitors unfamiliar with the area.

[S7W-03794](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements exist to reimburse and support hotels and other premises used as emergency reception centres, including the provision of staffing, bedding, food and welfare support, and whether such arrangements can be agreed in advance with participating premises.

[S7W-03795](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government how it will assess whether the operation of the muirburn licensing scheme enables timely wildfire fuel management, including monitoring of application processing times, the number of applications refused or withdrawn and instances of planned fuel management work not proceeding.

[S7W-03796](#) Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what provision is available for temporary mobile and radio communications support during major wildfires in areas of poor coverage, and whether responding organisations have access to deployable equipment to support coordination and public communication.

[S7W-03797](#) Jamie Langan: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding Child Winter Heating Payment (CWHP) payments made in 2025-26, what information it has regarding how many children and young people living in European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland received a CWHP payment, what the total cost of those payments was and what assessment it has made of the continued suitability of eligibility for people living overseas.

[S7W-03798](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it and Scottish Enterprise have undertaken on the viability of Project Willow proposals in relation to changes in (a) hydrogen costs, (b) feedstock availability and (c) the UK policy and regulatory framework.

[S7W-03799](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed any potential impact of the construction of hyperscale artificial intelligence data centres on housing construction and housing delivery, including whether demand for skilled labour, construction materials, land, energy infrastructure and any related resources could affect the timescales or costs of residential housebuilding projects across Scotland.

[S7W-03800](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government who would be responsible for the decommissioning and restoration of any sites used for hyperscale AI data centres once they cease operation, and whether it will ensure that operators would be required to provide financial guarantees or bonds to cover any costs associated with future decommissioning and restoration of sites.

[S7W-03801](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether the planned reform of Scotland's environmental bodies will affect the ability of local communities to engage with decision making, lodge complaints and seek enforcement action regarding any potential environmental impacts associated with issues such as hyperscale AI data centres, including impacts on water resources, energy use, land use and biodiversity.

[S7W-03802](#) Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the A720 Sheriffhall roundabout project.

[S7W-03803](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider investment in food production as an alternative to its proposed food price caps.

[S7W-03804](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to ensure that proposed statutory food price caps do not lead to food shortages and reliance on cheaper imports.

[S7W-03807](#) Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support independent pumped storage hydro stations in the South Scotland region, in light of reports that they face high non-domestic rates bills, and what assessment it has made of the impact of such bills on their operations.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S7W-03808 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government for what reason pumped storage hydro stations are reportedly subject to higher non-domestic rates compared to other forms of renewable energy such as onshore wind.

[S7W-03809 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to any additional funding and specific timescales for reducing ADHD assessment and treatment waiting times across Scotland, and, if so, how much funding it will provide, what the timescale will be and what support will be available to people while they wait.

[S7W-03810 Alex Cole-Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure consistent access to NHS prescribing and shared care for people with an appropriate private ADHD diagnosis, regardless of where they live in Scotland, while maintaining the necessary clinical safeguards.

[S7W-03811 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether (a) it or (b) NatureScot receives census data updates from the University of Edinburgh's St Kilda Soay Sheep Research Project, and, if so, whether it will publish the census data for August 2026. **R**

[S7W-03812 David Green:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with representatives of the comedy sector regarding the challenges facing comedians, promoters, producers and venues, and what consideration it has given to strengthening the sector's representation in the development of cultural policy.

[S7W-03813 David Green:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the current health and sustainability of the professional comedy sector.

[S7W-03814 David Green:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to create career development and progression opportunities for emerging comedians and professionals working in the comedy sector.

[S7W-03815 David Green:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the specific needs of the comedy sector are considered in the development and delivery of its cultural funding policies.

[S7W-03816 David Green:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that financial barriers do not prevent people from lower-income backgrounds from pursuing careers in the cultural sector, including comedy.

[S7W-03817 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the July 2025 update to its policy on the protection of Ramsar wetland sites, what contact it has had or plans to have with the Ramsar Convention secretariat regarding the proposed Coul Links golf club.

[S7W-03841 Collette Stevenson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many bus journeys have been made using the £2 bus fare cap since the introduction of the scheme, broken down by local authority area.

[S7W-03842 Lloyd Melville:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will assess the Canadian Government's catalogue of standardised, regionally tailored house designs, and whether it will consider adopting a similar approach to reduce costs and accelerate the planning and construction of new homes. **R**

[S7W-03843 Lloyd Melville:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will set out its final position on whether to give local authorities Compulsory Sale Order powers. **R**

[S7W-03844 Lloyd Melville:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will address the issue of long-term empty retail units on high streets, including in Arbroath.

[S7W-03845 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to women's poverty as part of its public service reform agenda, and what engagement it is undertaking with stakeholders to ensure that women's poverty and child poverty are at the forefront of this reform.

[S7W-03846 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has published an easy read version of the Programme for Government 2026-31.

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[S7W-03847](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with public bodies regarding the accessibility of public health messaging material, particularly for people with learning disabilities.

[S7W-03848](#) **Lloyd Melville:** To ask the Scottish Government how its proposed £350 million Better Surfaces Fund will be allocated among local authorities. **R**

[S7W-03849](#) **Lloyd Melville:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions on rural and agricultural businesses.

[S7W-03851](#) **Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) the value of the average saving per passenger and per bus journey and (b) the total value of savings made by passengers has been as a result of the £2 bus fare cap since the introduction of the scheme.

[S7W-03852](#) **Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many individual passengers have benefited from the £2 bus fare cap since the introduction of the scheme.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 September 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[HGV Speed Limit \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
laid under section 86(8) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

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For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

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 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 October 2026

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2026)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Transport)), 30 September 2026

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

Lodged on 6 August 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 8 September 2026

Lead committee - Economy, Tourism and Energy

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-12

Lodged on 10 September 2026

Report - Lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy) (2nd Report, 2026)

Financial Services and Markets Bill LCM-S7-8

Lodged on 25 June 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Health Bill LCM-S7-6

Lodged on 23 June 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 September 2026

Lead committee - Health, Care and Sport

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

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 30 September 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)), 1 October 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 September 2026

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1b

Lodged on 2 September 2026

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy)), 29 September 2026

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2026)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 October 2026

[Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (31 August 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 August 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 29 October 2026

[Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

[Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 November 2026

[Maximum Number of Judges \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 November 2026

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 September 2026) (Education and Gaelic Committee)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 September 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 November 2026

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 12 November 2026

[Air Departure Tax \(Administration\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Air Departure Tax \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 18 November 2026

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 September 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 November 2026

[HGV Speed Limit \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 September 2026)
(Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/212\)](#) (26 June 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/213\)](#) (26 June 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

[Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#) (20 August 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/240\)](#) (24 August 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/245\)](#) (27 August 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/247\)](#) (3 September 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

[Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/249\)](#) (3 September 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

Subject to annulment by 29 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/251\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/252\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/254\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to annulment by 4 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 2 November 2026

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/259\)](#) (10 September 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 9 November 2026

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/263\)](#) (18 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to annulment by 18 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 16 November 2026

[Climate Change \(Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/266\)](#) (24 September 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

[Criminal Legal Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/267\)](#) (24 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2026

[Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2026 \(SG/2026/193\)](#) (2 September 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 30 September 2026:

- PE2266: Ban the release of helium balloons and sky lanterns across Scotland
- PE2267: Guarantee NHS Shared-Care Pathway for Accredited Private ADHD Diagnoses in Scotland
- PE2268: Strengthen safety protections for residents near pest bird shooting
- PE2269: Strengthen youth justice thresholds
- PE2270: Introduce a self-application process for Non-Harassment Orders
- PE2271: Calling on the Scottish Parliament to convene a Scottish People’s Assembly on Self-Determination

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 September 2026 \(SP Paper 11\)](#), publication date: 29 September 2026

[Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience \(Network and Information Systems\) Bill \(UK Parliament legislation\) \(SP Paper 13\)](#), publication date: 30 September 2026

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or access the webpage (see the end of Bulletin for contact details and website information).

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Renewable energy: The Scottish Government’s Offshore Wind Investment Programme - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/8) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 - Annual Report on Local Authorities’ Functions 2025 - 2026 (SG/2026/231) laid under section 12(1)(c) of the Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

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