

Friday 2 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

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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: Rev Gavin Niven, John Knox Parish Church

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

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>

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

6 October 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM 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. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
 Stuart Black, Chief Executive, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
 Adrian Gillespie, Chief Executive, Scottish Enterprise;
 Jane Morrison-Ross, Chief Executive, South of Scotland Enterprise.
 and then from—
 David Richie, Chief Executive and Jason McGibbon, Non-Executive Director, Scottish National Investment Bank.
3. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Education and Gaelic Committee

6 October 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether consideration of its draft Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2027-28 report and whether consideration of all draft reports should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic, Siobhian Brown, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise, Orlando Mason, Deputy Director, Workforce,

Quality and Wellbeing, Gavin Henderson, Deputy Director, Care Experience, Children's Services Reform and The Promise, and Gordon Paterson, Unit Head, Keeping the Promise, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise and Joanna Mackenzie, Policy Official, Early Learning and Childcare, Scottish Government;
Nico Juetten, School Education Branch, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise) to move—

S7M-01123—That the Education and Gaelic Committee recommends that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

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

Proposed future business

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

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

6 October 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 6

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Local Culture Scotland report as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
Matt Baker, Artist and Author of Local Culture Scotland report;
Pauline Smith, Chief Executive, Development Trusts Association Scotland;
Kate Wimpers, Director, North Edinburgh Arts.
3. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Community Wellbeing Spokesperson and Matthew Sweeney, Chief Officer - Communities, COSLA;
Lynda Campbell, Head of Business & Strategy at Glasgow Life, on behalf of Community Leisure UK.
4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda items 2 and 3.

5. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – upcoming evidence sessions:** The Committee will consider lines of questioning for future evidence sessions with Creative Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic.
6. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – written evidence:** The Committee will consider the written evidence received as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 6 October 2026 7th Meeting, 2026

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

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

[The draft Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026](#)
[The HGV Speed Limit \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

2. **Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider [the Climate Change \(Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/266\)](#)

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

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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.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01422](#) Graham Simpson: Protecting Scotland's Most Precious Woods and Trees**—That the Parliament recognises that ancient woodland and ancient and veteran trees are irreplaceable natural assets, which are critical to addressing the nature and climate emergencies, protecting biodiversity and storing carbon; understands that while ancient woodland covers only one to two percent of Scotland's landmass, more than two thirds of it is in poor ecological condition and 12.5% has been lost entirely in the last 40 years; welcomes what it views as policy improvements in recent years, including enhanced protection within National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) for ancient woodland, namely Policy 6, and the introduction of a framework for statutory nature restoration targets and better deer management in the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026; notes the view of Woodland Trust Scotland that, despite these welcome policy developments, Scotland's ancient woods and ancient and veteran trees remain vulnerable to ongoing loss, degradation, and fragmentation caused by development pressures, unsustainable grazing, invasive species and climate impacts; understands that individual ancient and veteran trees, including those in the Central Scotland and Lothians West region, currently lack robust, dedicated statutory protection equivalent to protected structures or historical monuments, and believes that deliberate damage to or destruction of what remains of Scotland's ancient woodland and ancient and veteran trees is intolerable on any grounds.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Max Bannerman*, Amanda Bland*, Colin Beattie*, David Smith*, Angela Ross*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*

***[S7M-01411](#) Iris Duane: Celebrating Scotland's 25th Black History Month** —That the Parliament recognises and celebrates the 25th anniversary of Black History Month in Scotland across October 2026; acknowledges the contributions of the African and Caribbean diaspora to history in Scotland; welcomes events and initiatives across the country that highlight the important role of African and Caribbean communities and individuals in Scottish history and society; affirms that a person's skin colour or ethnicity does not define their nationality, intelligence, ambition or character; acknowledges the benefits of fostering a Scotland where individuals of African and Caribbean descent feel proud of their cultural roots alongside their Scottish heritage and history; recognises the theme of the month, Acknowledging Our Communities, and notes the view that work should be carried out towards achieving a Scotland where "Black history" is both acknowledged and simply seen as "Scottish history", no more or no less.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Ross Greer*, Cara McKee*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Laura Moodie*, Lorna Slater*, Kate Nevens*, Mark Ruskell*, Patrick Harvie*, Gillian Mackay*, Gary Bouse*

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01434 Jackie Dunbar: New observatory opens at University of Aberdeen](#)**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the Anne H Cruickshank Observatory on 30 September 2026, marking the first new observatory in Aberdeen for more than 200 years; understands that the observatory is located in the Cruickshank Botanic Gardens, housing a 16-inch John Cruickshank telescope equipped with advanced imaging technology; notes that it will support teaching and research in astrophysics, as well as interdisciplinary work involving artificial intelligence and data science; recognises that it will also create new opportunities for schools, community groups and members of the public to engage with astronomy; believes that the Anne H Cruickshank Observatory is unique as it is fully AI-controlled, with both the roof and telescope able to be operated using AI voice controls; recognises that the observatory builds on the University of Aberdeen's 400-year tradition of astronomical discovery, and hopes further astronomical discoveries can be made from the new observatory in future.

***[S7M-01433 Karen Adam: Celebrating Portknockie Primary School's 150th Anniversary](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates pupils and staff, past and present, on Portknockie Primary School's wonderful 150th anniversary; acknowledges that the school has been at the heart of the community for generations; appreciates the work of teachers and staff in teaching the people of Portknockie; celebrates the school's history; welcomes the community celebrations that are taking place, and wishes everyone at Portknockie Primary School the best for the future.

***[S7M-01432 Julie MacDougall: Understanding the Importance of Access to Breast Cancer Treatment](#)**—That the Parliament understands the challenges surrounding access to breast cancer treatment in many parts of rural Scotland and the detrimental impact on wellbeing and support for patients; recognises that 102 people are diagnosed with breast cancer every week on average, with the projected number of women living with the condition reportedly set to rise from 81,000 in 2025 to 118,000 in 2045; further recognises that Breast Cancer Now estimates that this will cost the economy up to £2.1 billion over the coming years; notes that a Breast Cancer Now briefing reported that data specifically on metastatic breast cancer is not routinely collected or properly shared across NHS boards, leading to problems with patients accessing treatment in different parts of the country; calls on the Scottish Government to include within its next Cancer Action Plan a sustainable commitment to fund and administer the collection of metastatic breast cancer data to improve patient care, and believes that the Scottish Government must commit broadly to bring forward and fund a concrete plan for breast cancer services and ensure the best possible care and support for all those affected.

***[S7M-01431 Craig Hoy: Congratulations to Macmillan Community Champion, Anne Garrett](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Anne Garrett, who is from Moffat, on her exceptional contribution to charitable fundraising and community life; recognises her role win the Moffat Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising Group since 2012, helping to raise over £300,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support through events, including the Moffat Classic Car Rally, the Big Coffee Morning and Christmas Lights Event; notes the group's most recent coffee morning raised over £5,300; commends Anne's dedication to supporting local health services and charities, including fundraising for both cancer and transplant care during the COVID-19 pandemic through innovative initiatives, such as afternoon tea box collections; acknowledges the support of her husband, Billy, and wider family in these efforts, and thanks Anne for her selfless service, kindness and commitment to improving the lives of people across Moffat and Dumfriesshire.

***[S7M-01430 Clare Adamson: Katie Leung and BAFTA Scotland Awards 2026](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Katie Leung, who is from Motherwell, on being nominated for the 2026 BAFTA Scotland Audience Award for her performance as Lady Araminta Gun in *Bridgerton*; notes that the Audience Award is the only BAFTA Scotland category decided by public vote; recognises Katie's successful career, including her internationally recognised role in the Harry Potter film series; notes that Katie is shortlisted alongside Julie Wilson Nimmo, Leah Byrne, Ncuti Gatwa, Peter Mullan and Stephen Libby; celebrates the contribution of Scottish actors and screen talent to the UK and

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international creative industries, and wishes Katie and the five other nominees well ahead of the BAFTA Scotland Awards ceremony in Glasgow on 15 November.

***[S7M-01429](#) Clare Adamson: Stuart Lyons and Scotland's Success at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Stuart Lyons, who is a lecturer from New College Lanarkshire, on representing Team UK at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 in Mechanical Engineering: Computer aided design; recognises the years of dedication, training and hard work that enabled Stuart to reach the international competition; notes that he trained at New College and has gone on to work in the engineering sector; recognises the importance of technical education, apprenticeships and Scotland's college sector in developing highly skilled young people; notes that the UK team comprised 28 competitors competing across 25 skills, and wishes Stuart, and all those who supported Team UK every success in their future careers and endeavours.

***[S7M-01428](#) Paul McLennan: World Homelessness Day 2026**—That the Parliament welcomes World Homelessness Day 2026, which is marked annually on 10 October, as an important opportunity to reflect on the impact of the housing emergency and to renew collective commitment to ending it; acknowledges that the latest statistics show a significant rise in rough sleeping, especially in Edinburgh where the number of people rough sleeping the night before presenting as homeless has risen by 78%; recognises the significant impact that rough sleeping has on a person's health and happiness and therefore the increased urgency in providing funding for prevention; acknowledges that the underlying problems at the heart of these figures go beyond a lack of affordable housing and include poor mental health, domestic abuse, substance dependency and a lack of supported accommodation; notes calls for investment in services which address those issues; commends the work of Cyrenians in these areas, working nationally and across Central and the East of Scotland to tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness; thanks Cyrenians staff, volunteers, supporters and partners who take a compassionate, person-centred and practical approach to supporting people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, and commits to sustained partnership across government, local authorities, the third sector, communities and people with lived experience.

Supported by: Collette Stevenson*, Miles Briggs*, Clare Haughey*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01427](#) Amanda Bland: Congratulations to Ian Winship**—That the Parliament recognises the incredible achievement of 90-year-old Ian Winship, from Cumbernauld, in completing the 10km Cumbernauld Run on 13 September 2026 with a recorded time of 1:04:37, and applauds him on recording a World Best Performance in the M90 category.

***[S7M-01426](#) Murdo Fraser: The Enchanted Forest Community Trust Wins at Central and East of Scotland Scottish Thistle Awards 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates The Enchanted Forest Community Trust on winning the Best Community Tourism and Events Initiative at the Central and East of Scotland Scottish Thistle Awards 2026; understands that the Trust has contributed over £7.5 million to the local economy since its formation in 2010, supporting community projects and initiatives; recognises the popularity of The Enchanted Forest with local communities in Perthshire and visitors from the rest of the UK and beyond; acknowledges the positive impact that the event has on the visitor economy in Perthshire, and wishes the Trust the best for yet another successful event in 2026.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Victor Currie*, Julie MacDougall*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-01425](#) Ariane Burgess: Recognising One Health Day 2026**—That the Parliament recognises One Health Day on 3 November 2026; understands that the health of people, animals, plants and the wider environment is interconnected; considers that cooperation across human, animal and environmental health can help prevent diseases that spread between animals and people, address antimicrobial resistance, improve food safety and protect ecosystems; welcomes Scotland's contribution to One Health research, education and practice, including the University of the Highlands and Islands' One Health strategy and its membership of the Planetary Health Alliance; commends collaboration among health and veterinary professionals, environmental organisations, farmers and crofters, researchers and communities to advance these shared aims; considers that One Health Day provides an opportunity to raise public awareness of these connections and strengthen cooperation

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across sectors in the Highlands and Islands and throughout Scotland; welcomes the international exchange of knowledge and experience to support healthier communities and ecosystems, and encourages public bodies, educational institutions, professional organisations and communities to mark the day and share examples of One Health in practice.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Cara McKee*, Collette Stevenson*, Kristopher Leask*

***[S7M-01424](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Recognising Banchory Academy's UNICEF Gold Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff, pupils and wider community of Banchory Academy on being awarded the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award, with the highest level of recognition; understands that this prestigious achievement recognises the exceptional commitment of Banchory Academy to promoting, protecting and embedding the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) throughout every aspect of school life; notes that the Gold Award is only granted to schools that can demonstrate that children's rights are not simply taught within the curriculum but are fully embedded within the culture, ethos and everyday experiences of the school community, and recognises that achieving this award reflects many years of dedication, collaboration and continuous improvement by pupils and staff across Banchory Academy.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Emma Roddick*

***[S7M-01423](#) Keith Brown: 10th Anniversary of Forth Valley Welcome**—That the Parliament congratulates Forth Valley Welcome on celebrating its 10th anniversary; recognises that the organisation began in 2015 as Stirling Citizens for Sanctuary in response to the refugee crisis, before extending its work into Clackmannanshire in 2016 and, in 2018, becoming Forth Valley Welcome, to better reflect the geographical area it served; commends its decade of work supporting refugees and people seeking asylum to rebuild their lives and settle into communities across Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk; understands that this support includes practical assistance, home visiting and befriending, English language development, employability support and opportunities for people to build friendships and connections within their local communities; notes that the organisation was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2020 in recognition of its work; pays particular tribute to the staff, trustees, volunteers, partner organisations and local communities whose kindness, generosity and commitment have sustained Forth Valley Welcome over the last decade; recognises the contribution that New Scots themselves make to the social, cultural and economic life of communities across the Forth Valley area, and across Scotland; wishes everyone involved a very successful 10th anniversary celebration at the Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum on 1 October 2026, and wishes Forth Valley Welcome every success as it continues its work to ensure that people seeking sanctuary are met with dignity, friendship and a warm welcome in the years ahead.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Collette Stevenson*, Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01420](#) Angela Ross: Recognising the Development of the Deep Time Trail**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of the Edinburgh Geological Society to the development of the Deep Time Trail at Siccar Point, in East Lothian; notes the outstanding international geological significance of Siccar Point and its association with James Hutton, whose observations at the site helped transform understanding of geological time and the history of the Earth; recognises the story and legacy of James Hutton as an important part of Scotland's scientific, cultural and intellectual heritage; welcomes the Deep Time Trail as an innovative project that aims to bring Hutton's story, the geology of Siccar Point and the concept of deep time to a wider audience through interpretation of the landscape and digital resources; commends all those involved in the development of the trail, including the Edinburgh Geological Society, the Scottish Geology Trust, the James Hutton Institute, NatureScot, local communities, volunteers and funders; considers that projects such as the Deep Time Trail can provide valuable opportunities for education, tourism and public engagement with Scotland's natural and scientific heritage, and wishes all those involved in the project every success in celebrating and promoting the enduring legacy of James Hutton and Scotland's geological heritage.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Tim Eagle*, Max Bannerman*, Amanda Bland*, Senga Beresford*, Colin Beattie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Julie MacDougall*

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***[S7M-01419](#) Paul McLennan: World Homelessness Day 2026**—That the Parliament welcomes World Homelessness Day 2026, which is marked annually on 10 October, as an important opportunity to reflect on the impact of the housing emergency and to renew a collective commitment to ending it; acknowledges that the latest statistics indicate a significant rise in rough sleeping, especially in Edinburgh where the number of people rough sleeping the night before presenting as homeless has risen by 78%; recognises the significant impact that rough sleeping can have on a person's health and happiness and the urgent need for increased funding for prevention; acknowledges that the underlying problems at the heart of these figures go beyond a lack of affordable housing and include poor mental health, domestic abuse, substance dependency and a lack of supported accommodation and notes calls for investment in services which address those issues; commends the work of Cyrenians in these areas, working nationally and across Central and the East of Scotland to tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness; thanks Cyrenians staff, volunteers, supporters and partners who take a compassionate, person-centred and practical approach to supporting people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, and commits to sustained partnership across government, local authorities, the third sector, communities and people with lived experience.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*

***[S7M-01418](#) Liam McArthur: Paying Tribute to Dame Esther Rantzen**—That the Parliament pays tribute to the life, courage and compassion of Dame Esther Rantzen, who, sadly, died on 30 September 2026 aged 86; recognises Dame Esther's lifelong commitment to improving the rights of children and young people, older people and, latterly, to introducing more choice for terminally ill people facing a bad death; considers that her work to establish Childline has made an enormous difference to the lives of vulnerable children and young people across the UK over many generations; notes also her work to set up The Silver Line, which provides invaluable support to older people facing loneliness and social isolation; acknowledges her contribution to the assisted dying debate in Scotland and her support for a change in the law, which was motivated by her personal experience and also her sense that terminally ill people are subject a deep injustice; believes that Dame Esther leaves behind a profound legacy as a tireless and compassionate advocate for vulnerable people, and extends its sincere condolences to her loved ones.

Supported by: Alex Kerr*, David Torrance*, James Adams*, Jackie Dunbar*, David Barratt*, Mark Simpson*, Amanda Lindsay*, Max Bannerman*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*, Dawn Black*, Paul McLennan*, Patrick Harvie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Julie MacDougall*

***[S7M-01417](#) Rachael Hamilton: Jedburgh's Simply Scottish Celebrates Tripadvisor Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Simply Scottish, in Jedburgh, on receiving a Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award for 2026; understands that the Travellers' Choice Awards recognise businesses that consistently receive positive reviews from travellers and are ranked among the top 10% of listings on Tripadvisor; notes that Simply Scottish is a family-run licensed eatery and coffee house on Jedburgh High Street, serving home-cooked and freshly prepared food, including breakfasts, brunches, lunches, light bites and home baking, with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that independent hospitality businesses make to the vitality of the High Street, the community and the wider visitor economy of the Scottish Borders; notes that Simply Scottish has also supported the community over the years, including by offering fruit and vegetable box collections during the COVID-19 period; commends Karen, Stephen and the team for their hard work and commitment to providing a warm Scottish Borders welcome to residents and visitors alike, and wishes Simply Scottish continued success.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*, Jamie Langan*, Russell Findlay*

***[S7M-01416](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Takes Charge of Vital Endometriosis Trials**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Aberdeen on securing £2.4 million from the National Institute for Health and Care Research to lead a major UK-wide trial of a new pain management programme for endometriosis, in partnership with NHS Grampian; recognises that endometriosis

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affects around one in 10 women, causing debilitating pelvic pain, chronic fatigue and disruption to education, work and relationships; acknowledges that, despite being one of the most common causes of chronic pain, endometriosis remains under-researched and, despite affecting millions of women, remains without a cure; notes that existing treatments, including surgery and medication, do not always provide lasting relief; welcomes the development of a 12-week endometriosis-specific pain management programme, combining psychological support, specialist physiotherapy and medication optimisation for women whose pain has not improved through existing treatment; notes that the trial will compare the new programme alongside standard care with standard care alone among premenopausal women, assessing both clinical outcomes and cost-effectiveness; believes that, if effective, the programme could provide a vital new treatment plan and help to shape future guidelines as well as NHS resource allocation, and welcomes the significant investment in tackling the impact of endometriosis, while stressing the need for continued funding in order to find a cure.

Supported by: Collette Stevenson*, Victor Currie* **R**, Heather Anderson*, Laura Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, Emma Roddick*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01415](#) Jack Middleton: NESCol S2 STEM Skills Competition Across North East Scotland**

—That the Parliament welcomes the commencement of North East Scotland College's (NESCol) S2 STEM Skills Competition for 2026-27; notes that around 2,500 secondary school pupils across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire are expected to take part; understands that the competition, now in its 19th year, challenges pupils to work together to solve STEM-based problems and develop skills including teamwork, problem-solving and practical thinking; recognises the role that such initiatives can play in helping young people to explore their strengths and consider future education and career opportunities; notes the importance of developing the future skills base required to support the continued growth of Scotland's renewable energy and engineering sectors; welcomes the sponsorship of the competition by Buchan Offshore Wind through its £3 million supply chain and skills fund; understands that participating schools will hold two rounds of competition before teams progress to inter-school finals at NESCol's Altens Campus in Aberdeen and Fraserburgh Campus in Aberdeenshire in May 2027, and wishes all pupils, schools and staff involved every success in the competition.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Massey*

***[S7M-01414](#) Collette Stevenson: Little Brains Achieves Charitable Status**—That the Parliament congratulates Little Brains, based at Greenhills Square in East Kilbride, on achieving Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status (SC055724) from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator; recognises the charity's dedication to providing comprehensive, whole-family support for neurodivergent children, young people and adults with additional support needs (ASN); commends founder and project director Louise Keegan, alongside the board of trustees, for their vision, lived experience and tireless dedication in building this welcoming community resource from the ground up; applauds the dedicated staff and volunteers who give their time to run vital initiatives, including sensory play sessions, youth and adult groups and peer support networks that provide families with a space to breathe; highlights the importance of the charity's open-access approach, which welcomes individuals irrespective of a formal diagnosis and ensures that young people never age out of essential support, and wishes everyone involved with Little Brains every continued success as it expands its invaluable services across East Kilbride and South Lanarkshire.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Alex Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Clare Haughey*, Emma Roddick*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01413](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Nicotine Prevention Toolkit Team Wins Healthcare Rights Award 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Lizzie MacLeish, Sophie Gillians and Shona Easingwood, of the Borders Nicotine Prevention Toolkit Team, on receiving the Healthcare Rights Award at the Scottish Children's Health Awards 2026; understands that the award, which was announced on 11 September 2026, recognises the team's work to improve nicotine prevention education and health outcomes for children and young people across the Scottish Borders; notes that

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the Scottish Borders was the first region in Scotland to launch a Youth Nicotine Prevention Toolkit and that young people were directly involved in its development; particularly recognises the contribution of young people at Eyemouth High School, who helped to develop the graphics and logo for the toolkit, and Abigail from Eyemouth High School, who contributed to the development of its Trading Standards video; understands that the initiative has brought together partners across health, education, public services and the third sector to provide young people with evidence-based information about nicotine and its associated harms; further understands that the work has been shared more widely as an example of good practice; commends the young people from Eyemouth and across the Scottish Borders whose views and experiences helped shape the initiative; congratulates Lizzie, Sophie and Shona on receiving this recognition, and wishes the team and all the young people involved continued success.

Supported by: Russell Findlay*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Dawn Black*, Tim Eagle*

***S7M-01412 Laura Mitchell: Forres Hairdresser Receives National Recognition—**That the Parliament congratulates Yuliia Strelok, from Forres, on being named one of the UK's top 100 hair stylists at the UK Hair and Beauty Awards; recognises that Yuliia, who moved to Forres from Ukraine four years ago, has established a highly successful local business, with her home salon based at Balnaferry House on the Grantown Road; notes that she has also been named a finalist in the Beauty Idols Scotland 2026 competition; recognises her talent and hard work; acknowledges that, having been forced to leave Ukraine following the outbreak of war, Yuliia has made a new home in Forres and further developed her skills by refreshing her hairdressing qualifications at UHI Moray; recognises the valuable contribution that Yuliia makes to the local community; celebrates the well-deserved recognition that she has received from the UK hair and beauty industry, and wishes her every success in the Beauty Idols Scotland 2026 competition and in her continued career in Forres.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*, Alex Kerr*, Jack Middleton*, Michelle Campbell*, Stuart McMillan*

***S7M-01410 Laura Moodie: Chapelcross Data Centre—**That the Parliament notes the lodging of a planning application for a 1GW hyperscale data centre next to the decommissioned nuclear power plant at Chapelcross in Dumfries and Galloway; believes that the proposed facility would be the biggest in the world, surpassing the 946MW SpaceXAI Colossus 2 in Tennessee; understands with concern that 60% of the campus would be built on greenfield land and would not fully utilise the existing brownfield land on the site; further understands that the proposed data centre would use an estimated 7 terawatt hours of electricity each year, equivalent to the annual electricity usage of over two million households; welcomes the position of the Scottish Government that “no decisions on planning or consenting in relation to such applications should be made” until a wide range of strategic work has been done by the Scottish Ministers, including environmental standards and assessments, but believes that, until there is a clear and coherent national strategy from the Scottish Government, this proposal, and others across the country, cannot proceed.

Supported by: Kate Nevens*, Lorna Slater*, Ariane Burgess*, Mark Ruskell*, Ross Greer*, Cara McKee*, Gillian Mackay*, Colin Beattie*, Patrick Harvie*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

***S7M-01408 Adam Harley: People's Emergency Briefings—**That the Parliament congratulates the many communities across Scotland, including in East Dunbartonshire, who have organised and held People's Emergency Briefings to raise awareness of the climate emergency; notes with concern the increasing number of extreme weather events around the world and in Scotland over the summer; notes warnings from climate scientists that, without urgent action, the climate conditions experienced today will be the "least extreme that we experience in our lifetime"; agrees that tackling climate change is a shared responsibility and that we have a duty to the next generation to address it; believes that everyone should have the opportunity to understand the risks posed by climate change and to be part of the conversation about how we respond; recognises the opportunities that the transition to a lower carbon economy can bring, including warmer homes and lower energy bills, and

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calls on the Prime Minister to host a televised national People's Emergency Briefing on climate change, bringing together scientists, community representatives and other experts to help inform the public about the challenges ahead and the action that can be taken, including the opportunities to cut emissions, reduce energy bills and build a more resilient future for all.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*

***[S7M-01407](#) Kate Nevens: Solidarity with LGBTQIA+ Activists in Türkiye**—That the Parliament condemns the alleged large-scale crackdown against LGBTQIA+ organisations and human rights defenders in Türkiye in recent weeks; notes reports from Human Rights Watch that at least 112 people were arrested in coordinated police raids between 12 and 14 September 2026 and that Amnesty International has reported that individuals have experienced intrusive strip searches, insults and humiliation, and being held in isolation; expresses concern that a number of websites and social media accounts of LGBTQIA+ activists as well as journalists and human rights organisations have reportedly been restricted; believes that these actions are part of a wider restriction on LGBTQIA+ rights in Türkiye, with officials often invoking the protection of family values to justify these actions and naming the current operation My Family is Safe; condemns the reported use of this rhetoric to justify attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights both in Türkiye and internationally, and stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community in Türkiye and all those advocating for the advancement of LGBTQIA+ rights in Scotland and around the world. **R**

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Cara McKee*, Q Manivannan*, Laura Moodie*, Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, Holly Bruce*, Iris Duane* **R**, Emma Roddick*

***[S7M-01371](#) Julie MacDougall: Recognising Burntisland and Kinghorn Foodbank** —That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the important community service provided by Burntisland and Kinghorn Foodbank, which is entirely run by local volunteers; understands that 89 people have donated to the foodbank, enabling it to provide ongoing assistance to 40 families in the local area, with 21 regular volunteers helping to deliver its services; further understands that the foodbank distributes around 2,351 food parcels to an estimated 70 to 75 individuals each week; acknowledges that it has recently opened a second distribution hub in Kinghorn; commends Katie Cook and Ruth Duffin, co-chairs of the charity, for their dedicated service; calls on the Scottish Government to develop a more cohesive response to food poverty in Fife and across Scotland; wishes the charity well as it continues to be a vital source of support for families in the Burntisland and Kinghorn area who are struggling to put food on the table, and thanks all the volunteers and donors involved.

Supported by: Kim Schmulian*, David Torrance*, Senga Beresford*, Thomas Kerr*, Angela Ross*, Amanda Lindsay*, Colin Beattie*, David Smith*, Victor Currie*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01406](#) Paul McLennan: Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01405](#) Rachael Hamilton: Newcastleton First Responders Mark 20 Years of Lifesaving Service (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, David Torrance*, Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01404](#) Dawn Black: Fieldfare CSA Wins Small-scale Producer of the Year Award (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, James Adams*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01403](#) Cara McKee: Welcoming Hospice Care Week 2026 (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Roddick*

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[S7M-01402](#) **Marie McNair: Milngavie and Bearsden Men's Shed Wins Silver Prize for Shed of The Year** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01401](#) **Max Bannerman: Indian Restaurant of the Year, North East Scotland** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Jamie Langan*, Stuart McMillan*, James Adams*, Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01400](#) **David Smith: Highlands2Hammocks Wins West of Scotland Innovation Award** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Jamie Langan*, Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01399](#) **David Smith: Finding Your Feet's New Community Garden in Paisley** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*

[S7M-01398](#) **Miles Briggs: World Mental Health Day 2026** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Monica Lennon*, Craig Hoy*, Paul McLennan*, Victor Currie* R, Emma Roddick*, Julie MacDougall*, Liam McArthur*, Murdo Fraser*, Gary Bouse*, Dawn Black*

[S7M-01397](#) **Angela Ross: Welcoming the Launch of the Friends of Haddington Garden Scheme** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01396](#) **Angela Ross: Congratulating The Salty Selkies on Completing the Lighthouse Swimming Challenge** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01394](#) **George Adam: Octopus Clinical Trial for Primary and Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis** (lodged on 30 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Amanda Lindsay*, Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01385](#) **Laura Moodie: Remembering Former Kirkcudbright Academy Pupil Arkadii Petrov** (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, James Adams*, Tim Eagle*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01383](#) **Laura Moodie: Earlstoun Lightning Oak Shortlisted for UK Tree of the Year 2026** (lodged on 29 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, James Adams*, Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01378](#) **Kristopher Leask: Recognising UHI Researchers' Involvement in the FutureMoss Project** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Amanda Bland*, David Kirkwood*, Duncan Massey*, Helen McDade*, Malcolm Offord*, Angela Ross*, Mark Simpson*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01370](#) **Dawn Black: Casa Luisa Wins Aberdeenshire Heart of the High Street Hospitality Award** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01366](#) **Dawn Black: Recognising the Success of the Grampian Forest Rally** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01339](#) **Laura Mitchell: The Inaugural Moray Mòd** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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[S7M-01332](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming Aberlans in a Box** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01330](#) **Jack Middleton: St George's Community Centre Fundraising** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01328](#) **Colin Beattie: Celebrating 40 Years of Midlothian Resource and Advice Centre** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01323](#) **Miles Briggs: Poppy Cabs 2026** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01293](#) **Stuart McMillan: Have a Wee Read on 7 October 2026** (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01292](#) **Keith Brown: Alva Academy Raises £750,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support** (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01289](#) **Patricia Gibson: Developing the Young Workforce in Ayrshire** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01271](#) **Colm Merrick: Whiteinch Centre Celebrates 20 Years at the Heart of the Community** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01270](#) **Liam Kerr: Opening of the Denis Law Institute of Sport and Wellbeing** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar* R

[S7M-01266](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating His Majesty's Theatre on Raising £25,000 at HMT 120 Gala Dinner** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01260](#) **Emma Roddick: Protecting Scotland's Seafloor** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Ariane Burgess*

[S7M-01238](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen to Become Europe's Capital of Energy Excellence** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01226](#) **Laura Mitchell: 100 Years of the Anderson's Primary School Building** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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[S7M-01218](#) **Jack Middleton: Concern for Journalism Jobs in the North East** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01207](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming Aberdeen's New General Practice and Mental Health Teaching Centre** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01206](#) **Holly Bruce: First Hampden For All** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Gillian Mackay*

[S7M-01198](#) **Karen Adam: Celebrating Fraserburgh Cricket Club's Community Cohesion** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01191](#) **Liam McArthur: Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01175](#) **Clare Haughey: Congratulating Morna Ferguson BEM** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01157](#) **David Torrance: Honouring the Volunteers of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01156](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Hydrasun in Aberdeen on New Clean Technology Jobs** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01152](#) **Gillian Mackay: 50 Years of the Sanam Tandoori** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01150](#) **Heather Anderson: Dundee Stroke Exercise Club** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01146](#) **Alex Kerr: Scottish Children's Health Week 2026 and 50 Years of Children's Health Scotland** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01142](#) **Alex Kerr: Spark Connections Creates Work Opportunities for Young People.** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01125](#) **Kate Campbell: Celebrating the Relaunch of Bridges** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01120](#) **Colin Beattie: Release of the Movie, Pressure** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01119](#) **David Torrance: The Auld Hoose Wins Community Fundraising Hero Scotland Award** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01118](#) **Steven Bonnar: Building a Greener Lanarkshire Together** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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[S7M-01115](#) **Katie Hagmann: Dundonald Castle and Visitors Centre wins TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Awards** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01113](#) **Colin Beattie: Congratulating Woodburn Primary School for Euroquiz Achievement** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01094](#) **Lloyd Melville: Angus War Memorial Success** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01093](#) **Lloyd Melville: Arbikie's First Single Malt** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01091](#) **Katie Hagmann: Recognising Suicide Prevention Week** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Bob Doris*

[S7M-01090](#) **Alex Kerr: Zipslide Challenge Raises Vital Funds for SMILE Children's Charity** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01082](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Forfar Community Football Trust on Winning Best Community Football for All Award** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01078](#) **Jack Middleton: Denis Law Legacy Trust Opens Kacey's Legacy Youth Hub** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar* R

[S7M-01071](#) **Stuart McMillan: Cassie O'Neill, Joint Winner of The Herald Saroj Lal Award 2026** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01065](#) **Dawn Black: Welcoming the Opening of Oakley ASN's Multi-Million-Pound Specialist Facility Near Stonehaven** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01063](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Robert Gordon University on Being Shortlisted for University of the Year** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01062](#) **Jack Middleton: Mrs Murray's Big Build Campaign** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01061](#) **David Torrance: Donation to Maintain Fife Coastal Path** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01060](#) **David Torrance: Gillian Parsons Memorial Golf Day** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01059](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Sobr on its Success at the 2026 Scottish Bar and Pub Awards** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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[S7M-01056](#) **Heather Anderson: Condolences on the Passing of Catherine Lawson** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01053](#) **Colm Merrick: Chris and Sean Cycle Land's End to John O'Groats for Men's Mental Health and Diabetes Scotland** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01052](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Installation of the Knife Angel in Leith** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01048](#) **Steven Bonnar: Celebrating Educational Achievement in North Lanarkshire** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01044](#) **Gillian Mackay: Recognition of Lisa Hosie's Contribution to Dalmatian Welfare in Scotland** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01043](#) **Colin Beattie: Congratulating Richmond's Hope on Opening its Midlothian Base and Playroom** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01042](#) **Colin Beattie: Congratulating Kit Fresh on Receiving a Scottish Edge Award** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01041](#) **Colin Beattie: Coalface to Wildspace Conservation Project Awarded National Lottery Heritage Funding** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00778](#) **Katherine Sangster: Establishment of a Scottish Local News Fund** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

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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 1 October 2026

[S7W-03883](#) **Kate Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress against its Heat in Buildings Strategy.

[S7W-03905](#) **George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the next edition of the *Scottish Ministerial Code*.

Written Questions lodged on 1 October 2026

[S7W-03760](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask Scottish Government what its position is on ensuring that every primary school has a library, and whether it considers that doing so would be a powerful legacy of the National Year of Reading.

[S7W-03761](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent PISA results, which suggested that there has been a long-term decline in Scotland's reading performance, what its position is on the National Literacy Trust and Penguin Books' Libraries for Primaries campaign to ensure that every primary school has a library.

[S7W-03762](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the National Year of Reading, what its response is to research by the National Literacy Trust and Penguin Books suggesting that one in four primary schools does not have a library.

[S7W-03818](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the HMICS and HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland report, *Citing witnesses in the sheriff court*, which found that 398,714 witness citation and re-citation events occurred in sheriff courts in 2024-25, what action it is taking to reduce the unnecessary citation of witnesses.

[S7W-03819](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the HMICS and HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland report, *Citing witnesses in the sheriff court*, which found that email citation has been a competent method of citation since 2007, what assessment it has made of barriers to its routine use for civilian witnesses.

[S7W-03820](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the HMICS and HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland report, *Citing witnesses in the sheriff court*, which found that evidence was led in 13% of sheriff summary trials and 21% of sheriff and jury trials in 2024-25, what action it is taking to reduce the number of victims, witnesses and police officers cited to attend trials that do not proceed as scheduled.

[S7W-03821](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2025-26* stating that there is no equivalent inspectorate providing routine independent scrutiny of Scotland's courts and tribunals system, whether it will consider establishing such a body.

[S7W-03822](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Assurance review of Conduct and Discipline* finding that some allegations of

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potential senior officer misconduct were not being reported to the Scottish Police Authority, what action it is taking to strengthen independent scrutiny.

S7W-03823 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Assurance review of Conduct and Discipline* finding that not all allegations of potential senior officer misconduct were being referred to the Scottish Police Authority for assessment, what action it is taking to ensure that such allegations are recorded and referred appropriately.

S7W-03824 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Assurance review of Conduct and Discipline* finding that 20% of Police Scotland officers and staff who died by suicide between 2013 and 2024 were subject to live complaints or conduct processes, what assessment it has made of the adequacy of wellbeing support available to officers and staff involved in such processes.

S7W-03825 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Assurance review of Conduct and Discipline* recommendation that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) be added to the list of prescribed persons under whistleblowing legislation, what consideration it has given to implementing that recommendation.

S7W-03826 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and Healthcare Improvement Scotland Joint Review of Police Custody recommendations*, which noted that 45 recommendations had been made to Police Scotland across 10 custody inspection reports, what assessment it has made of progress in implementing those recommendations.

S7W-03827 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the *HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Custody inspection report - Highland and Islands* finding that four children were held overnight in police cells for social work pick-up after relatively minor crimes, how many children have been held overnight in police custody in each year since 2021.

S7W-03828 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) *Thematic Inspection of Police Response to Drug Harm Reduction* stating that police officers should not be filling gaps left by other agencies, what action it is taking to ensure that people experiencing mental health crises receive support from the most appropriate service.

S7W-03829 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) *Thematic Inspection of Police Response to Drug Harm Reduction* finding that Police Scotland has no published national drug harm reduction strategy, what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding the publication of such a strategy.

S7W-03830 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and Audit Scotland Best Value in Policing *Thematic Inspection of Road Policing in Scotland* finding that efforts to tackle drug driving are constrained by shortages of trained personnel and forensic services capacity, what action it is taking to address those constraints.

S7W-03831 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and Audit Scotland *Best Value in Policing* audit finding that there is no evidence that the finance-based officer establishment of 16,500 is the right number for future policing, what assessment it has made of the number of police officers required to meet current and future demand.

S7W-03832 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and Audit Scotland *Best Value in Policing* audit finding that strategic workforce planning remains underdeveloped, what action it is taking to support the development of a long-term workforce plan for Police Scotland.

S7W-03834 Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* stating that improvements in overtime and time off in lieu balances have not been

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sustained, what assessment it has made of Police Scotland's continuing reliance on overtime and time off in lieu.

[S7W-03835](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* stating that workforce capacity continues to be a concern, what assessment it has made of the number of police officers and staff available for operational deployment.

[S7W-03836](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* identifying strategic workforce planning as a risk to delivering a sustainable police service, what assessment it has made of Police Scotland's capacity to meet current and future demand.

[S7W-03837](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* identifying the longstanding increase in officers on modified duties as a workforce risk, what assessment it has made of the impact on operational policing.

[S7W-03838](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* identifying officer and staff wellbeing as a workforce risk, what action it is taking to reduce work-related stress, injury and other factors affecting workforce wellbeing.

[S7W-03839](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* stating that a substantial number of People Strategy and Strategic Workforce Plan milestones have been carried forward between reporting years, what assessment it has made of progress made in delivering Police Scotland's workforce reform programme.

[S7W-03840](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Police Scotland's *Annual Workforce Report* identifying concerns regarding assaults, injuries on duty, stress-related absence and grievances, what action it is taking to improve the wellbeing of police officers and staff.

[S7W-03853](#) Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02101 by Stephen Flynn on 25 August 2026, whether it will provide an update on (a) the publication date of the updated code of conduct on the treatment of passengers and staff using public transport, as outlined in the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026, and (b) on what date the updated code and underpinning processes supporting the suspension of access to free travel if the code is breached will take effect.

[S7W-03854](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Recommendation 16 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, and whether it considers that existing arrangements in Scotland provide healthcare whistle-blowers with sufficiently independent support and oversight where concerns have not been adequately addressed by an NHS board.

[S7W-03855](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Recommendation 1 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, whether it will introduce baby monitoring systems, including in-cot cameras with livestreaming capability for parents, for all cots and incubators in neonatal units across Scotland.

[S7W-03856](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding the provision of in-cot baby monitoring systems with livestreaming capability for parents across neonatal units in Scotland, including the number of cots and incubators currently fitted with such systems.

[S7W-03857](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards are currently in place in neonatal units to control and record access to insulin, and whether, in response to Recommendation 2 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, it will introduce digital access controls and monitoring of insulin storage.

[S7W-03858](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Recommendation 3 of the Thirlwall Inquiry regarding consistent bereavement care following a neonatal death, and what action it will take to ensure that families receive a consistent standard of bereavement support across all NHS boards.

[S7W-03859](#) Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government whether all NHS staff and NHS board members currently receive training on how to respond to concerns or suspicions that a member of

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staff may have deliberately harmed a patient, and what action it will take in response to Recommendation 4 of the Thirlwall Inquiry.

[S7W-03860 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether, in light of Recommendation 4 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, it will review NHS Scotland employment, bank and agency staff contracts to ensure that they include an explicit obligation to comply with safeguarding procedures relating to suspected deliberate harm to patients.

[S7W-03861 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the interoperability of IT systems used across neonatal services in NHS Scotland, and what action it will take in response to Recommendation 5 of the Thirlwall Inquiry regarding the harmonisation of digital systems.

[S7W-03862 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether, in light of Recommendation 6 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, all NHS boards have mechanisms in place for board-level monitoring of all deaths of babies and children, including a predetermined process for escalating concerning trends or patterns.

[S7W-03863 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether every neonatal unit in Scotland has a designated member of staff responsible for regularly reviewing neonatal mortality and other relevant safety data, including identifying concerning trends and reporting these to NHS board level, and, if not, whether it will introduce such a requirement.

[S7W-03864 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what national procedures and guidance are in place in the event of the sudden and unexpected death of a baby who has never left hospital, and whether it will review these arrangements in light of Recommendation 8 of the Thirlwall Inquiry.

[S7W-03865 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Scotland has a national protocol setting out the actions that managers must take when concerns are raised that a healthcare professional may have deliberately harmed a patient, and, if not, whether it will introduce one in response to Recommendation 9 of the Thirlwall Inquiry.

[S7W-03866 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether, in light of Recommendation 10 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, it will consider establishing a national panel of independent clinical and other experts that NHS boards could call upon to conduct rapid, independent investigations where concerns emerge about possible harm being caused to patients.

[S7W-03867 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Recommendation 11 of the Thirlwall Inquiry regarding the scrutiny of neonatal deaths, and whether it will review the equivalent arrangements in Scotland to ensure that possible harm and safeguarding concerns are explicitly considered following every neonatal death.

[S7W-03868 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Recommendation 12 of the Thirlwall Inquiry, how many full-time equivalent paediatric and perinatal pathologists are currently employed by NHS Scotland, what assessment it has made of whether current staffing levels are sufficient to meet demand, and what action it is taking to address any workforce shortfall.

[S7W-03869 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms exist to prevent an NHS manager who has been found responsible for serious misconduct or patient safety failings from moving into a management role in another NHS board, and whether it will review these arrangements in light of Recommendation 13 of the Thirlwall Inquiry.

[S7W-03870 Carol Mochan](#): To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with representatives of the construction industry regarding the application and enforcement of Fair Work principles in the construction of major infrastructure projects, including fair pay, secure employment, workforce development and trade union engagement.

[S7W-03871 Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill](#): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-00472 by Angela Constance on 8 June 2026, and in light of technical design work now being underway for the replacement of the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion in Edinburgh, what update

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it can provide on the current timetable for completion of the project, and what changes, if any, have been made to that timetable since June 2026.

[S7W-03872 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01901 by Jim Fairlie on 5 August 2026, what consideration it has given to making data on subsidy payments made to beneficiaries in Scotland under all CAP legacy schemes more accessible to the public.

[S7W-03873 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) local authorities, (b) Police Scotland and (c) animal welfare organisations regarding promoting responsible dog ownership and reducing problems arising from irresponsible ownership in communities and public spaces.

[S7W-03874 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in implementing the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025, particularly in relation to promoting responsible dog ownership and increasing public awareness of the code of practice for buying, selling and rehoming dogs.

[S7W-03875 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of officers employed by each local authority to enforce dog (a) control and (b) fouling legislation, and what assessment it has made of the adequacy of this.

[S7W-03876 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what training, guidance and resources are provided to (a) local authority and (b) other enforcement officers to support the effective enforcement of legislation and codes of practice relating to responsible dog ownership, and whether it has introduced any additional training since the implementation of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025.

[S7W-03877 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to including stud dogs within the scope of breeding legislation, and whether it considers that this could improve animal welfare standards.

[S7W-03878 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether existing planning and transport arrangements adequately protect public roads from damage caused by wind turbine construction traffic, what information it holds on any damage to roads resulting from wind farm developments, and what action it takes to ensure that developers are held responsible for any resulting deterioration in road conditions.

[S7W-03879 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the prevalence of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) among patients registered with GP practices, broken down by NHS board and by (a) sex, (b) five-year age group and (c) deprivation decile, showing (i) number of patients and (ii) rate per 100 population, for the year 1 April 2025 to 1 April 2026.

[S7W-03880 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of landslide-related disruption on the trunk road network has been attributable to the A77 in each of the last five years, and what steps are being taken to reduce the vulnerability of this route compared with other major trunk roads.

[S7W-03881 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what outcomes were of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport's recent meeting in Cairnryan with local authorities, transport operators and community stakeholders, including what actions, timescales and investment commitments were agreed to improve the safety, resilience and capacity of the A77.

[S7W-03882 Thomas Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider establishing a national framework for recording accessible and adapted social housing.

[S7W-03887 Adam Harley:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding speech and language therapy, whether it has any plans to review current treatment approaches, and what understanding it has of the benefits of one-to-one block therapy sessions delivered in Canada.

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[S7W-03888 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to mark One Health Day on 3 November 2026 and what action it is taking to promote public understanding of the connections between human, animal, plant and environmental health.

[S7W-03889 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the current dual system of planning and licensing requirements provides a sufficiently proportionate and legally certain framework for small rural tourism businesses.

[S7W-03890 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that the current planning and licensing framework is operating fairly and coherently for established short-term let businesses that pre-date the designation of short-term let control areas.

[S7W-03891 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the housing benefits arising from the Badenoch and Strathspey Short-Term Let Control Area, beyond changes in the total number or growth rate of registered short-term lets.

[S7W-03892 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the interaction between Mandatory Condition 13 of the short-term let licensing scheme, short-term let planning control areas and the treatment of long-established short-term let operators.

[S7W-03893 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what protections or transitional arrangements are in place for responsible businesses that were operating before a control area was introduced but are subsequently facing administrative delays when trying to establish their planning status prior to licence renewal.

[S7W-03894 Monica Lennon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government on what dates ministers have visited HMP Barlinnie during (a) 2025 and (b) 2026, and which of these visits involved meetings with (i) trade unions, (ii) prison officers and/or staff, (iii) prisoners and (iv) prisoners' families.

[S7W-03895 Monica Lennon:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the Prison Officers' Association report, *Crisis Point Reached - The Pressures Facing Scotland's Prison Officers Uncovered*, published in October 2025, and which of the 41 recommendations have been implemented.

[S7W-03896 Lorna Slater:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that Edinburgh Food Project provided 2,896 food parcels in the Edinburgh Central constituency between September 2025 and September 2026, whether it remains committed to ending the need for food banks in Scotland and, if so, what action it is taking to deliver this commitment.

[S7W-03897 Lorna Slater:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the publication by the Scottish Government and COSLA of the renewed delivery plan, *Ending Destitution Together*, what action it is taking to address food insecurity and reliance on food banks among people with no recourse to public funds.

[S7W-03898 Lorna Slater:](#) To ask the Scottish Government in light of reports that 8,870 of the 26,160 crisis grant decisions made in the City of Edinburgh resulted in refusals last year, representing 34% of all decisions, and that the average award was £125, whether it considers the level of crisis grant provision to be sufficient to meet applicants' needs.

[S7W-03899 Lorna Slater:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that 35% of crisis grant applications resulted in refusals in 2025-26, what assessment it has made of whether crisis grant eligibility rules contribute to reliance on food banks.

[S7W-03900 Lorna Slater:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported rise in homelessness applications in Edinburgh, what action it is taking to ensure that people experiencing homelessness or living in temporary accommodation can access nutritious food.

[S7W-03901 Jenny Young:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether any pilot schemes are currently in place to provide additional childcare support for children aged between nine and 23 months, and whether it has any plans to introduce any such pilot schemes in West Lothian.

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[S7W-03902](#) **Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to introduce funded childcare for children aged between nine and 23 months, and whether this will be implemented before or after the introduction of funded childcare for primary school-age children, as announced in its Programme for Government.

[S7W-03903](#) **Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government what form the proposed additional childcare for children aged nine months referenced in its Programme for Government will take, and whether it expects this support to be equivalent to the value of between £1,400 and £11,000 committed to in the 2026 Scottish National Party manifesto.

[S7W-03904](#) **Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government when its consultation on childcare will open and conclude.

[S7W-03906](#) **Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of musculoskeletal conditions being among the leading causes of work-limiting ill health, what consideration it has given to how the evidence and expertise generated by Arthritis UK's Centre for Musculoskeletal Health and Work can inform future approaches to employability, prevention and supporting people with long-term conditions to remain in work.

[S7W-03907](#) **Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of World Arthritis Day 2026 taking place in October, (a) what action it is taking to support people living with arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions to stay active, healthy and in work, and (b) how it is engaging with organisations such as Arthritis UK, including through the research and innovation undertaken by its Centre for Musculoskeletal Health and Work at the University of Aberdeen, to improve employment outcomes and reduce the impact of musculoskeletal conditions on individuals, employers and the wider economy.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2026 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Police Service of Scotland \(Conduct\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/276\)](#)
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

[Police Service of Scotland \(Senior Officers\) \(Conduct\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/277\)](#)
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

Not subject to any parliamentary procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2026 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Social Security \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/274 \(C. 29\)\)](#)
laid under Section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

[Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/275 \(C. 30\)\)](#)
laid under Section 32 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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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:

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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

Report - Lead committee (Transport) (1st Report, 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)

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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[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)

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

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[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)

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

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[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)

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee, 1st Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee on 22 September 2026 \(SP Paper 12\)](#), publication date: 30 September 2026

[Transport Committee, 1st Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Civil Aviation \(Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform\) Bill \(SP Paper 15\)](#), publication date: 1 October 2026

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 7): Instruments relating to fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers considered on 24 September 2026 <https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/committee-reports/ehrcj/2026/10/1/ehrcjs072026r01rev>, publication date: 1 October 2026

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Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, 1 September 2026

Minister for Equalities and International Development (Simita Kumar) has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 1 September 2026.

Minister for Equalities and International Development

At col 28, para 6, line 1—

Original text—

In relation to the funding element for that situation, we have a global start fund of about £900,000. A portion of that is locally available through the start fund in Nepal, and they will be committed to using that fund in humanitarian efforts.

Corrected text—

In relation to the funding element for that situation, we have a Global Start Fund of about £900,000. There is a local Start Fund in Nepal. If the local Start Fund in Nepal depletes, funding from the Global Start Fund may be released.

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