

Tuesday 6 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

9:00am Education and Gaelic Committee

9:15am Europe, External Affairs and Culture
Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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1. Thomas Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the operation of the early release scheme for short-term prisoners. ([S7O-00339](#))

2. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to including the expansion of 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare to all twins and other multiple-birth children from age two in its forthcoming Early Learning and Childcare Strategic Framework. ([S7O-00340](#))

3. David Green: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the changes outlined in its proposed neonatal intensive care plan on rural areas. ([S7O-00341](#))

4. Colm Merrick: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it plans to make of any potential impact on patients and NHS boards before determining future funding arrangements in its Budget 2027-28 for the delivery of hybrid closed loop technology for people with type 1 diabetes. ([S7O-00342](#))

5. Katherine Sangster: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the results of the Scottish Household Survey 2025 regarding childcare. ([S7O-00343](#))

6. Donald MacKinnon: To ask the Scottish Government when it will review the Highlands and Islands Patient Travel scheme. ([S7O-00344](#))

7. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support domestic abuse advocacy services. ([S7O-00345](#))

8. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to a speech delivered by the Prime Minister at the Labour Annual Conference on 29 September regarding its potential impact on the people and economy of Scotland. ([S7O-00346](#))

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

[S7M-01448](#) Stephen Gethins: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe—That the Parliament believes that the best future for Scotland lies within the European Union (EU) and that EU membership should be sought as swiftly as possible.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01448.3](#) Neil Bibby: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "welcomes the Prime Minister's recent commitment to comprehensively review the UK's relationship with the European Union (EU), including examining options for closer integration; believes that Brexit has caused profound economic harm and that a close relationship with Europe is fundamental to Scotland and the rest of the UK's prosperity and security; recognises that the interests of Scotland are best served by any return to European frameworks being negotiated on a UK wide basis to protect Scotland's trade with the rest of the UK,

and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government regarding its approach to the upcoming EU-UK summit and to find a consensus on a long term relationship with the EU that people in Scotland and the rest of the UK can unite around."

[S7M-01448.2 Gillian Mackay: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe), insert at end "; recognises that Brexit has been a disaster for the economy and for individuals, and looks forward to the restoration of the benefits of EU membership."

[S7M-01448.4 Murdo Fraser: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "notes that in a referendum in 2016 the people of the UK voted to leave the EU; believes that the result of referendums should be respected; notes that trade between Scotland and the rest of the UK is three times the level of trade between Scotland and the EU; believes that in exiting the UK and joining the EU, Scotland would create a hard border and potentially currency divergence with our largest trading partner, which would be deeply damaging to Scotland's economic interests, and accordingly commits to a future within an unrestricted UK domestic market for goods and services."

[S7M-01448.1 David Green: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe), insert at end ", and therefore believes that the first essential steps must be for the UK to join the single market as a member of the European Free Trade Area and European Economic Area, form a new UK-EU customs union and reach a new defence pact, in order to fully remove trade barriers to Europe, reverse years of economic damage that has been caused by the Brexit deal negotiated by the Conservative UK administration, and make the UK richer, safer and stronger."

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

[S7M-00862 Clare Haughey: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi](#)—That the Parliament congratulates Blantyre, in Malawi, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, to be celebrated in October 2026; understands that the city was founded on 23 October 1876 by Scottish missionaries, and was named after Blantyre in Scotland, the birthplace of the explorer David Livingstone; recognises that Scotland and Malawi share a deep historical friendship dating back to Livingstone's explorations in the region; highlights the publication of the book by Jonathan Waters, *Blantyre: Urban Evolution – A Photographic History*, which chronicles the city's people, places and transformation since 1876, and pays tribute to the many individuals, businesses, third sector organisations, including the Scotland Malawi Partnership and Rutherglen-based Classrooms for Malawi, schools and universities and governments that have maintained the links between the two countries over the past century and a half.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 2

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 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.
- Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
- Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education and Gaelic Committee 6th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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 Wimpres, 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.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 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 draft HGV Speed Limit \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

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Committees Comataidhean				

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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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 30 September 2026

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

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

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 October 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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>

Rural Affairs Committee

7 October 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:45AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Rural Support Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands, Anna Densham, Deputy Director, Land Reform, Rural & Islands Policy, and John Kerr, Head of Agriculture Policy, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-Budget scrutiny and Programme for Government:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands, John Kerr, Head of Agriculture Policy, Clare Morley, CARA Portfolio Finance Lead, and Sean Neill, Director, Energy and Climate Change, Scottish Government.
4. **Review of evidence: Rural Support Plan** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
5. **Review of evidence: Pre-budget scrutiny and Programme for Government** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on email at rural.committee@parliament.scot

Transport Committee

7 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 3

1. **Islands and Regional Air Travel:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Ronnie Matheson, Chief Commercial Officer and Simon McNamara, Head of Corporate & Government Affairs, Loganair Limited.

and then from—

Laura Cromarty, Head of Marine Services and Transportation, Orkney Islands Council;
Paul James, Association of Shetland Community Councils;
Martin Joyce, Chief Executive and Councillor Uisdean Robertson, Chair of Transport and Infrastructure, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar;
Lucy Mulvagh, CEO, Disability Equality Scotland.

and then from—

Alison Irvine, Chief Executive Officer and Stuart Strachan, Head of Aviation, Transport Scotland;
Paul Kelsall, Chief Executive Officer and Darren MacLeod, Chief Operating Officer, Highlands and Islands Airports Limited.

- 2. Islands and Regional Air Travel - review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Criminal Justice Committee

7 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Government reform agenda and response to sector perspectives – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kirsten Oswald, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Catriona Dalrymple, Director for Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Director for Safer Communities, Scottish Government.
- 3. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Steven bunch, Team Leader, Police Conduct Policy Team, Amanda Dunlop, Lawyer, and Chloe Leslie, Police Conduct Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
- 4. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Neil Gray (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—

S7M-01279 — That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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Committees Comataidhean				

5. **Government reform agenda and response to sector perspectives – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under item 2.
6. **The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 - report:** The Committee will consider a draft report.
7. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee

7 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 5 and future reviews of evidence in private.
2. **Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-10 from—
Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Jenny Brough, Safer Communities LCM Support and Coordination, Francesca Morton, Legal LCM Support and Coordination, and Marion McCormack, Justice LCM Support and Coordination, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] and the Air Departure Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] from—
Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Stuart Wilson, Transport Taxes Team Leader, Martin Davidson, Head of New Taxes Unit, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation - approval:** Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to move—

S7M-01280 - That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved;

S7M-01281 - That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Air Departure Tax (Administration)(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Review of Evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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Committees Comataidhean				

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

Proposed future business

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

Health, Care and Sport Committee

7 October 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. Pre-budget scrutiny: Preparing for future challenges in the health, care and sport sectors:

The Committee will take evidence from—

Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
Professor Linda Bauld, Professor of Public Health and Co-Head, Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh;
Robbie Pearson, Chief Executive, Healthcare Improvement Scotland;
Alison Payne, Research Director, Enlighten.

2. Review of evidence (In Private): The Committee will review the evidence it heard under Item 1.

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

4. Preparation for Conveners Group meeting (In Private): The Committee will discuss preparations for the upcoming Conveners Group meeting with the First Minister.

5. The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026: The Committee will, take evidence, *not before 12:00pm*, from—

Maree Todd, Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs, Joanne Farrow, Deputy Director, Complex Care & Rights Division, and Katy Richards, Divisional Solicitor, Mental Health and Incapacity Branch, Scottish Government Legal Division, Scottish Government.

6. The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 – motion recommending approval: Maree Todd (Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs) to move—

S7M-01217—That the Health, Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Climate Action Committee

8 October 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

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Committees Comataidhean				

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Phil Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Helen Carter, Portfolio Finance Lead, and Sean Neill, Director, Energy and Climate Change, Scottish Government.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
- Climate Action Committee Strategic Objectives for Session 7:** The Committee will consider its approach to its strategic objectives for Session 7.

Proposed future business

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

8 October 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Ireland, and take evidence from—
Patricia Gibson, Proposed Convener of Cross-Party Group on Ireland, Scottish Parliament.
- Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Ireland.
- Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Stage 1 evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Toby James, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, University of East Anglia UK;
Professor Alistair Clark, Professor of Political Science, Newcastle University;
Andy Hunter, Chair of the Scotland and Northern Ireland Branch, Association of Electoral Administrators.
and then from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Iain Hockenhull, Head of Elections, and Angus Reid-Bryan, Elections Team, Scottish Government;
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the [Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \[SSI 2026/263\]](#)
- Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 4.

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Committees Comataidhean				

- 7. Temporary Standing Order Rule Changes:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the Presiding Officer's temporary changes to Standing Orders.
- 8. Complaint:** The Committee will continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on email at sppa.committee@parliament.scot.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

8 October 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Heather McLean, Senior Policy Officer, Directorate for Justice, and Emma Thomson, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- 3. Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] – motion recommending approval:** Neil Gray (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—

S7M-01122—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

- 4. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Women's poverty – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Simita Kumar, Minister for Equalities and International Development, Simon Mair, Deputy Director, Place-Based Service Change and Reform, and Rachael McGruer, Deputy Director, Tackling Child Poverty, Scottish Government.
- 5. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Women's poverty – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 4.
- 6. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

8 October 2026

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Committees Comataidhean				

7th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Criminal Courts backlog follow-up** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Neil Rennick, Director General, Education & Justice and Catriona Dalrymple, Director for Justice, Scottish Government;
Malcolm Graham, Chief Executive, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.
- Criminal courts backlog follow-up** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and will take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Criminal Courts backlog follow-up** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Public Service Reform Committee

8 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.

The Committee will decide whether to consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government, on its pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28, in private at future meetings.

The Committee will decide whether to consider its strategic plan in private at future meetings.

- Delivering public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Naomi Mason, Head of Scotland, Centre for Local Economies;
Julie Welsh, Chief Executive, Scotland Excel.

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

Proposed future business

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

Public Petitions Committee

8 October 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

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

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

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

PE2214: Officially annually recognise 23rd of August as Wallace Day in honour of Sir William Wallace;

PE2245: Keep the William Wallace letter in Scotland;

PE2232: Ban beehives in public spaces until statutory national safety regulations are in place;

PE2233: Moratorium on planning applications for all hyperscale data centres until their environmental impacts have been fully assessed;

PE2234: Reduce MSP Salaries to the Median Scottish Full-time Income;

PE2236: Transfer administration of mandatory charitable rates relief to independent third sector processes;

PE2237: Create a “stage not age” health and social care and benefit system for people with exceptional complex medical needs; and

PE2238: Automatically remove parental rights upon the conviction of a child sexual/domestic abuse offence.

3. **Admissibility decision:** The Committee will decide whether a proposed petition is admissible.

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

Proposed future business

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

Motions

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

Motions for debate

***[S7M-01460](#) Jim Fairlie: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of Scotland's fishing industry in sustaining jobs and livelihoods in island and coastal communities and across the wider economy; acknowledges the international reputation of Scottish seafood and the value that Scottish provenance brings to the sector in markets both at home and abroad; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to supporting a profitable, innovative and sustainable fishing industry; believes that this requires ongoing engagement across the sector, including with its associated supply chain, environmental organisations and fishing communities; notes the continued support provided to the sector through the Marine Fund Scotland, and that effective quota management and licensing arrangements can provide stability and support investment; recognises the range of challenges facing the sector, including the UK Government's damaging decision to unfairly allocate only £28 million, or 7.78% of the £360 million Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund to Scotland, despite Scotland's fishing sector accounting for more than 60% of the UK's fishing capacity; agrees with industry stakeholders that the UK Government must reverse this decision, and supports the Scottish Government's approach to the forthcoming international negotiations on fishing opportunities for 2027, where it will seek to balance the sustainable management of fish stocks with the long-term prosperity of Scotland's fishing communities.

Supported by: Gillian Martin*

***[S7M-01448](#) Stephen Gethins: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe**—That the Parliament believes that the best future for Scotland lies within the European Union (EU) and that EU membership should be sought as swiftly as possible.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Jamie Hepburn*, Kate Campbell*

***[S7M-01448.5](#) Senga Beresford: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe**—As an amendment to S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe), leave out from "lies" to end and insert "is delivered by maximising the devolved powers that the country has control over, and not those that it does not; further believes that debates on reserved matters are a waste of parliamentary time and an insult to the public, particularly given more urgent matters such as drugs deaths, and understands that, based on the figures provided by the Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs, there have been a further 43 drug deaths in the 14 days since the Minister's statement on drugs deaths alone."

***[S7M-01448.4](#) Murdo Fraser: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe),

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leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that in a referendum in 2016 the people of the UK voted to leave the EU; believes that the result of referendums should be respected; notes that trade between Scotland and the rest of the UK is three times the level of trade between Scotland and the EU; believes that in exiting the UK and joining the EU, Scotland would create a hard border and potentially currency divergence with our largest trading partner, which would be deeply damaging to Scotland’s economic interests, and accordingly commits to a future within an unrestricted UK domestic market for goods and services.”

***[S7M-01448.3](#) Neil Bibby: Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “welcomes the Prime Minister’s recent commitment to comprehensively review the UK’s relationship with the European Union (EU), including examining options for closer integration; believes that Brexit has caused profound economic harm and that a close relationship with Europe is fundamental to Scotland and the rest of the UK’s prosperity and security; recognises that the interests of Scotland are best served by any return to European frameworks being negotiated on a UK wide basis to protect Scotland’s trade with the rest of the UK, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government regarding its approach to the upcoming EU-UK summit and to find a consensus on a long term relationship with the EU that people in Scotland and the rest of the UK can unite around.”

Supported by: Katherine Sangster*

***[S7M-01448.2](#) Gillian Mackay: Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe), insert at end “; recognises that Brexit has been a disaster for the economy and for individuals, and looks forward to the restoration of the benefits of EU membership.”

Supported by: Iris Duane*

***[S7M-01448.1](#) David Green: Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01448 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe), insert at end “, and therefore believes that the first essential steps must be for the UK to join the single market as a member of the European Free Trade Area and European Economic Area, form a new UK-EU customs union and reach a new defence pact, in order to fully remove trade barriers to Europe, reverse years of economic damage that has been caused by the Brexit deal negotiated by the Conservative UK administration, and make the UK richer, safer and stronger.”

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

[S7M-01375](#) Thomas Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places—That the Parliament notes the ongoing debate across Scotland, and particularly in Glasgow, regarding the wearing of full-face coverings, including the burqa and niqab, in public places; recognises that legislation in Scotland already provides police with powers to require the removal of face coverings in specified circumstances where there are reasonable grounds to believe that they are being used to conceal identity in connection with criminality or disorder; notes the Scottish Government’s current position that existing police powers are sufficient; further notes that a number of European countries have introduced restrictions on face coverings in public places, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to set out its assessment of the potential benefits of introducing further restrictions on full-face coverings in public places, including consideration of public safety, individual liberty and community cohesion.

Supported by: Jamie Langan, Kim Schmulian, David Smith, Stephen Kerr, Amanda Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Victor Currie, Max Bannerman, Senga Beresford, Amanda Bland, David Kirkwood, Duncan Massey, Helen McDade, Malcolm Offord, Angela Ross, Mark Simpson

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

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***[S7M-01375.1](#) Stephen Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01375 in the name of Thomas Kerr (Face Coverings in Public Places), leave out from “notes the Scottish Government’s” to end and insert “notes concerns that existing legislation may not provide police officers with sufficient preventative powers where individuals deliberately conceal their identity and there are reasonable grounds to believe that crime, intimidation or serious public disorder may occur; considers that a clear distinction must be made between people peacefully wearing religious dress and those deliberately concealing their identity in circumstances connected with criminality or serious disorder, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to review the adequacy of existing police powers, in consultation with Police Scotland and police representative bodies, and to consider proportionate additional powers to allow officers, where there are reasonable grounds and subject to appropriate safeguards for religious observance, health and other legitimate purposes, to require the temporary removal of face coverings where necessary for the prevention of crime or serious public disorder.”

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01459](#) Heather Anderson: A Celebration of Scotland’s Place in Video Games History—**That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Game Developers Association for its work on Games Day 2026, which was held on 25 September at Water’s Edge in Dundee; understands that the event brought together around 250 people from across the video games ecosystem and beyond, including delegates from Puerto Rico who were in attendance to learn more about Scotland’s rich history pertaining to games; notes that the event hosted a number of prominent speakers on a range of different topics, including a panel that featured Dave Jones and five developers from DMA Design, who were the originators of *Grand Theft Auto*; acknowledges the importance of the video games industry to both the Dundee and wider Scottish economies, and recognises what it sees as Scotland’s significant role in video games history.

***[S7M-01458](#) Kate Campbell: Scottish Chamber Orchestra's Craigmillar Residency Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award—**That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Chamber Orchestra on being shortlisted in the Creative Regeneration category of the prestigious 2026 SURF Awards for its Craigmillar Residency; understands that the awards identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities, and wishes everyone at the Scottish Chamber Orchestra well for the awards ceremony on 10 December 2026.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Colm Merrick*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01457](#) Rachael Hamilton: Kelso Music Society Hits a High Note at 75—**That the Parliament congratulates Kelso Music Society on celebrating its 75th anniversary and the opening of its anniversary season; understands that the organisation was established as Kelso and District Music Society following a public meeting in the town on 14 September 1951, with its first concert taking place the following month; notes that, from its beginnings showcasing local amateur musicians, the society has developed over the past three-quarters of a century to bring distinguished Scotland-based and international performers to audiences in Kelso; understands that the programme for its 2026-27 anniversary season comprises seven concerts at Kelso Old Parish Church; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that the society makes to the cultural life of Kelso and the wider Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency by providing access to high-quality live music in a rural area; further recognises the society's educational outreach work, which provides workshops and concerts to schools free of charge and helps pupils from outlying rural primary schools to travel to Kelso to participate; commends the generations of volunteers, committee members, performers, supporters and audiences who have sustained the society over the last 75 years; congratulates everyone involved on reaching this significant milestone, and wishes Kelso Music Society continued success for many years to come.

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Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01456](#) Rachael Hamilton: Philiphaugh Takes Home Heart Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Philiphaugh Garden and Events, near Selkirk, on receiving a Heart Award at the 2026 Helping It Happen Awards; understands that Philiphaugh Garden and Events has transformed a once-hidden Victorian walled garden into a thriving year-round rural business and visitor destination, combining horticulture, heritage, weddings, workshops, education and community activity; recognises the restoration and reuse of important historic features, including the 100-metre Monka greenhouse and adjoining Kirk; welcomes the garden's commitment to providing free public access throughout the year and to supporting the local community through employment, skills development and the donation of plants to local schools, charities and care homes; particularly commends its partnership with Selkirk High School, through which pupils can undertake six-month horticultural placements and gain practical experience and skills; recognises its commitment to sustainability and biodiversity through pollinator-friendly planting, wildflower areas, beehives, peat-free growing practices, composting, rainwater harvesting and the reuse of materials from the estate; acknowledges the contribution that its weddings, workshops and seasonal events make to attracting visitors and supporting the wider rural economy in the Scottish Borders; commends everyone involved at Philiphaugh Garden and Events for their work in preserving local heritage while creating opportunities for people, nature and the local economy to flourish, and wishes the team continued success for the future.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01455](#) Mark Ruskell: Dogs Trust's Dogs Ownership Guide**—That the Parliament welcomes the Dog Ownership Guide (DOG), which has been developed by Dogs Trust alongside the RSPCA, which operates in England and Wales; understands that the DOG was developed as an overarching framework to be used across the UK for a cohesive, four-nation approach to define responsible dog ownership and the contributing behaviours; commends that it was developed through consultation with 30 organisations comprised of experts in the animal welfare sector, including local authorities and 36,000 members of the public; notes that it is aimed at providing a cultural shift of what it means to be a responsible dog owner and how dogs are perceived in wider society, and believes that the DOG is a way forward for owners to exhibit more responsible behaviours, improve dog welfare in the UK and prevent dog control incidents before they occur.

***[S7M-01454](#) Adam Harley: World Mental Health Day 2026 – Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change** —That the Parliament recognises World Mental Health Day, which takes place on 10 October 2026; notes that the theme for 2026 is Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change; believes that people with lived and living experience of mental illness and mental health challenges bring vital expertise alongside professional, clinical and academic expertise in shaping Scotland's approach to mental health; considers that meaningful involvement extends beyond consultation and the sharing of personal experiences to include influencing decisions, co-designing services and participating in their delivery and evaluation; believes that timely, person-centred and community-based mental health support, accessible to people no matter where they live in Scotland, is essential to prevention and early intervention; values the contribution made by Change Mental Health and other third sector, community and peer-led organisations across Scotland in providing accessible support, reducing isolation, tackling stigma and helping people before they reach crisis; believes that strong community-based support can play an important role in improving people's wellbeing and reducing pressure on acute and statutory services; further believes that the principle of "nothing about us without us" provides an important foundation for the development and delivery of mental health policy and services in Scotland; considers that meaningful representation of the voices and expertise of people with lived experience strengthens decisions about the future of mental health services at both national and local level; thanks people across Scotland who use their own experiences to advocate for change, challenge stigma and improve support for others, and commends mental health organisations, staff, volunteers, peer supporters and communities across Scotland for their work to ensure that nobody has to face mental illness alone.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

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***[S7M-01453](#) Jack Middleton: Charlie House Receives Major Boost**—That the Parliament congratulates the Aberdeen charity, Charlie House, following the news that it will receive a significant funding boost; understands that Charlie House will receive a total of £90,000 over the next three years from the St James's Place Charitable Foundation; notes that this will be used to support its multiple programmes and projects; celebrates the work done by Charlie House in offering accessible activities for children and families struggling with complex medical needs, allowing them to have an inclusive childhood filled with as much fun as possible; highlights the incredible work done by the specialist staff at Charlie House in delivering unforgettable memories for families across North East Scotland; commends the generosity of the St James's Place Charitable Foundation in supporting charities across the UK, and wishes Charlie House all the best with its ongoing programmes and projects.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01452](#) Jenny Young: Congratulating Josh Beveridge, BUCS Golf Tour Autumn Trophy Winner**—That the Parliament congratulates Josh Beveridge, who is from Bathgate, on winning the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Golf Tour Autumn Trophy at Alyth Golf Club; understands that the 21-year-old third-year BA (Hons) Professional Golf student at UHI North, West and Hebrides, won the competition by one shot after three outstanding rounds, carding scores of 67, 69 and 72 for a three-round total of 208; further understands that Josh is the first UHI student to win the trophy, having previously been a member of the Scottish junior squad and finishing runner-up in the 2025 Scottish University Strokeplay Championship; recognises his contribution as joint captain of the UHI golf team; notes that he is due to be awarded a full Blue for golf at his graduation; congratulates Josh on this outstanding achievement, and wishes him every success in his ambition to become a professional golfer.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01451](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Beth Dias-Scoon Leads Caledonia Steel Queens into Historic Elite Season**—That the Parliament congratulates Caledonia Steel Queens on its historic promotion to the Women's National Ice Hockey League Elite, the highest level of women's ice hockey in the UK; understands that its first Elite fixture at Murrayfield Ice Arena marked the return of top-level women's league ice hockey to Scotland after an absence of 32 years and makes the Steel Queens the only Scottish team competing at this level; recognises the contribution of the club's Kirkcaldy-born head coach, Beth Dias-Scoon, whose own distinguished ice hockey career has included representing Great Britain and making more than 200 senior league appearances; acknowledges what it considers to be Beth's remarkable journey from player to coach and her continuing commitment to creating opportunities for women and girls to participate, develop and fulfil their potential in ice hockey; notes that the Steel Queens began as a university team and has developed into a club providing opportunities at development, under-16 and senior women's level; believes that the return of elite women's ice hockey to Scotland after more than three decades is a landmark moment for the sport and an opportunity to inspire a new generation of girls to take to the ice; recognises the dedication of the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters whose commitment has helped make this achievement possible; congratulates Beth Dias-Scoon on playing a leading role in taking the Steel Queens to the highest level of the women's game in the UK, and wishes Beth, everyone at the Caledonia Steel Queens and all those involved in women's ice hockey in Scotland every success for this historic season and for the future.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01450](#) Pauline McNeill: 80th Anniversary of BBC Radio 4's Women's Hour**—That the Parliament congratulates BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour* on reaching its 80th anniversary on 7 October 2026; recognises the programme's contribution over eight decades to informing public debate and amplifying women's voices and experiences; welcomes the decision to mark this significant milestone with a special live broadcast from Glasgow Women's Library, a world-leading resource dedicated to women's history, stories and achievements; recognises the wealth of archive material demonstrating *Woman's Hour's* longstanding role in providing a platform for women to speak about issues affecting

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their lives and communities; welcomes the anniversary theme, Use Your Voice, which celebrates the many ways in which women have used their voices to influence change, challenge inequality and contribute to public and private life; further welcomes the programme's planned year-long programme of celebrations, events and partnerships highlighting women's contributions across society, sport, music and culture, and wishes the *Woman's Hour* team every success as it celebrates 80 years of giving women a voice and ensuring that their stories are heard.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Liam McArthur*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

[*S7M-01449](#) **Clare Adamson: Lian McCulloch SMILES for Charity** —That the Parliament congratulates Lian McCulloch, a Slimming World consultant and yoga teacher from Wishaw, on being selected to run the London Marathon 2027 as part of a nine-person Slimming World team; recognises her personal commitment to raising £3,000 for Cancer Research UK; notes that 37,657 new cancer cases were registered in Scotland in 2024, with 16,352 cancer deaths recorded; acknowledges the work of SMILES (Slimmers Making It a Little Easier for Someone), which has raised more than £30 million for charities since 1997, and wishes Lian every success with her training and fundraising.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*, Gary Bouse*

[*S7M-01447](#) **Cara McKee: Recognising the Haus of Seisay** —That the Parliament recognises the outstanding work of Haus of Seisay, a Paisley-based Scottish charity founded in 2022 by Thomas Seisay and Tony Seisay, whose experience as adoptive parents inspired them to create an academy dedicated to transforming the futures of care experienced and on-the-edges-of-care young people; acknowledges that Haus of Seisay provides a supportive, person-centred learning environment where young people can work towards recognised SVQ Hairdressing qualifications, gain hands-on industry experience, develop employability skills and build confidence; celebrates the organisation's achievement in winning the Education Excellence Award at The UK Hair & Beauty Awards, recognising its innovative approach to combining accredited vocational training with mentoring, wellbeing support and opportunities for progression; notes the charity's success in securing £96,500 from the National Lottery Young Starts Fund to expand its life-changing programmes, enabling more young people from Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Ayrshire and beyond to access accredited training and holistic support; commends the dedication of founders Thomas and Tony Seisay, along with their trustees, staff and industry partners, for their commitment to breaking down barriers, challenging inequality and creating a safe, empowering space where young people can thrive, and applauds Haus of Seisay for its continued contribution to improving outcomes, building independence and offering hope, opportunity and a brighter future for care-experienced young people across Scotland.

Supported by: Ross Greer*, Ariane Burgess*, Laura Moodie*, Miles Briggs*, Kate Nevens*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[*S7M-01446](#) **Pauline McNeill: Action on Police Pensions Delays** —That the Parliament is concerned about reports in the *Herald* newspaper that hundreds of retired police officers are still waiting on pension remedies years after they retired; understands that the Scottish Public Pension Agency has missed its latest target to issue Remedial Service Statements following changes to public sector pension arrangements; believes that these statements are necessary for retired officers to understand their pension provision; is aware that all eligible members were to have been advised of the remedy and choices available to them by April 2026 but understands that approximately 400 cases are outstanding; notes reported calls from members of the scheme and the Scottish Police Federation for Scottish Ministers to take urgent action to end what it sees as this misery for police officers who gave many years of their career serving Scotland's communities.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Liam McArthur*, Paul Sweeney*

[*S7M-01445](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming National Lottery Community Funding in Aberdeen Central** —That the Parliament welcomes the most recent round of National Lottery Community Funding in Aberdeen Central; understands that a range of local organisations and charities will benefit from the combined contribution of £407,723 in the constituency, including Aberdeen FC Community Trust, Asthma and Allergy Foundation, Black and Scot, MindLink Multicultural Counselling &

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Psychological Services, Ndi Anambra Aberdeen, Sereniti, The Bridge and We Too!; notes that this funding will support a range of projects in Aberdeen Central geared towards helping young people, ethnic minority and migrant communities, children with disabilities and older people in isolated circumstances; believes that these projects will be of huge benefit to people in these communities; thanks the National Lottery Community Fund for continuing to support worthy projects and causes in Aberdeen Central, and wishes all the organisations named the very best with their endeavours as they deliver their programmes of work.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01444](#) **Keith Brown: £119,925 National Lottery Funding for Clackmannanshire and Dunblane** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Heather Anderson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Mark Ruskell*, Paul Sweeney*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01443](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Craigmount High School Achieves at National Progression Awards** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Andrew Baxter*, Duncan Dunlop*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01442](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to Anna Drysdale and Open Cellar on Scottish EDGE Success** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01441](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Charles McHardy Butchers on Success at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01440](#) **Clare Adamson: Congratulating Wishaw-based ChemTX on its Constructionline Gold Accreditation** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*

[S7M-01439](#) **Clare Adamson: Celebrating the Community Spirit of Motherwell's Girls' Brigade and Arts & Crafts Club** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01438](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Durris Young Farmers' 90th Anniversary** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Andrew Baxter*, Duncan Dunlop*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01437](#) **Clare Adamson: Hugh Black & Sons Scottish Craft Butchers Championship Success 2026** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01436](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: River Dee Trust Scottish Land Estates Award 2026** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Andrew Baxter*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*, Gary Bouse*

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[S7M-01435](#) **Stephen Kerr: Commemorating the Life of Dame Esther Rantzen** (lodged on 2 October 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01434](#) **Jackie Dunbar: New observatory opens at University of Aberdeen** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Victor Currie*, Heather Anderson*, Karen Adam*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01433](#) **Karen Adam: Celebrating Portknockie Primary School's 150th Anniversary** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01431](#) **Craig Hoy: Congratulations to Macmillan Community Champion, Anne Garrett** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Russell Findlay*, Jackie Baillie*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01430](#) **Clare Adamson: Katie Leung and BAFTA Scotland Awards 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01429](#) **Clare Adamson: Stuart Lyons and Scotland's Success at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01428](#) **Paul McLennan: World Homelessness Day 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01427](#) **Amanda Bland: Congratulations to Ian Winship** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Victor Currie*, Paul Sweeney*, Andrew Baxter*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01426](#) **Murdo Fraser: The Enchanted Forest Community Trust Wins at Central and East of Scotland Scottish Thistle Awards 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Meghan Gallacher*, Russell Findlay*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01425](#) **Ariane Burgess: Recognising One Health Day 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Laura Moodie*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01424](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Recognising Banchory Academy's UNICEF Gold Award** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Andrew Baxter*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01423](#) **Keith Brown: 10th Anniversary of Forth Valley Welcome** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01422](#) **Graham Simpson: Protecting Scotland's Most Precious Woods and Trees** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01420](#) **Angela Ross: Recognising the Development of the Deep Time Trail** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01419](#) **Paul McLennan: World Homelessness Day 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

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New Support: Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Carol Mochan*, Jenni Minto*, Kate Campbell*, Karen Adam*, Colm Merrick*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01418](#) **Liam McArthur: Paying Tribute to Dame Esther Rantzen** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Andrew Baxter*

[S7M-01417](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Jedburgh's Simply Scottish Celebrates Tripadvisor Award** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01416](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Takes Charge of Vital Endometriosis Trials** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01415](#) **Jack Middleton: NESCol S2 STEM Skills Competition Across North East Scotland** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01414](#) **Collette Stevenson: Little Brains Achieves Charitable Status** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01413](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Borders Nicotine Prevention Toolkit Team Wins Healthcare Rights Award 2026** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01412](#) **Laura Mitchell: Forres Hairdresser Receives National Recognition** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01411](#) **Iris Duane: Celebrating Scotland's 25th Black History Month** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Q Manivannan*, Kate Campbell*, Karen Adam*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01407](#) **Kate Nevens: Solidarity with LGBTQIA+ Activists in Türkiye** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Duncan Dunlop*, Jamie Langan*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

[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: Heather Anderson*, Cara McKee*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Russell Findlay*, Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Jackie Baillie*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01371](#) **Julie MacDougall: Recognising Burntisland and Kinghorn Foodbank** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Dawn Black*, Graham Simpson*, Colin Beattie*, Amanda Bland*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01302](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating New College Lanarkshire on the Scottish Institute for Dental Nursing Education** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Joe Fagan*

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

New Support: Martyn Day*

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Questions

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 5 October 2026

[S7W-03997](#) **Zen Ghani:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the CalMac ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan, which has not operated since Summer 2022, will return in Summer 2027.

Written Questions lodged on 5 October 2026

[S7W-03525](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidelines are in place to ensure that patients with post-mesh removal conditions receive equitable aftercare across all NHS boards.

[S7W-03961](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government when SEPA last conducted an assessment of Deer Park near Dunoon, and its surrounding area, for the purposes of determining whether it might be considered a Potentially Vulnerable Area, and whether it plans to review the area in future.

[S7W-03962](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £10 million allocated to its Emergency Heating Oil Scheme had been spent up to 30 September 2026.

[S7W-03963](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01690 by Stephen Gethins on 12 August 2026, in relation to its Emergency Heating Oil Scheme, whether it will provide an update on the number of applications in each local authority area that have been (a) received, (b) approved, broken down by the total amount paid out, and (c) rejected.

[S7W-03964](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of trends in homelessness among 65-year-olds and over, and what action it is taking to prevent and reduce this.

[S7W-03965](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the range and availability of housing options suitable for older people, including what accessible housing, sheltered housing and supported accommodation there is, and what action it is taking to ensure that there is sufficient provision to meet current and future demand.

[S7W-03966](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote awareness and uptake of the joint STUC and Volunteer Scotland Volunteer Charter, and how it encourages organisations receiving public funding to adhere to its principles regarding the appropriate use of volunteers and the protection of paid employment.

[S7W-03967](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the future risk of landslides affecting the A77, particularly in light of changing weather patterns and reported increased instances of extreme rainfall, what the findings were, and what mitigation measures are planned to reduce the risk of any future (a) disruption and (b) damage to the route.

[S7W-03968](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of trends in volunteering rates across the country over the last five years, including what variations there have been by (a) age, (b) gender, (c) socioeconomic background and (d) geographic area, and what action it is taking to encourage and support volunteering in communities where participation rates have declined.

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[S7W-03969](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the risk of trips and falls among older people, and whether it has assessed the effectiveness of measures such as strength and balance programmes, home safety assessments, adaptations to housing, and public health advice in preventing falls and fall-related injuries in later life.

[S7W-03970](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to raise awareness among older people, and their families and carers, of the risks of slips, trips and falls.

[S7W-03971](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the condition and maintenance of pavements, footways and other pedestrian routes on the incidence of slips, trips and falls, particularly among older people, and what action it is taking with local authorities and other relevant bodies to improve the safety and quality of walking infrastructure.

[S7W-03972](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage employers to support employee volunteering, including through the provision of paid volunteering leave or employer-supported volunteering schemes, and what assessment it has made of the impact of such initiatives on volunteering rates across the country.

[S7W-03973](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what follow-up advice, support and interventions are routinely offered to older people following a slip, trip or fall, and what assessment it has made of the impact of this.

[S7W-03974](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many bed bug infestations have been recorded on ScotRail trains in each of the last five years.

[S7W-03975](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there is a renovation plan for ScotRail trains.

[S7W-03976](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment has been made of the condition of ScotRail carriages.

[S7W-03977](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the age profile is of the ScotRail rolling stock.

[S7W-03978](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken over the last five years to promote and support intergenerational projects and activities that bring together people of different ages, and what evaluation it has carried out of the impact of such initiatives.

[S7W-03979](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to improve access to social security benefits and financial advice for older people experiencing digital exclusion or at risk of poverty, particularly those living in rural areas.

[S7W-03980](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the treatment and experiences of social care workers employed in South Scotland who are working on Health and Care worker visas, including in relation to (a) pay, (b) working conditions, (c) access to employment rights, (d) accommodation arrangements and (e) protection from exploitation.

[S7W-03981](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the prevalence and nature of violence against women aged 65 and older, and what action it is taking to ensure that such women experiencing domestic abuse, sexual violence, financial abuse or other forms of gender-based violence have access to appropriate support, protection and specialist services.

[S7W-03982](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many older people have received support for home adaptations in each of the last five years, and what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for such support.

[S7W-03983](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that older people living in rural communities can access reliable transport services that support independent living.

[S7W-03984](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it has carried with older people and organisations that represent them regarding the design, locations and accessibility of

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GP walk-in clinics.

[S7W-03985](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has carried out of the impact of GP walk-in clinics on access to primary care for people aged 65 and over, including whether there has been a reduction in waiting times for routine GP appointments.

[S7W-03986](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has carried out of the specific health, social and economic challenges facing older men across the country and what action it is taking in response to the findings.

[S7W-03987](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to older men following bereavement, and what assessment it has carried out of the effectiveness of such services.

[S7W-03988](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021, how many operational district heat networks have been established and what assessment it has made of the impact of these on energy costs, carbon emissions and local economic development.

[S7W-03989](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of a skilled workforce to deliver its heat network ambitions, and what action it is taking to address any identified shortages in engineering, construction and heat network operation skills.

[S7W-03990](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent findings from Aberdeenshire Council, what its position is on reports that pupils have been incorrectly recorded as having additional support needs (ASN), and whether it considers such recording errors to be a factor in the increase in the number of pupils recorded as having ASN across Scotland.

[S7W-03991](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its review of maternity services will include the downgraded units in Elgin, Galloway and Caithness, including the potential for them to be fully reopened.

[S7W-03992](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action it is taking to increase the number of police officers in rural Scotland, including road traffic officers.

[S7W-03993](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding the latest assessment it has made of the continuity of care in the Community Treatment and Care Services (CTACS) system, particularly for older and vulnerable people, given reports that many patients are being sent to several different CTACS services with different nurses, sometimes several miles from home, for one ongoing health care issue.

[S7W-03994](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of NHS England's July 2026 guidance on preventing unlawful access to patient records, whether it has reviewed, or plans to review, NHS Scotland's arrangements for preventing, monitoring and independently detecting the inappropriate use of patient information.

[S7W-03995](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what controls NHS Scotland has in place to prevent clinicians from using otherwise legitimate NHS credentials to inappropriately access patient information.

[S7W-03996](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Scotland systems record or verify the professional capacity and purpose for which a clinician accesses patient information, particularly where a clinician undertakes both NHS and private practice.

[S7W-03998](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action to the Climate Action Committee on 30 July 2026, what plans it has to engage with stakeholders across the housing, design and construction sectors regarding the commencement of the provision in the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026.

[S7W-03999](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its final evaluation of the Nature Restoration Fund, in light of its interim evaluation, which was published on 6 August 2025.

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[S7W-04000](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will commence the provision in the Natural Environment Act (Scotland) 2026 to make regulations regarding the installation of swift nest boxes in new buildings.

[S7W-04001](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made to inform its plans for the commencement of the provision in the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 requiring installation of swift nest boxes in buildings.

[S7W-04002](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the interaction of building standards legislation with the commencement of section 41 of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026.

[S7W-04003](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic contribution of the A77.

[S7W-04004](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the average daily value of goods transported on the A77, and how this compares with the A9 and A96.

[S7W-04005](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has received regarding the upgrading of the A77 from (a) ferry operators, (b) port operators, (c) road hauliers, and (d) the Northern Ireland Executive and its agencies.

[S7W-04006](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in reviewing non-domestic rates following the most recent non-domestic rates revaluation, and when it will provide an update to the Parliament.

[S7W-04007](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will engage with the COP31 climate summit.

[S7W-04008](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason multi-year funding settlements have been extended to the organisations core funded through Creative Scotland but not to non-national museums and galleries, and whether it will address any such disparity.

[S7W-04009](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will place the Museum Futures programme on a permanent, multi-year footing rather than continuing it as a time-limited programme.

[S7W-04010](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of establishing a Scottish equivalent to the UK Government's Museum Estate and Development (MEND) Fund.

[S7W-04011](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported loss of specialist collections, curatorial and learning roles across the museum sector, and what steps it is taking to retain these skills.

[S7W-04012](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether museum and gallery closures are likely to fall disproportionately on communities outside the central belt.

[S7W-04013](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £4 million of the £70 million in new culture funding it rolled out over the last two years has been allocated to projects outside of the central belt.

[S7W-04014](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the role of investment in community-led housing as a preventative measure to reduce future demand on health and social care services.

[S7W-04015](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the withdrawal of the Communities Housing Trust on the delivery of community-led housing projects currently being developed in Scotland, particularly in rural and island areas.

[S7W-04016](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to maintaining the support for community-led housing currently provided by the Communities Housing Trust.

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[S7W-04017](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the withdrawal of the Communities Housing Trust on the provision of preventative health and care support through community-led housing.

[S7W-04018](#) **Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards delivering a Third Sector Partnership Agreement and Fairer Funding for the voluntary and community sector.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland \(Miscellaneous Listings\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010, section 26(2)(b) of the Consumer (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 19(3) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024

Not subject to any parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2026 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 15\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/280 \(C. 31\)\)](#)

laid under Section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 8 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

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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)), 7 October 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
Report - Lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy) (3rd Report, 2026)
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2026)

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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)

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

[Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland \(Miscellaneous Listings\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (5 October 2026) (Education and Gaelic Committee)

Negative instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 25 November 2026
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- [Sale of Tobacco \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/278\)](#) (2 October 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)
- [Private Residential Tenancies \(Prescribed Notices and Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/279\)](#) (2 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

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