

Tuesday 6 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:42pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-01502, today's business will be as follows:

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: Syngenta
Grangemouth

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

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-01502, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Gavin Niven, John Knox Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S7M-01502](#) Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for

(a) Tuesday 6 October 2026—

after

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Outcomes for Neurodivergent People, Autistic People and People with Learning Disabilities

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Syngenta Grangemouth

(b) Wednesday 7 October 2026—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Outcomes for Neurodivergent People, Autistic People and People with Learning Disabilities

after

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

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Armed Forces Bill - UK Legislation

followed by General Questions

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: Syngenta Grangemouth

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."

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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[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.”

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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 Ritchie, 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 Wimpers, Director, North Edinburgh Arts.
3. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Community Wellbeing Spokesperson and Matthew Sweeney, Chief Officer - Communities, COSLA;
Lynda Campbell, Head of Business & Strategy at Glasgow Life, on behalf of Community Leisure UK.
4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda items 2 and 3.
5. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – upcoming evidence sessions:** The Committee will consider lines of questioning for future evidence sessions with Creative Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic.
6. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – written evidence:** The Committee will consider the written evidence received as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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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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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