

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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

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

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

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 Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026

Committee Meetings

8:45am Rural Affairs Committee

9:00am Transport Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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

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

Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

- 1. Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that communities hosting multiple onshore wind developments, including Tweedsmuir, receive a fair and lasting share of the benefits arising from those developments. ([S7O-00357](#))
- 2. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects its proposed new regional and local authorities to be established. ([S7O-00358](#))
- 3. Zen Ghani:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to strengthen Scotland's relationships with international partners and multilateral organisations, including to support its target of

increasing exports to 25% of GDP by 2029 as set out in its plan for growing Scotland's exports. ([S7O-00359](#))

4. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the financial implications of its proposed public service reform and local government reorganisation agenda. ([S7O-00360](#))

5. Alan Brown: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding financial support for Acorn Carbon Capture and Storage. ([S7O-00361](#))

6. Joe Fagan: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to engage with the public sector workforce and trade unions regarding its public service reform proposals. ([S7O-00362](#))

7. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to embed the principle of subsidiarity into its proposed public sector reform. ([S7O-00363](#))

8. Steven Bonnar: To ask the Scottish Government what role it expects volunteering to play in the delivery of its proposed public service reform agenda, particularly in relation to prevention, health and wellbeing. ([S7O-00364](#))

9. Jenny Young: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of its public service reform agenda on funding for third sector organisations. ([S7O-00365](#))

10. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will assess whether its public sector reforms achieve their intended outcome. ([S7O-00366](#))

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

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

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01460.2](#) Donald MacKinnon: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from "welcomes" and insert "considers that the voices of fishers, processors and coastal communities must be central to decisions affecting the sector; believes that the future of fishing depends on thriving places, with the infrastructure, skills, housing and opportunities needed to retain young people and support industry growth; recognises the growing concern among fishing, aquaculture, ports,

renewable energy and conservation interests regarding the cumulative pressures on Scotland's marine space; calls on the Scottish Government to provide certainty for all users of the sea on how competing demands for marine space will be managed and how any spatial squeeze will be addressed, and further calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward, as a matter of urgency, its long-delayed Marine Plan 2 to provide a clear, integrated and strategic framework for the sustainable management of Scotland's seas."

S7M-01460.1 Jamie Langan: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "and calls on the Scottish Government to provide clarity around its plans for Marine Protected Areas and broader management of marine areas, and encourages the Scottish Government to look at the Norwegian Marine Resources Act as a model for recognising in law the socio-economic value of the fishing industry."

S7M-01460.5 Ariane Burgess: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "welcomes the findings of Environment Standards Scotland's *Protecting Scotland's Seafloor* report, which calls on Scottish Ministers to take actions to meet their legal obligations to the marine environment, and believes that fully implementing the National Marine Plan is crucial to sustaining Scotland's fishers and coastal communities for the long-term."

S7M-01460.3 James Adams: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "and backs the principle that fishermen should be protected from, or compensated for, any financial loss caused by the expansion of offshore wind farms into their long-established fishing grounds."

S7M-01460.4 Andrew Baxter: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "; believes that there is a spatial squeeze, due to an increasing demand in marine space and that steps must be taken to address the impacts the fishing sector is facing due to this demand, including striking a new settlement on space-based planning for Scotland's seas, which respects local knowledge and ensures the right activity happens in the right place as well as a comprehensive scheme of compensation for fisherman who are displaced; notes long held concerns about the level of Scottish Government investment into its Marine Directorate and whether it is fit for purpose; calls therefore on the Scottish Government to conduct a review of the Directorate and to examine whether it should be replaced with a decentralised system, which manages waters as locally as possible, and further calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a scheme on creel limits."

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

S7M-01492 Stephen Kerr: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund —That the Parliament notes that Gordon MacDonald, a Fund Trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund appointed as a participating member, has ceased to be a participating member and has become a scheme pensioner within the meaning of Rule 12(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009; further notes that notification of this change of circumstances has been provided in accordance with Rule 12(2)(a), and, in accordance with Rule 12(2)(b), resolves that Gordon MacDonald shall continue to hold office as a Fund Trustee notwithstanding the change of status from participating member to scheme pensioner.

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

[S7M-01497](#) Stephen Flynn: Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament, noting that the Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 14 May 2026, makes provision that falls within the legislative competence of the Parliament, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clause 7.

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

[S7M-01498](#) Neil Gray: Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament, noting that the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 12 November 2025, so far as these matters fall within the competence of the Scottish Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clauses 12, 15, 17-23, 25-35, 38, 40, 41, 45-52, 56, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

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

[S7M-01499](#) Jamie Hepburn: Armed Forces Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament, noting that the Armed Forces Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 January 2026 (reintroduced on 14 May 2026), makes provision that falls within the legislative competence of the Parliament, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clause 8 (4) and clause 8 (5).

followed by Business Motions

[S7M-01505](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 October 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Keeping The Promise: Progress and Delivery to 2030

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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Chamber Seòmar				

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 Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 3 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Reform UK Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 November 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 October 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S7M-01506](#) Jamie Hepburn: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 13 November 2026.

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026

[S7M-00815](#) Patricia Gibson: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026—That the Parliament supports Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place from 9 to 15 October 2026 and has the theme, *Together, we care*, focusing on nurturing mental and physical wellbeing and supporting one another; recognises that the week provides a safe and supportive opportunity for those affected by pregnancy and baby loss to share their experiences and to feel that they are not alone; recognises the devastating impact that baby loss can have on parents and the wider family; notes official statistics showing that there were 318 baby deaths including 159 stillbirths in Scotland and 4,477 baby deaths including 2,552 stillbirths across the UK in 2024; further notes research by the charity *Tommy’s* indicating that half of adults in the UK have been affected directly, or through someone they know, by pregnancy or baby loss; acknowledges the significance of the global #WaveOfLight on 15 October, during which families around the world light a candle at 7PM local time in remembrance of babies who have died; pays tribute to the charities and organisations that support bereaved parents and families; commends the work of pregnancy and baby loss charities across Scotland and the UK, including Ayrshire Baby Loss Support, a non-profit organisation that supports anyone affected by baby loss and is a member of the Baby Loss Awareness Alliance, a group of more than 80 charities and organisations from across the UK that collaborate during Baby Loss Awareness Week to raise awareness of pregnancy and baby loss and to improve support for those affected, and recognises the valuable contribution that such organisations make in raising awareness and helping families through the painful experience of pregnancy and baby loss.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs Committee 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, John Kerr, Head of Agriculture Policy, and James Muldoon, Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit, 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.

Transport Committee 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.

Criminal Justice Committee 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.

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.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 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.
6. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Care and Sport Committee 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 and Joanne Farrow, Deputy Director, Complex Care & Rights Division, Scottish Government; Ivan Boemer, Solicitor Mental Health Adults with Incapacity, Palliative Care and Digital Health Branch, Food Health and Social Care Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 30 September 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

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Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees>

Climate Action Committee

8 October 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
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.

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Committees Comataidhean				

4. **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.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the [Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \[SSI 2026/263\]](#)

6. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 4.

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.

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Committees Comataidhean				

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 7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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

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Public Service Reform Committee 8 October 2026 8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **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.

2. **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.

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

Proposed future business

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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

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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

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Motions

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Motions for debate

***[S7M-01517](#) Neil Gray: Strengthening Scotland's Cyber Resilience**—That the Parliament recognises that strong cyber resilience is essential to protecting people's rights, safety and access to essential public services as well as ensuring Scotland's national resilience, economic prosperity and the delivery of public services; notes that the increasing reliance on digital technologies is exposing individuals, businesses, public services and the democratic system to growing cyber threats, including cyber crime, online fraud, scams, and ransomware; acknowledges the importance of improving public awareness and personal online security and protecting people's safety; recognises that cyber resilience is a shared responsibility requiring coordination and action across all sectors, and robust regulation of new technologies; welcomes progress through the Strategic Framework for a Cyber Resilient Scotland, the CyberScotland Partnership and the Scottish Cyber Coordination Centre; recognises that these strategies must be effectively resourced; supports more robust cyber resilience standards for public, private and third sector organisations, and supports continued collaboration and cooperation with partners across Scotland, the UK and internationally to identify, manage and respond to evolving digital risks.

Supported by: Kirsten Oswald*

***[S7M-01499](#) Jamie Hepburn: Armed Forces Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament, noting that the Armed Forces Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 January 2026 (reintroduced on 14 May 2026), makes provision that falls within the legislative competence of the Parliament, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clause 8 (4) and clause 8 (5).

Supported by: Stephen Gethins*, John Swinney*

***[S7M-01498](#) Neil Gray: Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament, noting that the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 12 November 2025, so far as these matters fall within the competence of the Scottish Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clauses 12, 15, 17-23, 25-35, 38, 40, 41, 45-52, 56, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

Supported by: Kirsten Oswald*

***[S7M-01497](#) Stephen Flynn: Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament, noting that the Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 14 May 2026, makes provision that falls

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within the legislative competence of the Parliament, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clause 7.

Supported by: Tom Arthur*

***[S7M-01492](#) Stephen Kerr: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**—That the Parliament notes that Gordon MacDonald, a Fund Trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund appointed as a participating member, has ceased to be a participating member and has become a scheme pensioner within the meaning of Rule 12(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009; further notes that notification of this change of circumstances has been provided in accordance with Rule 12(2)(a), and, in accordance with Rule 12(2)(b), resolves that Gordon MacDonald shall continue to hold office as a Fund Trustee notwithstanding the change of status from participating member to scheme pensioner.

[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-01460.5](#) Ariane Burgess: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "welcomes the findings of Environment Standards Scotland's *Protecting Scotland's Seafloor* report, which calls on Scottish Ministers to take actions to meet their legal obligations to the marine environment, and believes that fully implementing the National Marine Plan is crucial to sustaining Scotland's fishers and coastal communities for the long-term."

***[S7M-01460.4](#) Andrew Baxter: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "; believes that there is a spatial squeeze, due to an increasing demand in marine space and that steps must be taken to address the impacts the fishing sector is facing due to this demand, including striking a new settlement on space-based planning for Scotland's seas, which respects local knowledge and ensures the right activity happens in the right place as well as a comprehensive scheme of compensation for fisherman who are displaced; notes long held concerns about the level of Scottish Government investment into its Marine Directorate and whether it is fit for purpose; calls therefore on the Scottish Government to conduct a review of the Directorate and to examine whether it should be replaced with a decentralised system, which manages waters as locally as possible, and further calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a scheme on creel limits."

***[S7M-01460.3](#) James Adams: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end "and backs the principle that fishermen should be protected from, or compensated for, any financial loss caused by the expansion of offshore wind farms into their long-established fishing grounds."

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***[S7M-01460.2](#) Donald MacKinnon: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from “welcomes” and insert “considers that the voices of fishers, processors and coastal communities must be central to decisions affecting the sector; believes that the future of fishing depends on thriving places, with the infrastructure, skills, housing and opportunities needed to retain young people and support industry growth; recognises the growing concern among fishing, aquaculture, ports, renewable energy and conservation interests regarding the cumulative pressures on Scotland’s marine space; calls on the Scottish Government to provide certainty for all users of the sea on how competing demands for marine space will be managed and how any spatial squeeze will be addressed, and further calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward, as a matter of urgency, its long-delayed Marine Plan 2 to provide a clear, integrated and strategic framework for the sustainable management of Scotland’s seas.”

***[S7M-01460.1](#) Jamie Langan: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01460 in the name of Jim Fairlie (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end “and calls on the Scottish Government to provide clarity around its plans for Marine Protected Areas and broader management of marine areas, and encourages the Scottish Government to look at the Norwegian Marine Resources Act as a model for recognising in law the socio-economic value of the fishing industry.”

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01495](#) Kate Nevens: Welcoming Islamophobia Awareness Month**—That the Parliament welcomes Islamophobia Awareness Month, which is set to take place in November 2026; recognises the month as an opportunity to raise awareness of the harms of Islamophobia as well as showcase the positive contributions of Muslims in Scotland and across the UK; notes that the theme, Don't Let It Slide, calls on all to take action, have courage and recognise everyone's everyday responsibility to address Islamophobia; considers Islamophobia as a form of racism and discrimination and notes the view that MSPs should respond to it through their work as Parliamentarians and not allow it to be normalised; believes with sadness that anti-Muslim hatred and attacks on Muslim communities in Scotland are growing, including on the streets, in schools and workplaces, in the media, in politics and online; considers that Islamophobia has a disproportionate impact on Muslim women and that they bear the brunt of anti-Muslim hostility; recognises the important role of specialist Muslim-led “by and for” organisations in supporting those affected by Islamophobia and hate crime, and notes the important contributions of anti-racist education programmes and active bystander work in responding to Islamophobia in Scotland.

Supported by: Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*, Iris Duane*, Ariane Burgess*, Q Manivannan*

***[S7M-01487](#) Stephen Kerr: Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation**—That the Parliament condemns the use of strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) and abusive legal threats to silence survivors of sexual and domestic abuse, journalists, whistleblowers and campaigners, including those in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; notes with concern evidence submitted to the Scottish Government’s consultation, suggesting that survivors have been pressured to retract allegations and withdraw statements to the police; recognises that fear of unaffordable legal expenses can silence people before proceedings reach court; further recognises the Scottish Government’s acceptance of the need for reform; notes the calls for a clear timetable for anti-SLAPP legislation, which would provide for early dismissal of abusive proceedings and protection against prohibitive legal expenses, while safeguarding legitimate claims, and further notes calls for immediate action to improve access to legal advice and address intimidation through threats of litigation.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S7M-01516](#) Patricia Gibson: The Wee Read – Celebrating the Sheer Joy of Reading for Pleasure**—That the Parliament applauds the “Wee Read” initiative programme from the Scottish Library and Information Council, in partnership with mental health charities, publishers, booksellers, authors, educators and community organisations, working together to inspire a nation to read, funded by the Scottish Government; believes that it is very important to celebrate and promote reading for pleasure across all corners and age groups in Scotland; urges all MSPs to lead by example and accept the invitation to stop, take a few minutes and enjoy the pleasure of reading on 7 October 2026, joining thousands of people across Scotland, from schools, libraries and workplaces to community groups, families and individuals; appreciates that reading for pleasure can make a significant impact on wellbeing and mental health as well as improving attainment levels across the board for young people; values the role that libraries play in communities every day in providing access to reading materials for all; is aware that Scotland has a rich literary tradition spanning more than 1,400 years, written across English, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Latin, and early Celtic languages, and is proud that Edinburgh was designated the world's first UNESCO City of Literature and hosts major literary celebrations like the Edinburgh International Book Festival and is hopeful that participation in the “Wee Read” will help many discover and rediscover the sheer joy of reading for pleasure as well as acknowledging that it offers a range of benefits such as helping to reduce stress, improving focus and memory and building a more empathetic nation.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Colm Merrick*, Liam McArthur*, Miles Briggs*, Lloyd Melville*, Colin Beattie*, Collette Stevenson*

***[S7M-01515](#) Jackie Dunbar: New Ultrasound Equipment Donated to Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital**—That the Parliament welcomes the donation of new specialist ultrasound equipment to the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (RACH); understands that children receiving care at RACH will now benefit from new specialist ultrasound equipment thanks to a partnership between Sepsis Research, SPIFOX and NHS Grampian; notes that the equipment will help clinicians obtain intravenous access more quickly and with less discomfort for young patients; believes that in cases involving sepsis, every minute matters and that it is important, therefore, that the right equipment is available to help clinical teams deliver faster, more comfortable care when children need it most, and commends the efforts of all involved in raising the vital funds to deliver the new specialist ultrasound equipment.

Supported by: Duncan Massey*, Helen McDade*, Victor Currie* **R**, Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-01514](#) Zen Ghani: Recognising Dougie Wilkie and The W Academy**—That the Parliament recognises the remarkable contribution of Douglas (Dougie) Wilkie to youth football and young people over more than five decades; notes that Dougie began his footballing journey as a young player with Queen's Park before signing for Dundee United, with his playing career tragically brought to an end following a train crash which left him paralysed; recognises that, rather than allowing this to end his involvement in football, Dougie continued to dedicate himself to the game and, alongside his wife Maureen, moved to New York where he began coaching children in Staten Island; notes that, following their return to Scotland, Dougie and Maureen established Mearns United in the early 1990s, providing local children with the opportunity to play, learn and develop through football; recognises Dougie's commitment to developing technically gifted young footballers, with an emphasis on bravery in possession, playing football on the ground and prioritising development over winning; further recognises that, over five decades, he has coached thousands of young people across Scotland and internationally, including children from deprived communities, young disabled people and families from a wide range of backgrounds; celebrates the role that football has played in providing young people with confidence, friendships, discipline, belonging and opportunities; recognises that Dougie inspired his sons, Ryan and Kyle, to pursue professional football careers and that his footballing legacy subsequently developed into The W Academy, with the “W” representing the Wilkie family and the values of resilience, courage, family and development; notes that The W Academy now works with more than 600 young players every week from its football facility in Glasgow, with more than 130

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players progressing into professional football academies; congratulates Dougie on recently celebrating his 70th birthday and recognises that he remains actively involved in The W Academy and committed to supporting the development of young players, and commends Dougie for a lifetime of service to young people and football and for demonstrating, through his own remarkable journey, that disability need not limit a person's ability to inspire, contribute and create opportunities for others.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

[*S7M-01513](#) Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Highland Spring on Another Record Breaking Year

—That the Parliament congratulates Highland Spring on its record sales numbers in 2025; acknowledges that the Blackford-based bottled water company is the UK's largest and posted revenues of £163.4 million in 2025, a more than 10% increase on the year before; notes that, with a staff of over 500, the company is a major employer in Perthshire and has brought large-scale investment to the area, most recently with the £10 million expansion of its main bottling site in Blackford, and wishes it further success in the future.

[*S7M-01512](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating the Success of the Westray Mini Rugby Tournament

—That the Parliament congratulates all of the organisers, coaches, players and supporters involved in the inter-Orkney mini rugby tournament that took place in Westray in September 2026; understands that the tournament saw almost 80 primary school students, representing Kirkwall, Westray, East Mainland and West Mainland, compete in what could be considered the most remote junior rugby competition in Scotland; notes that the primary four/five section was won by team Kirkwall, while the primary six/seven section was won by the hosts Westray; pays tribute to Adam and Karriz Baird and Peter and Eve White for their efforts to build up the Westray mini rugby group, which was previously facilitated by the parent council as an after-school activity but is now part of the wider Orkney Rugby Football Club; thanks the Westray Development Trust, Cooke Aquaculture and Hutchinson Shellfish for helping to fund the travel and equipment for last month's memorable tournament; recognises that participation in sport is a great way for young people to build their confidence, improve their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and create lasting friendships; commends everyone in Westray who has helped grow the community's mini rugby initiative from an initial group of 5 players to a group of more than 20; congratulates all of the young players who participated in the tournament last month on their fantastic efforts, and wishes everyone involved in Orkney's wider youth rugby programme all the best for the future.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

[*S7M-01511](#) Liam McArthur: Kirkwall Shortlisted for Scotland's Town of the Year —That the Parliament celebrates the news that Kirkwall has been named as one of five finalists for the title of Scotland's Town of the Year at the 2026 Scotland Loves Local Awards; understands that Kirkwall has been shortlisted alongside Fort William, Inverurie, East Kilbride and Falkirk for the top accolade; recognises that the town was shortlisted after an application was submitted by Kirkwall Business Improvement District (BID), a local business-led initiative that supports developments aimed at strengthening the local economy and keeping Kirkwall vibrant and attractive to visitors and residents alike; considers the town of Kirkwall to be an excellent candidate for the title of Scotland's Town of the Year given its strong sense of community and local identity, rich history, thriving local businesses and beautiful public spaces, among other things; congratulates all of the towns, people and projects shortlisted at the 2026 Scotland Loves Local Awards, and wishes them the best of luck for the awards announcement taking place later this month.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Duncan Dunlop*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

[*S7M-01510](#) Liam McArthur: The Orcadian Design & Print Named Small Team of the Year—That the Parliament congratulates The Orcadian Design & Print on being named the Team of the Year

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(Small) at The Print Industry Awards 2026; understands that The Print Industry Awards celebrate innovation and talent within the print, visual and digital communications sector; notes that the Team of the Year (Small) is awarded to an organisation with fewer than 50 employees within the print industry that has demonstrated strong collaboration, team effectiveness and consistency in delivering high-quality work; considers this award to be a well-deserved recognition of the outstanding services that The Orcadian Design & Print team offer locally, which support artists, small businesses, community organisations and individuals in bringing their creative visions to life; congratulates all those nominated at The Print and Industry Awards this year on their fantastic achievement, and wishes The Orcadian Design & Print team continued success in all the years to come.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*, Carol Mochan*

***[S7M-01509](#) Jack Middleton: Lionel Messi's Final International Match**—That the Parliament recognises the final international football appearance of Lionel Messi on 6 October 2026; notes that Leo Messi will close an extraordinary international career tonight at the famous Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires as Argentina take on Benin; acknowledges Messi's achievements with Argentina, including winning the Copa America in 2021, 2024 and captaining his country to World Cup glory in 2022; believes that with eight Ballon d'Or awards, Messi is undoubtedly the greatest footballer of all time and arguably the most talented athlete in their sporting field, and celebrates his contribution to the world's most popular sport with many people in Scotland wishing Messi the best tonight.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01508](#) Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating Set Aside at Greenlawdean Farm**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the innovative work of Set Aside at Greenlawdean Farm, near Greenlaw in the Scottish Borders; understands that the 700-acre organic working farm has developed an approach that brings together sustainable agriculture, conservation, rural skills, learning, community participation and wellbeing; understands that the farm has transitioned to organic production, with much of the land comprising grassland, agroforestry and wildflower meadow, while continuing to protect the River Blackadder SSSI, which flows through the Dean; recognises the contribution of volunteers to the stewardship of the land, including the planting of 1,400 trees to support wildlife corridors, biodiversity and pollinator habitats; welcomes the opportunities provided for people to experience and learn from the countryside through walking, horse riding, wildlife watching, workshops, traditional skills and practical activities connected to the land; notes that visitors can experience the farm's diverse landscape of working farmland, woodland, river, reservoir and grassland, alongside its sheep, cattle and abundant wildlife; welcomes Set Aside's commitment to maintaining free local access for dog walking and horse riding while developing a membership community centred on learning, sharing skills and stewardship of the countryside; commends its Skills-sharing and Community memberships, which enable people to teach, learn and participate in workshops and activities, and particularly welcomes its free Healing Membership for charities and individuals in need, providing access to accommodation, quiet spaces and nature as part of recovery and wellbeing; recognises the provision of simple off-grid accommodation, including huts with wood-burning stoves and solar-powered lighting, encouraging visitors to disconnect from digital pressures and reconnect with the natural environment; welcomes initiatives including practical rural skills and community activities, such as hedge-laying and the regular Monday Members Muster, which brings members together to exchange ideas and knowledge; considers that Set Aside demonstrates how a working farm can combine food production and responsible land management with biodiversity, rural skills, tourism, community involvement and wellbeing; congratulates Jenny Leggate, the volunteers and everyone involved in developing Set Aside at Greenlawdean Farm, and wishes the initiative continued success in strengthening the connection between people, farming and the natural environment in the Scottish Borders.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

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***[S7M-01507](#) Karen Adam: Celebrating Banffshire and Buchan Coast's Success at the Scots Language Awards 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates all the winners in Banffshire and Buchan Coast on their outstanding success at the Scots Language Awards 2026; celebrates Banff Academy being named Scots School of the Year; congratulates Stewart Clelland and his Project-Based Learning pupils at Banff Academy on being awarded Scots Book of the year for *Wirds o Banff*; celebrates the Doric Bootcamp at Portsoy Summer School for winning the Scots Community Project of the Year; congratulates Antonia Cant of Peterhead Academy on being named Scots Teacher of the Year; congratulates Doric Books' on winning Scots Bairns' Book o the Year with *Awa Doon e Toon* written by Julia Lynch; recognises the fantastic contribution being made across the North East by the promotion and development of the Scots Language; welcomes the inaugural Scots Language Week, which will take place from 6 to 11 September 2027; recognises the importance of Scots Doric in preserving North East heritage and identity, and wishes all participants and winners of the Scots Language Awards the very best for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01506](#) Jamie Hepburn: Stage 1 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 13 November 2026.

***[S7M-01505](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 October 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Keeping The Promise: Progress and Delivery to 2030

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice

followed by Committee Announcements

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5.30 pm Decision Time

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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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 Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 3 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

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5.30 pm Decision Time

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followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Reform UK Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 November 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 October 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

[*S7M-01504](#) Stuart McMillan: Terra Nova Explorer Scout Unit Wins Mark Muir Challenge for the First Time—That the Parliament congratulates Terra Nova Explorer Scout Unit, part of Greenock and District Scouts, on winning the prestigious Mark Muir Challenge for the first time; recognises the achievement of the unit's young people following a demanding weekend of teamwork, resilience and outdoor adventure on the Isle of Bute; notes that 29 Explorers from six Greenock and District Explorer Scout units took part in a series of challenging activities, including navigation exercises, a 10-mile trek, camping, water-based challenges and a night-time search and rescue exercise; commends all participants for demonstrating determination, leadership and community spirit throughout the event; further congratulates Gary McEachran and Andy MacDougall on receiving the Mark Muir Award for

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Merit in recognition of their outstanding service and commitment to providing opportunities for young people across the district; welcomes the continued success of Greenock and District Scouts in developing practical skills, confidence and leadership among young people through activities undertaken by its Cub and Explorer sections; acknowledges the contribution of volunteers, supporters and partners, including the Muir family, CalMac Ferries, Vango and Inverkip Church, in making the challenge possible, and wishes Greenock and District Scouts every success in its future activities, including the forthcoming “Let’s Go Gang Show 2026” at the Beacon Arts Centre.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

*[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

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***[S7M-01501](#) David Torrance: NHS Fife Completes First Robot-assisted Radical Cystectomy—**That the Parliament congratulates the surgical team at NHS Fife on successfully carrying out its first robot-assisted radical cystectomy at Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy; understands that radical cystectomy, which can be required as part of treatment for bladder cancer, is one of the most complex procedures in urology and involves the removal of the bladder and prostate, along with lymph nodes in the affected area, followed by reconstruction of the urinary system using a section of the patient's bowel; notes that this is the first time that the procedure has been carried out using robotic surgical technology in Fife; understands that the patient was able to return home after eight days in hospital, compared with a typical stay of between 12 and 14 days following open surgery; recognises that robotic surgery can offer surgeons greater precision, control and visualisation during complex procedures and can support faster patient recovery; notes that NHS Fife reached the milestone of 1,000 robotic-assisted procedures in 2025 and has continued to develop its expertise in robotic and urological surgery; acknowledges NHS Fife's previous innovations in urological care, including becoming the first NHS board in Scotland to offer Rezum steam therapy for enlarged prostate conditions and subsequently to provide the treatment as an outpatient procedure; commends the expertise and dedication of the surgical and wider clinical teams involved in achieving this latest milestone, and welcomes the continued development of specialist services that enable patients in Fife to access advanced urological cancer treatment closer to home.

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***[S7M-01500](#) David Torrance: Fife College and SGN Shortlisted for National Energy Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Fife College and SGN on being shortlisted for the Energy Transition Initiative of the Year: Projects & Systems category at the 2026 Energy & Tech Awards, organised by edie, which is a UK sustainability and energy media organisation; understands that the recognition follows their pioneering partnership to develop what is understood to be the UK's first hydrogen training course for Gas Safe registered engineers and the establishment of the UK's first dedicated hydrogen training and assessment centre at Fife College's Levenmouth Campus; notes that the programme provides an accredited hydrogen qualification alongside practical training using live hydrogen systems, equipping engineers with the skills required to safely install, commission and maintain hydrogen heating technologies; recognises the collaboration between Fife College, SGN, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, the Scottish Government, the Health and Safety Executive, Gas Safe Register, BPEC, Energy & Utility Skills, the Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers and industry manufacturers in developing the training pathway; understands that around 100 engineers, managers and technical specialists have already completed the programme, helping to develop the workforce required to support H100 Fife, the UK's first domestic green hydrogen network; believes that the initiative further strengthens Fife's reputation as a centre for clean energy innovation and supports the development of skills for the transition to net zero; commends everyone involved in the partnership for their work, and wishes Fife College and SGN every success when the winners are announced in London on 16 October 2026.

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***[S7M-01496](#) David Torrance: Fife Businessman Takes on William Wallace Ultra for Parkinson's UK—**That the Parliament commends Fife businessman and estate agent, Jim Parker, on taking on the William Wallace Ultra Marathon in support of Parkinson's UK and Parkinson's UK in Scotland; understands that Jim will attempt to run more than 30 miles in what will be his biggest endurance challenge to date and the final fundraising challenge of an extraordinary 2026; recognises that Jim's fundraising is deeply personal following the death of his father in 2024, after he had lived with Parkinson's for more than a decade; notes that some of his friends have since also been diagnosed with the condition; acknowledges that Jim climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in December 2025, raising more than £4,500, before completing both the London and Edinburgh marathons in 2026; notes that he has overcome a serious avulsion injury around the pelvic and adductor area, undergoing months of rehabilitation while completing more than 1,000 miles of training; understands that Jim hopes to raise at least £1,000 through the William Wallace Ultra challenge; applauds his determination to raise funds

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and awareness for people living with Parkinson's and their families, and wishes Jim every success as he takes on the William Wallace Ultra Marathon.

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***[S7M-01494](#) Maggie Chapman: Solidarity with University of Dundee Staff Taking Strike Action**

—That the Parliament recognises and values what it sees as the important role of the University and College Union (UCU) in defending the jobs and conditions of its members in higher education, including those whose jobs are at risk; believes that the UCU at the University of Dundee, alongside other campus unions, has long acted to defend the values of the university; appreciates the organising and effort of the union in this context; commends its ongoing commitment to protecting jobs, opposing compulsory redundancies and ensuring fair treatment for staff, including its ongoing strike action in September and October of 2026, and extends its solidarity and best wishes for what it believes are its continued efforts in advocating for fair work and an effective workers' voice. **R**

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***[S7M-01493](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Wemyss Ware Cat Trail Auction**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved in the hugely successful auction of the Wemyss Ware Cat Trail sculptures in Kirkcaldy; understands that the Adam Smith Theatre was at full capacity for the auction, which saw the giant cat sculptures sold for a combined total of over £100,000, with all funds raised going back into the Kirkcaldy Lottery, which backed the initiative led by the Adam Smith Global Foundation; notes that the event followed the success of the Wemyss Ware Cat Trail, which captured the imagination of residents and visitors throughout the town; further notes that the celebrations included a gathering of the sculptures and their artists in Kirkcaldy Town Square, live entertainment from young performers from Kirkcaldy Actors' Studio and a special appearance from panto dame Billy Mack; recognises the contribution of auctioneer Hamish Wilson of Bonhams Edinburgh in helping to generate enthusiastic bidding; commends the artists, organisers, performers, businesses, volunteers and members of the community who contributed to the success of the trail and auction, and believes that the project has been a wonderful celebration of Kirkcaldy's creativity, heritage and strong community spirit.

Supported by: Julie MacDougall*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01490](#) Jack Middleton: Warehouse Skills Development Programme Shortlisted for Award**

—That the Parliament congratulates Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) on its Warehouse Skills Development Programme being shortlisted in the Removing Barriers to Employability category of the prestigious 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration, which identifies and celebrates best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities; recognises that CFINE has been at the forefront of tackling food poverty in the North East for decades, becoming a valued organisation in Aberdeen and the surrounding areas; acknowledges the important work that CFINE does to provide financial assistance and skills development for those who use its services; hopes the team at CFINE are rightly proud of being shortlisted for this award, and wishes them the best for their future endeavours.

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***[S7M-01489](#) Jack Middleton: Tour de Fitba Fundraising** —That the Parliament recognises the incredible fundraising efforts of the Tour de Fitba team as it cycles across Scotland; understands that the group of friends from the North East will be cycling to every Scottish Premiership football ground, covering 260 miles in four days; notes that the team members are fundraising for their close friend, Kev, who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in March 2026; highlights the use of tandem bikes in this challenge, which are intended to represent no one being left behind; congratulates the friends on raising approximately £52,000 in support of Kev and his family as they navigate this difficult period; commends their efforts to support their friend in need; appreciates the power that sport can have in supporting those most in need across Scotland, and wishes the team well as it starts its

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journey on 7 October 2026 at Kilmarnock's Rugby Park before ending at Aberdeen FC's famous Pittodrie Stadium.

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***[S7M-01488](#) Jenny Young: Recognising World Mental Health Day**—That the Parliament notes that World Mental Health Day will be marked on 10 October 2026; welcomes the work of Scotland's Mental Health Partnership (SMHP), which is a coalition of 19 organisations from across Scotland's mental health sector; recognises its contribution to creating a strong collective voice on mental health; notes SMHP's view that, as health and social care reform progresses, mental health must not be overlooked; agrees that there is no health without mental health and that mental health should be afforded genuine parity of esteem with physical health; notes calls for parity of esteem to be reflected in policy, planning and funding decisions, for greater investment in prevention and early intervention, for strong representation of mental health expertise and lived experience in decision-making and for equitable access to services across Scotland; believes that any reform should be judged by its impact on patient care and outcomes, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that mental health is placed at the heart of health and social care reform and given equal priority in Scotland's future health system.

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***[S7M-01486](#) Stephen Kerr: Supporting the Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force, Royal Air Force Air Cadets and Combined Cadet Force**—That the Parliament recognises the significant contribution made by the Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force, Royal Air Force Air Cadets and Combined Cadet Force to the personal development of young people across Scotland; believes that participation in the cadets can build confidence, resilience, self-discipline, leadership, teamwork and responsibility, while providing opportunities for adventure, friendship, community service and nationally recognised qualifications; commends the Cadet Force Adult Volunteers whose commitment makes these opportunities possible; believes that young people from every background should have the opportunity to learn about and participate in the cadet movement; calls for cadet organisations to be given reasonable access to secondary schools to explain their activities and recruit new members, subject to normal safeguarding arrangements; further calls on schools, local authorities and the Scottish Government to work constructively with cadet organisations to widen participation, particularly in communities where young people currently have limited access to cadet units; believes that cadet organisations should not be excluded from schools because of political or ideological objections, and considers that every young person should have the opportunity to learn about the confidence, skills, friendships and sense of purpose that the cadet movement can provide.

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***[S7M-01485](#) David Green: Congratulating East Sutherland Rotary Club on Raising £2,500 for Youth and Children's Projects**—That the Parliament congratulates the East Sutherland Rotary Club on the success of its 20th annual Duck Race in Brora, raising £2,500 for youth and children's projects in East Sutherland; recognises the work that the Rotary Club does to improve local communities; commends the work done to engage young people in their community through engagement with environmental projects, humanitarian projects such as the shoebox appeal, and helping preparations for the duck race; commends the club for the opportunities for growth it provides to young people through interview preparations and national creative competitions; further commends the club for the help it provides to elderly people in local community; celebrates a thriving community heartbeat in Sutherland, and celebrates all the voluntary and community work done by people across Caithness, Sutherland and Ross.

Supported by: Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Paul Sweeney*

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***[S7M-01484](#) Maggie Chapman: Beyond Bars: Problem-solving Courts and the Future of Justice**

—That the Parliament welcomes Community Justice Scotland's national event, Beyond Bars: problem-solving courts and the future of justice, taking place in Edinburgh on 8 October 2026; notes that the event brings together experts from Scotland and internationally to share learning on problem-solving courts and justice reform; welcomes the opportunity to consider how evidence-led approaches can address the underlying causes of offending and reduce reoffending; recognises the work being undertaken to improve justice outcomes and strengthen community safety, and wishes the organisers and participants a successful event.

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***[S7M-01483](#) Rachael Hamilton: Bright Arts CIC Receives £19,972 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Bright Arts CIC on receiving £19,972 from the National Lottery Community Fund to enable the organisation to continue providing free creative wellbeing classes for participants in sheltered housing venues across the Scottish Borders; recognises its work to make creative activities accessible to people who might experience barriers to participating in mainstream community activities; notes that previous Bright Arts projects have delivered free and inclusive crafting sessions in sheltered housing settings with the aim of improving mental and physical wellbeing, reducing social isolation and providing safe and supportive environments; considers that creative activity can provide valuable opportunities for self-expression, conversation, friendship and learning new skills; recognises the importance of taking activities directly into sheltered housing communities, particularly for people who may have mobility or transport difficulties; commends everyone involved with Bright Arts CIC for using creativity to strengthen social connections and support wellbeing, and wishes the organisation continued success with its programme.

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***[S7M-01482](#) Rachael Hamilton: Stable Life Receives £6,778 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Stable Life, which is based at Dryden Farm near Selkirk, on receiving £6,778 from the National Lottery Community Fund to enable 50 disadvantaged young people to access equine activities free of charge during school holidays; recognises that Stable Life uses equine-facilitated wellbeing programmes to support vulnerable young people across the Scottish Borders who are experiencing challenges in their lives; understands that its person-centred programmes use horses and their environment to help young people develop confidence, emotional regulation, communication, resilience and self-understanding; notes that young people can be referred to Stable Life by schools, social work teams, GPs, CAMHS, and parents and carers; recognises that the organisation also provides practical work experience and supports young people as they consider progression towards college and employment; notes its longstanding links with local education, including the delivery of qualifications in horse care and rural skills for Selkirk High School; recognises the positive role that it believes animals, physical activity and a supportive rural environment can play in helping young people build confidence and positive relationships; commends Stable Life's staff, volunteers, peer mentors and supporters for their commitment to young people across the Scottish Borders, and wishes the 50 young people benefiting from the latest funding an enjoyable and positive experience.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01481](#) Rachael Hamilton: Presenting Coldstream Association Receives £9,827 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Presenting Coldstream Association on receiving £9,827 from the National Lottery Community Fund to support Coldstream Civic Week; recognises what it sees as Presenting Coldstream's important role in organising the annual celebration, which is traditionally the final Borders' civic festival of the year; notes that Coldstream Civic Week takes place during the first full week of August and includes a varied programme of community events; recognises the important contribution of the town's equestrian

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traditions, including its cavalcades and ride-outs, to the celebrations; considers that civic weeks and common riding traditions play an important role in preserving the history, identity and traditions of communities throughout the Scottish Borders while bringing generations together; commends the considerable contribution made by volunteers and local organisations to ensure that these traditions continue; thanks National Lottery players for supporting Coldstream Civic Week, and wishes Presenting Coldstream Association and the wider Coldstream community every success with future celebrations.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01480](#) Rachael Hamilton: Kelso Community Council Receives £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Kelso Community Council on receiving £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to acquire a watering vehicle and bowser to support volunteers in maintaining plants and floral displays throughout Kelso; recognises the considerable contribution made by community volunteers who give their time to maintain and improve public spaces throughout the town; considers that attractive and well-maintained public spaces contribute to community pride and help to make Kelso welcoming for residents, businesses and visitors; recognises the importance of supporting volunteers with suitable equipment to allow them to carry out their work efficiently and sustainably; commends Kelso Community Council and all of the volunteers involved in enhancing the town; thanks National Lottery players for supporting community-led improvements, and wishes the project every success.

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***[S7M-01479](#) Rachael Hamilton: Interest Link Borders Receives £380,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Interest Link Borders on receiving £380,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to enable it to continue providing befriending services for children and young people with learning disabilities aged eight to 25, alongside its adult befriending service; recognises that Interest Link provides support to people with learning disabilities, as well as young people with autism, across the Scottish Borders; notes that its services include one-to-one friendships, social groups, in-school groups and distance befriending; understands that group activities take place in communities, including in Duns, Coldstream, Kelso, Selkirk and Hawick, and includes arts and crafts, drama, cookery, music, games, outings and meals; recognises that its in-school groups help the organisation reach children who might be unable to attend community groups; further recognises the benefits to families and carers through predictable short breaks and the reassurance of knowing that the person that they care for is able to socialise safely; commends the volunteers who give their time to build meaningful friendships with members; recognises the contribution that friendship, inclusion and participation can make to confidence, independence and wellbeing, and wishes Interest Link Borders every success in continuing what it sees as its valuable work across the Scottish Borders.

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***[S7M-01478](#) Rachael Hamilton: Beyond Earlston Receives £19,828 from the National Lottery Community Fund**—That the Parliament congratulates Earlston Catchment Voluntary Youth Work Services, which is known as Beyond Earlston, on receiving £19,828 from the National Lottery Community Fund to support sessional youth workers to deliver after-school activities and trips for 11- to 18-year-olds across the Scottish Borders; recognises that Beyond Earlston provides inclusive activities for young people across towns and villages in the Earlston High School catchment area; notes that its activities aim to broaden young people's horizons through new experiences, outdoor learning, environmental projects, volunteering and community participation; recognises its involvement in the Stepping Stones programme, which provides young people with one-to-one and small-group support aimed at improving emotional wellbeing, confidence and life chances; welcomes its efforts to keep activities free or low-cost so that financial circumstances do not prevent them from participating;

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commends its staff, trustees and volunteers for creating safe spaces in which young people can develop skills, friendships, confidence and resilience, and wishes Beyond Earlston continued success.

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[*S7M-01477 Rachael Hamilton: Connect Berwickshire Youth Project Receives £15,450 from the National Lottery Community Fund](#)—That the Parliament congratulates Connect Berwickshire Youth Project on receiving £15,450 from the National Lottery Community Fund to allow the organisation to continue its welfare support, advice and signposting service for young people and their families across Berwickshire; recognises the important role played by locally based youth services in ensuring that young people can access trusted advice and support close to home; understands that Connect Berwickshire Youth Project works with young people across communities, including in Duns, Eyemouth and Coldstream; recognises the particular challenges that can be associated with delivering and accessing services across rural communities; considers that early support, positive activities and trusted relationships can make an important contribution to young people's confidence, wellbeing, skills and future opportunities; commends the staff, volunteers, young people and families involved with the project; thanks National Lottery players for supporting youth provision in Berwickshire, and wishes Connect Berwickshire Youth Project continued success in its work with young people and their families.

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[*S7M-01476 Rachael Hamilton: Coldingham Brave Bayers CIC Receives £9,061 from the National Lottery Community Fund](#)—That the Parliament congratulates Coldingham Brave Bayers CIC on receiving £9,061 from the National Lottery Community Fund to support a 20-week winter wellbeing programme combining indoor swimming, gentle physical activity and social opportunities to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing; recognises the organisation's wider work using blue and green spaces to improve mental and physical wellbeing, increase confidence and bring people together; notes its commitment to making outdoor activity accessible regardless of age, background, ability or circumstance; welcomes its work to improve water safety by helping people understand open-water conditions, cold water, personal safety and the risks associated with outdoor swimming; notes that previous wellbeing programmes have reported improvements in participants' mental and physical wellbeing, social connection and confidence in open water; recognises its collaboration with organisations, including the RNLI, to promote water safety; commends Coldingham Brave Bayers for, it believes, creating welcoming opportunities for people to enjoy the Scottish Borders coastline safely and confidently, and wishes everyone involved every success with the new winter programme.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

[*S7M-01475 Rachael Hamilton: Artbeat Studios Receives £2,650 from the National Lottery Community Fund](#)—That the Parliament congratulates Artbeat Studios in Hawick on receiving £2,650 from the National Lottery Community Fund to support a community event to celebrate 25 years of operation, as well as new signage and the creation of wall hanging designed by members of the community; recognises Artbeat Studios as a registered charity, which provides inclusive support and facilities for the arts in a non-judgemental environment; notes its previous work to improve accessibility for its Hawick premises and make its creative facilities more accessible; recognises the important role that community arts organisations can play in dealing with isolation, encouraging creativity, building confidence and bringing people together; commends everyone who has contributed to Artbeat Studios over the last 25 years, including its staff, volunteers, participants and supporters; thanks National Lottery players for supporting grassroots organisations in the Scottish Borders, and wishes Artbeat Studios every success with its anniversary celebrations and for many years to come.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

[*S7M-01474 Julie MacDougall: Congratulating New Dunfermline First Responders](#)—That the Parliament congratulates the new Community First Responder group based in Dunfermline, a

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volunteer paramedic initiative whose members are trained by the Scottish Ambulance Service; understands that this group was formed to address a growing need in the local area for emergency medical care; recognises that eight new responders have been initiated to begin work helping the community, serving the areas of Dunfermline, Rosyth and Inverkeithing; acknowledges that their responsibility will be to get there before trained paramedics can attend the scene, which aims to reduce overall response time for those in crisis; thanks the local branch of the Scottish Ambulance Service for training them, and offers them congratulations for becoming certified, and wishes them the best in serving the local community in Fife.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***S7M-01473 Thomas Kerr: Remembering 7 October 2023**—That the Parliament recognises 7 October 2026 as the third anniversary of the barbaric terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas against Israel on 7 October 2023; remembers with sorrow the approximately 1,200 people murdered in the attacks, including babies, children, women, and older and young people attending the Nova music festival; recognises that 7 October was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust and believes that the massacre was an attack not only on individual Israelis, but on the State of Israel and the Jewish people's right to live in security and freedom; condemns Hamas unequivocally as a proscribed terrorist organisation and rejects any attempt to justify, minimise or celebrate its atrocities; recognises the State of Israel as the national home of the Jewish people and affirms what it believes to be the Jewish people's fundamental and historic right to national self-determination in their ancestral homeland; supports Israel's right to exist as a sovereign, democratic and secure Jewish state and what it considers to be its right, like every other nation state, to defend its citizens against terrorism; remembers all who were taken hostage on 7 October and calls for the continued protection and dignity of every hostage and for the return of the remains of those who were murdered in captivity; condemns what it sees as the rise in antisemitism witnessed internationally since the attacks and expresses solidarity with Scotland's Jewish community, affirming that Jewish people should be able to live openly and safely in Scotland without intimidation, hatred or fear; believes that denying Israel's right to exist, or applying double standards to the Jewish state must not be permitted to become accepted forms of antisemitism; rejects calls for the dismantling or destruction of the State of Israel; supports a future in which Israelis can live in peace, security and prosperity, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to stand firmly against antisemitism, terrorism and to reaffirm Scotland's solidarity with the people of Israel and Jewish communities in Scotland and around the world.

Supported by: David Smith*, Angela Ross*, Kim Schmulian*, Victor Currie*, Senga Beresford*

***S7M-01472 Hannah Mary Goodlad: Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*

***S7M-01471 David Smith: Support for Israel's Defence and European Defence Cooperation**—That the Parliament recognises the arrival of the INS Drakon, Israel's newest and largest submarine, at the Israeli naval base in Haifa following its 3,792-nautical-mile voyage from Germany; notes that the 74-metre submarine, weighing approximately 2,600 tonnes, was constructed by the German shipbuilder, Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, following around 12 years of development; further notes that its air-independent propulsion system allows it to remain submerged for extended periods without surfacing; welcomes the longstanding defence, engineering and technological cooperation between European countries and Israel; recognises the contribution of Germany and other European partners to Israel's defence capabilities and security; commends the European engineers, manufacturers, skilled workers and defence industries involved in the development and construction of advanced naval capabilities; thanks Scotland's European neighbours for providing Israel with important defence capabilities and for supporting Israel's security, and recognises the importance of continued support

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for Israel and its ability to maintain the strong defensive capabilities necessary to protect its people and national security.

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***[S7M-01470](#) Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen and Wood Foundation to Support Local Organisations**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that 13 local charities and community organisations are set to benefit from a new cohort of students from the University of Aberdeen; understands that the initiative, Interns with Impact, which is delivered by the University of Aberdeen in partnership with The Wood Foundation, aims to connect students with work opportunities while helping charities develop innovative projects; notes that placements will give students the chance to gain valuable professional experience, while making a tangible contribution to organisations working across sport, culture, science, community development, social support and the arts; believes that a total of 13 internships have been approved for 2026 with more set to follow in 2027; understands that participating organisations include Aberdeen Science Centre, Aberdeen Sports Village, Cfine and North East Sensory Services (NESS); notes that the Interns with Impact initiative is now in its fourth year, with the new cohort due to commence a seven-week placement in November 2026; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of the internships and the experience this initiative provides to interns but also the support it offers to charities and local organisations, and wishes all interns the best for their placements.

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***[S7M-01469](#) Jackie Dunbar: Anne Jenkins Appointed Chief Executive of Langstane Housing Association**—That the Parliament congratulates Anne Jenkins on her successful appointment as chief executive of Langstane Housing Association; understands that Anne first joined Langstane as a director of housing, following an extensive 20-year career across the housing sector, including roles with Aberdeen City Council, Angus Council and Blackwood Homes and Care as well as serving as a board member on Scotland's Housing Network; believes that, under Anne's leadership, the housing association will continue to build on its existing work whilst also considering how to evolve, innovate and deliver for its tenants and communities; recognises the work carried out by Anne during her career so far, and wishes her every success going forward in her new role.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01468](#) Jackie Dunbar: Aberdeen Performing Arts Celebrates Success of Aberdeen Comedy Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdeen Performing Arts on the success of its second Aberdeen Comedy Festival, which came to a close on 4 October 2026; understands that the festival welcomed over 17,000 comedy fans across 45 gigs and events in the Granite City across three weekends, with some of the biggest names in comedy, emerging talent and family shows performing; notes the commitment by Aberdeen Performing Arts to make the festival a firm fixture in Aberdeen's cultural calendar, bringing people together, attracting audiences into the city and giving them another reason to explore everything Aberdeen has to offer; commends the efforts of everyone at Aberdeen Performing Arts in delivering such a successful event, and wishes them all the best as they plan for 2027.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01467](#) Jackie Dunbar: New Greenspace Opens on Foresterhill Campus**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the Foresterhill Greenspace Project within NHS Grampian's Foresterhill campus in Aberdeen; notes that the Greenspace project, which was funded by the European Regional Development Fund through NatureScot, was designed by erz landscape architects and built by Kier Construction; believes that the project has sought to improve the quality and accessibility of greenspace on NHS Grampian's estate as well as providing much-needed flood prevention basins; understands that more than 150 trees have been planted as part of the project,

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which also involved woodland planting and opening up an old burn which ran under the site, with the site also including a picnic and natural play area, wildflower meadows and an extensive sculptural basin that will capture surface water run-off from the car park; recognises the health, wellbeing and therapeutic benefits that the Greenspace Project will provide for patients, staff, visitors and the wider local community, and commends the efforts of all involved in bringing the project to fruition.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

***S7M-01464 David Smith: Celebrating the Work of Helensburgh Men's Shed**—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of Helensburgh Men's Shed to the local community; notes the recent work undertaken by members to prepare raised beds in Hermitage Park in collaboration with New Way; recognises the importance of community spaces that help people connect, share skills and support one another, and congratulates the members and volunteers involved in the continued development of the Men's Shed.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Julie MacDougall*, Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Bland*

***S7M-01463 David Smith: Celebrating the Success and Future of Helensburgh Sailing Club**—That the Parliament welcomes National Lottery funding awarded to Helensburgh Sailing Club towards the purchase of its clubhouse site; recognises the club's contribution to sailing and community life in Helensburgh and the wider area; notes the importance of securing sustainable facilities for local sporting organisations, and congratulates everyone involved in helping secure the club's future.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Julie MacDougall*, Jamie Langan*, Paul Sweeney*

***S7M-01462 Jamie Langan: Selkirk Chess Club** —That the Parliament recognises that Selkirk hosted the first major chess tournament in the Borders in almost 20 years in September 2026; recognises that the event was organised by Selkirk Chess Club in partnership with the Scottish Chess Tour, Chess Scotland and the County Hotel; applauds the participation of players ranging in age from six years old to 80 years old; welcomes the vibrant community spirit fostered by the event; understands that Selkirk chess club meets every Tuesday at 7pm, welcoming players of all abilities; celebrates the exciting resurgence of chess in the local community, and wishes Selkirk Chess Club every success for the future.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, R, Duncan Dunlop*, Amanda Lindsay*, Thomas Kerr*, Max Bannerman*, Julie MacDougall*, Senga Beresford*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul Sweeney*

***S7M-01461 Jamie Langan: Borders Book Festival** —That the Parliament congratulates the organisers of the Borders Book Festival on delivering its largest ever Schools Day held at Galashiels Academy in September 2026; recognises the amazing achievement of bringing together 3,050 pupils and teachers from across the Borders for a wonderful day of storytelling; applauds the teachers and volunteers whose time and dedication made the event possible; welcomes the positive provision of a free book to every attending pupil, and believes that events such as these play a vital role in encouraging literacy, creativity and most importantly, a lifelong love for reading among the next generation.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, David Smith*, Duncan Dunlop*, Amanda Lindsay*, Thomas Kerr*, Max Bannerman*, Senga Beresford*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01459 Heather Anderson: A Celebration of Scotland's Place in Video Games History
(lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Patricia Gibson*, Miles Briggs*, James Adams*, Dawn Black*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*, Laura Moodie*, Laura Mitchell*

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[S7M-01458](#) Kate Campbell: Scottish Chamber Orchestra's Craigmillar Residency Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01457](#) Rachael Hamilton: Kelso Music Society Hits a High Note at 75 (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01456](#) Rachael Hamilton: Philiphaugh Takes Home Heart Award (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01455](#) Mark Ruskell: Dogs Trust's Dogs Ownership Guide (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Linden*

[S7M-01454](#) Adam Harley: World Mental Health Day 2026 – Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Dawn Black*, Victor Currie* R, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Michelle Campbell* R

[S7M-01453](#) Jack Middleton: Charlie House Receives Major Boost (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Clare Haughey*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Stuart McMillan*, James Adams*, Gary Bouse*, Dawn Black*, Michelle Campbell*

[S7M-01452](#) Jenny Young: Congratulating Josh Beveridge, BUCS Golf Tour Autumn Trophy Winner (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*

[S7M-01451](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's Beth Dias-Scoon Leads Caledonia Steel Queens into Historic Elite Season (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Julie MacDougall*, Victor Currie*

[S7M-01450](#) Pauline McNeill: 80th Anniversary of BBC Radio 4's Women's Hour (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, James Adams*

[S7M-01449](#) Clare Adamson: Lian McCulloch SMILES for Charity (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*

[S7M-01446](#) Pauline McNeill: Action on Police Pensions Delays (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: James Adams*

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

New Support: James Adams*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, James Adams*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Gary Bouse*, Colin Beattie*, Laura Mitchell*

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

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Jamie Langan*

[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: James Adams*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Laura Mitchell*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[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: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Lorna Slater*

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

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Jamie Langan*

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

New Support: Laura Mitchell*, Cara McKee*, Patrick Harvie*, Jenni Minto*

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

New Support: Morven-May MacCallum*

[S7M-01089](#) **Finlay Carson: Sterling Work of Optometry Scotland Recognised** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: David Linden*

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

New Support: Jamie Langan*

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Questions

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

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 8 October 2026

1. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00056](#))
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00057](#))
3. **Gillian Mackay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00058](#))
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00059](#))
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00060](#))

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 6 October 2026

[S7W-03909](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that the so-called "sunshine tomato" developed by the John Innes Centre, which reportedly has increased vitamin D content, is closer to market, whether it plans to change its position on gene editing to enable consumers and producers in Scotland to take advantage of this technology. **R**

[S7W-03910](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the decision was made to no longer operate the Glen Sannox using liquefied natural gas (LNG) following its 2026 annual overhaul.

[S7W-03911](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Glen Sannox used liquefied natural gas (LNG) when docking prior to its 2026 annual overhaul, for what reason the decision was made to no longer use LNG when docking, and when that decision was made.

[S7W-04019](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason a temporary 50 mph speed limit remains in place on the A90 between the St Ann's and Keithock junctions following completion of the carriageway resurfacing works.

[S7W-04020](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the 70 mph speed limit will be reinstated on the A90 between the St Ann's and Keithock junctions, what action, if any, is required before this can take place, and from which budget any associated costs will be met.

[S7W-04021](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it monitors the extent to which older people experience difficulties in accessing GP appointments due to the increased use of online booking systems, digital triage and remote consultations, and what measures are in place to ensure equitable access to GP services for those who are digitally excluded.

[S7W-04022](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether existing bus services have sufficient capacity to accommodate any increase in passenger numbers arising from the introduction of the £2 bus fare and what discussions it has had with bus operators regarding the provision of additional services on key routes to ensure residents can fully benefit.

[S7W-04023](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding the prevalence of rats in residential areas across Scotland, whether it has identified any increase in rat

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sightings, infestations or related complaints in the last five years, and what action it is taking to support local authorities in addressing any such increase.

[S7W-04024 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will instruct the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service to test the market for developing the airspace above the large surface car park at Glasgow Sheriff Court, which could generate income for the state and support the regeneration of Laurieston in line with the plan recently approved by Glasgow City Council.

[S7W-04025 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to supporting increased tourism across Fife, in light of data sourced from VisitScotland indicating that the region is ranked on the lower end of tourist numbers for the whole country, recording 1.1 million overnight visitors compared to Edinburgh's 4.5 million visitors and the Highlands' 2.8 million.

[S7W-04030 Willie Rennie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government further to the answer to question S7W-00174 by Jenny Gilruth on 5 June 2026, what subsequent discussions it has had with local authorities regarding the implementation of the Better Surfaces Fund.

[S7W-04031 Thomas Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government where prisoners currently accommodated within the HMP Barlinnie estate will be held following the closure of HMP Barlinnie, in light of a response to a recent Freedom of Information request which revealed that the establishment recently held 1,450 prisoners, while the replacement HMP Glasgow will have 106 fewer places with a planned operational capacity of 1,344 places.

[S7W-04032 Dawn Black:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will bring into force section 60 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025, which transfers jurisdiction for Mobile Homes Act 1983 disputes to the First-tier Tribunal (Housing and Property Chamber).

[S7W-04033 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-00315 by Simita Kumar on 3 June 2026, whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government regarding the proposed Section 104 Order relating to changing marriages to civil partnerships covering the reserved law of Scotland only and what the anticipated timescale is for the Order to be made.

[S7W-04034 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people resident in Scotland have received NHS treatment in the rest of the UK in each of the last five years.

[S7W-04035 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the Building Safety Levy on the cost of constructing new homes in the Highlands and Islands.

[S7W-04036 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the Building Safety Levy on the viability of small and medium-sized housebuilders operating in the Highlands and Islands.

[S7W-04037 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to introducing a reduced rate, exemption or other mitigation for developments in remote, rural and island communities under the Building Safety Levy.

[S7W-04038 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with housebuilders, housing associations and local authorities in the Highlands and Islands regarding the potential impact of the Building Safety Levy on housing supply.

[S7W-04039 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the Building Safety Levy on the delivery of housing planned to support population retention and address rural depopulation in the Highlands and Islands.

[S7W-04040 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much of the Bus Infrastructure Fund will be spent in the Scottish Borders.

[S7W-04041 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how the Bus Infrastructure Fund will aim to support rural services in areas such as the Scottish Borders.

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[S7W-04042](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it was informed in advance of Police Scotland accepting a mutual aid request from the Police Service of Northern Ireland regarding the public order operation on the Garvaghy Road in Craigavon on 27 September 2026.

[S7W-04043](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it expects More Homes Scotland to allocate towards land assembly, remediation and infrastructure works in each year of its initial operation.

[S7W-04046](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Cowlares regeneration project, the Strategic Sites programme and West Edinburgh, which were cited in its More Homes Scotland update, what aspects of those projects it considers could be replicated elsewhere in Scotland.

[S7W-04047](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it anticipates that More Homes Scotland's role in supporting strategic sites will include land assembly, infrastructure funding, direct equity participation, master-planning support or other interventions, and whether it will publish guidance on this.

[S7W-04048](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how More Homes Scotland will determine which housing projects are suitable for aggregation under its proposed regional delivery approach, and what role local authorities will have in that decision-making process.

[S7W-04049](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional planning and development delivery support it expects More Homes Scotland to provide to local authorities beyond that already available through the National Planning Hub.

[S7W-04050](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how much financial support it is providing to Glasgow City Council to assist with pay protection, in light of the recent fire and rehire dispute. **R**

[S7W-04051](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total value is of the additional financial support that it has offered to provide to Glasgow City Council to fund three years of pay protection until April 2030 for the approximately 11% of non-teaching staff facing salary reductions under the local authority's new pay and grading system, whether this funding is ring-fenced, and from which budget line or fiscal resource it will be drawn.

[S7W-04053](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the adequacy of current anaesthetist numbers across NHS Scotland.

[S7W-04054](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on maternity services of the reported shortage of anaesthetists across NHS Scotland.

[S7W-04055](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on postponements and cancellations of surgery of the reported shortage of anaesthetists across NHS Scotland.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 October 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Visitor Levy \(Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

laid under sections 28A(3), 45(4) and 69(6) of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026

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

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

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Lodged on 17 September 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026

Report - Lead committee (Transport) (1st Report, 2026)

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

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

Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026

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

Financial Services and Markets Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-8a

Lodged on 6 October 2026

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

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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)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 30 November 2026

[Visitor Levy \(Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (6 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 25 November 2026 Lead Committee report due by 23 November 2026

[Police Service of Scotland \(Conduct\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/276\)](#) (1 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[Police Service of Scotland \(Senior Officers\) \(Conduct\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/277\)](#)
(1 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 26 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 23 November 2026

[Sale of Tobacco \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/278\)](#) (2 October 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

[Private Residential Tenancies \(Prescribed Notices and Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/279\)](#) (2 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2026

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 October 2026 \(SP Paper 18\)](#), publication date: 6 October 2026

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Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 6 October 2026—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Financial Services and Markets Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-8a)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 October 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

City of Edinburgh Council - Low Emission Zone Annual Report (LEZAR) Year 2: April 2025 to March 2026 (CEC/2026/02) laid under Section 29(1)(a) and Section 29(2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Consumer Scotland - Consumer Welfare Report (CS/2026/02) laid under subsection (4) (a) of section 17 of the Consumer Scotland Act 2020

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/203) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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