

Monday 26 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 7 October 2026

Tuesday 27 October 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: John Dalton, Member, Crisis Scotland Lived Experience Campaigns Group

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: Celebrating Scotland's 25th Black History Month

Wednesday 28 October 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Health

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: World Stroke Day 2026

Thursday 29 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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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: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland

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

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

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>

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

27 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.

The Committee will decide whether its consideration of the following items should be taken in private at its next meeting:

- Consideration of a draft letter on pre-budget scrutiny;
- Consideration of an approach paper for a Screen Scotland inquiry;
- Consideration of a draft response to the Senedd's Constitution, Justice and External Affairs Committee inquiry into its inter-institutional relations agreement;
- Consideration of its approach to devolution oversight and an initial draft oversight report.

- 2. Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
Iain Munro, Chief Executive, Alastair Evans, Director of Strategy, and Martin McGoldrick, Chief Operating Officer, Creative Scotland.
and then from—
Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic and Jamie MacDougall, Deputy Director, Culture and Historic Environment, Scottish Government.
- 3. Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 4. Pre-Budget scrutiny – letter recommendations:** The Committee will consider recommendations to include in its letter on its culture scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.
- 5. Pre-Budget scrutiny – letter:** The Committee will consider draft letters on its international development and external affairs scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

Proposed future business

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

27 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] – evidence:**
The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy, Saleem Hassan, Team Lead, Energy Markets and Strategy, and Matthew Lourie, Policy Manager, Energy Markets and Strategy, Scottish Government.
3. **The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] – motion recommending approval:** Stephen Gethins (Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy) to move— S7M-01559—That the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
Mike Thornton OBE, Chief Executive, Energy Saving Trust;
Cassandra Dove, Member, Scottish Government's Heat in Buildings Strategic Advisory Group and Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;
Ross Armstrong, Chief Executive, Warmworks.
and then from—
Vicki Miller, Chief Executive and Jamie Manson, Director of Corporate Services, VisitScotland.
5. **Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-1c.
6. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 4.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

27 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:45AM in Committee Room 4

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Draft instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider—

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[The draft Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland \(Miscellaneous Listings\) Regulations 2026](#)
[The draft Visitor Levy \(Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

3. Instruments subject to annulment: The Committee will consider—

[The Criminal Legal Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/267\)](#)
[The Sale of Tobacco \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/278\)](#)
[The Private Residential Tenancies \(Prescribed Notices and Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/279\)](#)
[The Scottish Land Commission \(Number of Land Commissioners\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/284\)](#)

4. Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure: The Committee will consider—

[The Social Security \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/274 \(C. 29\)\)](#)
[The Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/275 \(C. 30\)\)](#)
[The Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 15\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/280 \(C. 31\)\)](#)
[The Bluetongue \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/281\)](#)

- 5. Scottish Law Commission – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Lord Sandison, Chair and Graham McGlashan, Project Manager, Scottish Law Commission.
- 6. Financial Services and Markets Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-8 and LCM-S7-8a.
- 7. Commercial Payments Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the responses from the Scottish Government and the UK Government, with reference to LCM-S7-5 and LCM-S7-5a. The Committee will also consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-5b.
- 8. Scottish Law Commission – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda item 5.

Proposed future business

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

Criminal Justice Committee

28 October 2026

9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 6

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Colin Brown, Executive Council Member, Fire Brigades Union;
David Kennedy, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;
Tracey Mulholland, President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association;
Hamish Robertson, Director of Data and Insight, The Wise Group;
Lynne Thornhill, Director of Justice at Sacro (representing UpSide Programme), UpSide.
and then from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland, Audit Scotland;
Karyn McCluskey, Chief Executive, Community Justice Scotland;
Craig Naylor, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland.

3. **Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—

The Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276);

The Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277).

4. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting under item 2.
5. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will review its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at
CriminalJustice.committee@Parliament.Scot

Rural Affairs Committee

28 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Land Reform – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Josh Doble, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Community Land Scotland;
Sarah-Jane Laing, Chief Executive, Scottish Land and Estates;
Ewen McLachlan, Chairperson, Development Trusts Association Scotland;
Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission.

3. **Land Reform – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at an earlier meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Transport Committee 28 October 2026 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny - evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
John Gurr, Chair, The Rest and Be Thankful Campaign Group;
Paul Morgan, Government Relations Executive, British Motorcyclists Federation (representing the Pothole Partnership);
Shan Saba, Director, Moray Chamber of Commerce;
Alastair Smith, President, West Highland Chamber of Commerce;
Jamie Shovelin, Manager, Dumfries & Galloway Chamber of Commerce.
and then from—
Allison Cosgrove, Chair, Railfuture Scotland;
John Hamilton, Chief Executive Officer, Winchburgh Developments Ltd;
Jordan Jack, General Secretary, Campaign for North East Rail;
Nigel Mullan, Volunteer Member, Newburgh Train Campaign;
Tom Thorburn, Honorary President, Rail Action Group, East of Scotland (RAGES).

2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny - review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Health, Care and Sport Committee 28 October 2026 8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Preparing for future challenges in the health, care and sport sectors - pre-budget scrutiny:**
The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Martin Knapp, London School of Economics;
Professor Catherine Needham, University of Birmingham;
Professor Derek Feeley, Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

and then from—

Forbes Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, sportscotland;
Gregor Muir, Acting Chief Executive, Scottish Sports Association;
John Lunn, Chief Executive, Scottish Swimming;
Kay Morrison, Chief Executive, Glasgow Life and Board Member of Community Leisure UK.

2. **Review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under Item 1.
3. **Review of written evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the written evidence that it has received on pre-budget scrutiny.
4. **Review of forthcoming SSIs (In Private):** The Committee will review its forthcoming subordinate legislation.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

28 October 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 5

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5, and all future considerations of draft reports and correspondence to the Scottish Government, in private.
2. **Child poverty stakeholder roundtable – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;
Professor Suzanne Fitzpatrick, Commissioner, Poverty and Inequality Commission;
Peter Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, The Poverty Alliance;
Fiona King, Head of Policy, Research and Influencing, Save the Children;
Justina Murray, Chief Executive, Aberlour Children's Charity;
Satwat Rehman, Chief Executive Officer, One Parent Families Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument, the Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026.
4. **Child poverty stakeholder roundtable – consideration (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Pre-budget scrutiny – letter:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing regarding its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

Proposed future business

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Committees Comataidhean				

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee

28 October 2026

9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:45AM in Committee Room 1

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 and all future draft reports in private.
- Budget (Scotland) Act Amendment Regulations 2026 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] from—
Hannah Mary Goodlad, Minister for Public Finance, Scott Mackay, Head of Finance Co-ordination, and Craig Maidment, Senior Budget and Funding Manager, Scottish Government.
- Budget (Scotland) Act Amendment Regulations 2026– motion recommending approval:**
Hannah Mary Goodlad, Minister for Public Finance to move—

S7M-01360 - That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
- Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-10.
- Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Proposed future business

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Motions Glusadan				

Motions

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

Members' Business motions that have achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01683](#) Stephen Kerr: The Scottish Veterans Commissioner's Progress Report 2026**—That the Parliament notes the *Scottish Veterans Commissioner's Progress Report 2026* and its relevance to veterans and their families across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; recognises their service and contribution, and the work of public services, charities and volunteers in supporting the Armed Forces community; welcomes the progress identified in helping service leavers translate military skills and qualifications into civilian employment, and the updated housing guidance recognising the needs of veterans and their families; acknowledges that, according to the report, of the 96 recommendations made by the Commissioner's office since 2014, all have been accepted by the Scottish Government and 50 have been fully implemented; notes the Commissioner's assessment that progress has slowed; further notes her concerns about minimal progress on the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Pathway, participation by around 5% of GP practices in the GP Recognition Scheme, the time taken to develop the Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Pathway, and limited activity in response to her Veterans and the Law report; recognises what it sees as the importance of employment support for veterans and their spouses and partners, and notes the view that the findings merit parliamentary discussion of the barriers to delivery, responsibility for outstanding commitments and how progress is measured through improvements in veterans' lives.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Alexander Burnett*, Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Thomas Kerr*, Victor Currie*, Russell Findlay*, Julie MacDougall*, Meghan Gallacher*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01709](#) Max Bannerman: Refusal of Planning Permission for Coul Links**—That the Parliament regrets the decision by Scottish Ministers to refuse planning permission for the proposed 18-hole championship golf course development at Coul Links, near Embo; notes reports that no consideration was given to the fact that the creation of the proposed golf resort, clubhouse and pro shop was projected to generate between 270 and 400 local jobs; believes that rejecting the development represents a significant missed opportunity for an area struggling with the loss of its working-age population, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to be clear about its commitment to, and the future of, investment in the Highlands.

Supported by: David Smith*, Jamie Langan*, Amanda Lindsay*, Angela Ross*, David Green* **R**, Thomas Kerr*

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S7M-01702](#) Jamie Langan: Supporting Scotland's Pubs**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the closure of The Crown Inn in Biggar, a historic public house dating back to 1650, which closed its doors in October after serving the local community for generations; recognises the contribution made by its owners and all their staff over the years; notes that The Crown Inn was named CAMRA Lanarkshire Pub of the Year in 2016 and was widely regarded as an important landmark in the town; believes that traditional country pubs play a vital role in fostering community spirit and identity; expresses concern at the growing number of pub closures across Scotland amid rising operating costs, taxation and what it sees as excessive regulations and bureaucracy; believes that Scotland's pubs form an integral part of Scotland's cultural heritage; notes reported concerns that policy making in recent years has too often treated pubs primarily as a public health problem rather than recognising them as vital community institutions; believes that social drinking is a normal and valued part of British life, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to champion rather than penalise Scotland's traditional pubs and the communities they serve.

Supported by: Amanda Lindsay*, Graham Simpson*, David Smith*, Angela Ross*, Mark Simpson*, Thomas Kerr*, Max Bannerman*

***[S7M-01689](#) Paul Sweeney: The Impact of Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2026**—That the Parliament considers poverty and fuel poverty at the end of life as a significant and ongoing challenge for people across Scotland; notes the forthcoming publication of Marie Curie's latest report on poverty at the end of life in Scotland, produced in partnership with Loughborough University; welcomes ongoing efforts to better understand poverty and financial insecurity at the end of life; understands that living with a terminal illness can increase household costs while reducing income from employment for dying people and unpaid carers; notes the impact that poverty and fuel poverty can have on wellbeing, care and choice at the end of life; considers that no-one should face financial insecurity at the end of life; believes that, while there is no single solution to ending deaths in poverty or fuel poverty, there is a need for urgent action; notes calls for continued momentum across government and public services to target support for people at the end of life and their carers, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take action to prevent people across Scotland, including in the Glasgow region, from dying in end of life poverty.

***[S7M-01687](#) Stephen Kerr: A BBC Scotland fit for the future**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role that the BBC plays as a valued national institution and a world-leading public service broadcaster; believes that it delivers impartial journalism, educational content and high-quality programming that enrich cultural and civic life across Scotland and the UK, including in Mid Scotland and Fife; considers that the recent announcement regarding BBC Scotland is a necessary step to secure the BBC's long-term strength and relevance; believes that while these decisions are difficult, particularly for the staff affected, they reflect the changing reality of how audiences consume media; further believes that the BBC must spend licence fee payers' money wisely by focussing resources on core journalism and output rather than maintaining legacy services on the basis that they have been running for a long time; considers that adapting to changing viewer habits while upholding the central importance of public service broadcasting is essential to ensuring a strong, modern and sustainable BBC; further considers that a strong, independent BBC Scotland plays a vital role in providing impartial and authoritative journalism and that there is considerable scope to improve coverage of the Scottish Parliament, particularly its committees, legislative scrutiny and debates beyond First Minister's Questions; notes the view that there should be more in-depth political discussion programmes, including a regular programme reporting on proceedings at Holyrood, and believes that the forthcoming Royal Charter renewal is an opportunity to strengthen the BBC's independence, accountability and commitment to high-quality public service broadcasting.

Supported by: Tim Eagle*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S7M-01720](#) Daniel Johnson: Supporting Scotland's Sleep Support Line**—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision by Sleep Support to close in May 2027, which would result in the loss of specialist support for families across Scotland; notes that the Sleep Support Line is a vital service that has helped more than 5,000 families across Scotland since 2018; recognises the importance of ensuring that families can access specialist support when they need it; calls on the Scottish Government to identify and secure the funding necessary to enable the service to continue operating, and further calls on the Scottish Government to use its Budget announcement on 3 December 2026 as an opportunity to provide the funding needed to secure the future of the service and enable it to continue supporting families across Scotland.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*

***[S7M-01719](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating Inverurie on Being Scotland's Town of the Year 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverurie on being named Scotland's Town of the Year, and Derek Ritchie, improvement district manager, on securing a High Street Hero Award; notes that the judges were particularly impressed with the popular and idyllic Aberdeenshire town's thriving business community that has successfully attracted major events and bucked the trend of town centre decline; applauds the residents for rallying behind local traders thus boosting footfall for long-established businesses and newcomers alike, and recognises that building strong partnerships and continuing to work to strengthen the town were also key factors in winning the award, which is organised by Scotland's Towns Partnership.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01718](#) James Adams: Derek Ritchie of We Are Inverurie BID Recognised as a 2026 High Street Hero**—That the Parliament congratulates Derek Ritchie, manager of We Are Inverurie Business Improvement District (BID), on being recognised as a 2026 High Street Hero for North East Scotland at the Scotland Loves Local Awards; recognises the award as a fitting tribute to his dedication to strengthening Inverurie's town centre and supporting its local economy; commends his work in championing local businesses, supporting major events, helping secure funding, bringing organisations together and advocating on issues affecting the town; acknowledges his additional roles as a trustee of Inverurie Events and Evolving Inverurie, which demonstrate his commitment to collaboration and community-led progress; recognises the important contribution made by Derek and his colleagues in helping Inverurie to thrive as a vibrant destination in which to live, work, shop and visit; celebrates the collective efforts of local businesses, community organisations and volunteers in strengthening the town's future, and wishes Derek continued success in his work supporting Inverurie and the wider Garioch community.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*

***[S7M-01717](#) James Adams: Inverurie Named Scotland's Town of the Year at Scotland Loves Local Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Inverurie on being named Scotland's Town of the Year at the Scotland Loves Local Awards; recognises the town's strong sense of community, thriving local businesses and continued investment in its town centre; notes that Inverurie's population grew by almost a fifth between 2011 and 2022, reaching more than 15,000 people; commends local initiatives, including the Garioch Pipe Band Championships at Kellands Park, which attracted an estimated 9,000 visitors, and the expanding monthly farmers' market, which has doubled in size since 2024; welcomes the town's reported retail vacancy rate of approximately 4% as evidence of its commercial strength; celebrates the contribution of generations of family-run businesses, including Wm Bruce Shoe Shop, which has traded for 103 years, and Strachan's, which has served the community since 1938; acknowledges the dedication of residents, traders, community organisations and Aberdeenshire Council in preserving Inverurie's distinctive character as a historic market town while supporting its modern growth; recognises the town's longstanding friendship with Bagnères-de-Bigorre in France; commends everyone whose collective efforts have helped make Inverurie a vibrant, welcoming and successful place to live, work and visit, and wishes the town continued success as it proudly wears its crown as Scotland's Town of the Year.

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Motions Gluasadan				

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, Thomas Kerr*, Craig Hoy*

***[S7M-01716](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Celebrating the Birth of Two Asiatic Lions at Edinburgh Zoo—**

That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh Zoo on the births of two Asiatic lions on 11 October 2026; recognises the historic significance of the birth of these endangered lion cubs; notes that it is the first time that lion cubs have been born at the zoo in seven years; congratulates first-time parents, Bindee and Jayendr; applauds the devotion of the keepers at Edinburgh Zoo, and acknowledges that there are only an estimated 400 Asiatic lions left living in captivity and that these births are an important moment for wildlife conservation.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Lindsay*, Paul Sweeney*, Angela Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

***[S7M-01715](#) Andrew Baxter: Recognising Fort William's High Street Hero Norrie MacLean—**That the Parliament congratulates Norrie MacLean on being named High Street Hero at the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2026; recognises his decades of unpaid service to Fort William, including painting benches, weeding, cutting hedges, tending Belford Gardens and the Fort and watering the town's hanging baskets; commends his quiet dedication to keeping Fort William welcoming and well cared for, often working before the town's day has begun; notes that Norrie continues this work into his 80s, motivated by his love for his community; celebrates the contribution of volunteers whose efforts make a lasting difference to town centres across the Highlands; welcomes Fort William's shortlisting for Town of the Year, and thanks Norrie for his outstanding service to the town and its residents.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01714](#) Heather Anderson: Congratulating Graduates of M&S Marks & Start Programme —**

That the Parliament congratulates the recent graduates from the Scottish cohort of the Marks & Start programme; recognises that the Marks & Start programme has been delivered by a partnership between The King's Trust and Marks & Spencer (M&S) for more than 20 years, helping young people build confidence, develop workplace skills and gain valuable experience with an M&S store; further recognises that, since 2013, more than 1500 young people in Scotland have participated in the programme, with 80% going on to secure a role within M&S; notes that the celebration event on 14 October 2026 brought together young people from Dundee who have recently completed the four-week programme, alongside representatives from both The King's Trust and M&S, as well as friends and family; further notes that over 90% of the recent cohort have now secured job offers; believes that employability programmes such as Marks & Start can be important to help young people into employment; thanks all at The King's Trust and colleagues across the participating M&S stores for their work to support young people across Scotland, and wishes all recent graduates of the programme all the best as they progress into the world of work.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, David Torrance*

***[S7M-01713](#) Amanda Lindsay: Congratulating Lucy Lawson of Unicorn Markets CIC—**That the Parliament congratulates Lucy Lawson, founding director of Unicorn Markets CIC in Bathgate, on being named High Street Hero for Central Scotland and Lothians West Region in the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2026; understands that in her final year studying business, Lucy was asked to write a business plan for a social enterprise, and embarking on research on what became of the Old Bathgate Market, it became apparent that this event had been an integral part of life in Bathgate; further understands that, rather than just constructing a plan, Lucy decided to bring a market back to Bathgate and it happened in 2023 with Unicorn Markets CIC being formed on 27 February of that year, with Bathgate Market and car boot sale opening on 10 June at the old railway station car park as an initial five-week trial; believes that with around 4,000 visitors reported on the opening day, the successful pilot was extended and grew into a year-round weekly market, which continues to the present day, with free pitches helping charities and community groups to take part; understands that in December 2023, Lucy created and ran the Christmas Street Market as part of Bathgate's festive light switch-on, which has also returned every year since; acknowledges that in three years, community

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activity has widened into growing, reuse, repair and learning, all alongside the weekly market; considers that Lucy has also been elected as a 2026 Churchill Fellow to research community-led market models in Germany and the USA, and commends what it sees as her sterling and tireless endeavours with this remarkable initiative and example of creating community cohesion for the benefit of all Bathgate's residents, charities, independent businesses and many others.

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***[S7M-01712](#) Jack Middleton: Butlers Travel Agency Success**—That the parliament welcomes the news that Butlers Travel Agency, which is based in Aberdeen's Rosemount area, has reported £1 million in sales in the last three months; understands that the business offers package holidays to destinations at home and abroad; notes that the relatively young business, having only been founded in 2024, represents a fresh new generation of entrepreneurs in Aberdeen; congratulates the team founded by Lee Butler on its thriving success, and hopes that it continues to excel in the travel agency space.

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***[S7M-01711](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating Huntly Development Trust for Being Shortlisted for SURF Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Huntly Development Trust on Number 30, in The Square, Huntly, being shortlisted in the Improving Scotland's Places category of the 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration, which identifies and celebrates best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities; notes that Number 30, which opened on a phased basis in late 2024, is a new community-led anchor facility in Huntly town centre, an inspirational destination and a renewed reason to use the town centre after recent years of decline; recognises that Number 30 occupies a substantial category B and C-listed former department store in a prominent gateway to The Square and is home to co-working, enterprise and learning spaces, a community-run café, a cinema, a gallery, a green travel hub, a visitor information centre, a performance and conference space and a new banking hub, and further recognises that community spaces are particularly vital in small towns in rural areas to support the health and wellbeing of local residents and to attract tourism.

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***[S7M-01710](#) Amanda Lindsay: Recognising the Women's Rights Endeavours of J.K. Rowling**—That the Parliament recognises J.K. Rowling's continuing work in defence of the rights and safety of women and girls; notes her recent update to her June 2020 essay, *An Update to My essay of June 2020*, setting out the reasons why she and others consider that aspects of trans activism pose risks to women's sex-based rights and to freedom of speech and belief; further notes that she founded and funds Beira's Place, the only women-only rape crisis centre in Edinburgh, which provides confidential trauma-informed support to women survivors of sexual violence aged 16 and over across the Lothians; acknowledges the establishment of the J.K. Rowling Women's Fund, which helps women and organisations in the UK and Ireland when they lack the means to pursue or defend legal actions relating to sex-based rights, single-sex spaces, workplace discrimination or the expression of belief that sex is biological and immutable; welcomes the Supreme Court's ruling in *For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers* clarifying that sex in the Equality Act 2010 means biological sex; regrets reports that many organisations continue to fail to secure single-sex spaces for women and girls, and condemns what it sees as the promotion of gender ideology in nurseries and schools.

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***[S7M-01708](#) Miles Briggs: Silverlea Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the City of Edinburgh Council on Silverlea being shortlisted in the Housing and Regeneration category of the 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration,

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and notes that the awards identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities.

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***[S7M-01707](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Celebrating MND Scotland's 45th Anniversary**—That the Parliament celebrates MND Scotland marking its 45th year; recognises the support that MND Scotland provides for people with motor neurone disease and their families; thanks MND Scotland for funding research into MND to find a cure and treatment; notes its partnership with Euan's Guide in developing a tailored version of Euan's Guide for people with MND, and appreciates the campaigning of MND Scotland to better understand the disease.

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***[S7M-01706](#) Heather Anderson: Celebrating 60 Years of Community Gardening**—That the Parliament celebrates the impact of more than 250 community groups that make up the Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network, coordinated by charity Keep Scotland Beautiful; recognises the efforts of the network members who improve their neighbourhoods and community green spaces by tackling litter, growing food and plants that support action to combat climate change, and garden in a way that supports nature, biodiversity and the people involved; understands the importance to local economies of the 200,000 volunteer hours committed to making Scotland's cities, towns and villages more beautiful and sustainable each year; notes the importance of sustaining the capacity to support the network in the future, including through continued support for the organisations, volunteers and programmes that underpin it, and recognises 60 years of the Beautiful Scotland competition, which forms an integral part of the network.

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***[S7M-01705](#) Paul McLennan: Young Golfers Triumph at 30th North Berwick Rotary Charity Golf Day**—That the Parliament congratulates the four young members of Anderson's Banditos, Glen and Innes Anderson and Ailsa and Oliver Odie, on winning the 30th annual North Berwick Rotary charity golf day; understands that they competed against 19 other teams from across the Lothians and further afield to achieve the overall title at the Glen Golf Club; notes that the event raised £8,000 for good causes, including £6,000 for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS), with £2,000 to be distributed among other local charities; understands that the contribution to CHAS will support its work with babies, children, young people and their families, including fundraising towards the redevelopment and upgrading of Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch; notes that the Rotary Club of North Berwick has donated more than £47,000 to CHAS to date; recognises the efforts of the Rotary Club, the Glen Golf Club, the sponsor, Gilson Gray, players, organisers and everyone who supported the event; commends what it sees as the important role that events such as this can play in bringing generations together and supporting charitable causes, and congratulates the youngsters on their memorable achievement.

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***[S7M-01704](#) Paul McLennan: Markle Bridge Project Wins Scottish Civil Engineering Award** — That the Parliament congratulates all involved in the replacement of the Markle Level Crossing, which is near East Linton, on winning the Rail Infrastructure Project category at the Scottish Civil Engineering Awards; understands that the project was managed by East Lothian Council, delivered by Balfour Beatty and fully funded by Transport Scotland, with partnership working involving Network Rail; notes that it involved the construction of a single-span bridge and a 1 km diversionary road at Markle Steading; welcomes that it replaces one of only two remaining level crossings on Scotland's East Coast Main Line, improving safety for road users and the national rail network and removing delays caused by lowered crossing barriers; further welcomes the inclusion of a shared-use path for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrian users, sustainable drainage measures designed to reduce flood risk and landscaping intended to support biodiversity; notes that the project incorporated 70,000

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tonnes of locally sourced materials; recognises the contribution of everyone involved in delivering it and the collaboration between East Lothian Council, Transport Scotland, Network Rail and Balfour Beatty, and congratulates the project team on receiving this recognition for engineering excellence and for delivering lasting benefits for the community.

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***[S7M-01703](#) Paul McLennan: Congratulations to Bombay Bar & Grill on Scottish Asian Food Awards Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Bombay Bar & Grill in Prestonpans on being named New Restaurant of the Year at the Scottish Asian Food Awards 2026; understands that this is the restaurant's second national food award in the space of a few weeks, following its success in being named Best Newcomer at the Spice Awards 2026; recognises what it sees as the hard work and dedication of the restaurant's kitchen, front-of-house and wider team in achieving this recognition; acknowledges the support that the restaurant has received from customers, friends and the community; believes that the success is another positive example of the quality and diversity of East Lothian's hospitality sector, and wishes Michael Singh and the whole team at Bombay Bar & Grill continued success for the future.

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***[S7M-01701](#) Heather Anderson: Celebrating 'Rights Here. Rights Now' Campaign**—That the Parliament recognises the ongoing work of the Scotland wide 'Rights Here. Rights Now' campaign, a collaborative initiative from JustRight Scotland and the Human Rights Consortium Scotland, with support from Corra Foundation; notes that the campaign uses powerful lived-experience films and stories to demonstrate how human rights connect directly to everyday life, including healthcare, housing, education, family life and access to justice; understands that the campaign seeks to challenge misinformation by reinforcing that human rights are universal protections belonging to everyone; welcomes the campaign's timely contribution to raising public awareness and building support for a comprehensive Human Rights Bill for Scotland, and commends the civil society organisations, community groups and grassroots groups who continue to amplify voices from communities across Scotland.

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***[S7M-01700](#) Jackie Baillie: Celebrating the Restoration of Kilmaronock Old Kirk**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust on the successful restoration and formal opening of Kilmaronock Old Kirk; understands that the Trust was formed in 2017 to buy Kilmaronock Old Kirk, a grade-B listed classical building with a long history of community use, from the Church of Scotland, to restore it and to run it as a social enterprise for the local community; notes the considerable dedication and commitment of everyone involved in bringing the project to fruition; further notes that the Trust is led by a group of fantastic volunteers who have a broad range of skills and experience; recognises what it sees as the outstanding contribution of Willie Roxburgh, who served as project manager for five years and is understood to have volunteered thousands of hours of his time and engineering expertise to the project; believes that his extensive knowledge, attention to detail and determination were greatly valued throughout the restoration; recognises the contribution of Mary Sweetland, including her expertise in securing funding for the project; commends the contractors, architects, trustees, volunteers and supporters who contributed to this achievement, and wishes the Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust every success for the future.

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***[S7M-01699](#) David Torrance: Fife College Students Recognised Through Adam Smith Scholarships**—That the Parliament congratulates seven Fife College students, Tyler Davidson, James Millar, Adam Mohammed, Adam Russell, Roksana Karawczynska, Ben Phillips and Iona Worgan, on receiving awards through the Adam Smith Scholarships programme; understands that the scholarships, sponsored by Arnold Clark, recognise students demonstrating commitment to developing careers in business, engineering and the automotive industry; notes that Iona Worgan

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received a £800 scholarship, while the six other students each received £200 to support the purchase of essential resources and materials for their studies and future employment; recognises the positive impact that financial assistance can have in helping students develop their skills and pursue career opportunities; commends Arnold Clark for its continued support of students at Fife College through the scholarship programme, and wishes all seven recipients every success in their future studies and careers.

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***[S7M-01698](#) Maggie Chapman: Fabric: Creating Care Display Reimagines Systems of Care Through Creativity**—That the Parliament recognises the Fabric: Creating Care display at the Scottish Parliament, developed by Creative Dundee and running from 14 October to 14 November 2026 as part of the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival; celebrates the peer-led programme that brought together young people and practitioners from creative, health and community settings to reimagine support for young people's mental health; recognises the importance of centring young people's lived experience, creativity and participation in shaping the services and support that affect their lives; believes that compassionate, inclusive and community-rooted approaches to mental health must take seriously what young people say to help them to thrive, as well as what existing systems fail to provide; commends Creative Dundee and all the young people, practitioners and partner organisations involved in Fabric: Creating Care for demonstrating the potential of collective creativity to inform more humane and responsive systems of care, and encourages decision-makers to learn from this work and ensure that young people have meaningful opportunities to shape the support that they need.

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***[S7M-01697](#) Jamie Langan: National Geographic's Best of the World 2027 List**—That the Parliament welcomes the inclusion of Dumfries and Galloway in *National Geographic's* Best of the World 2027 list; notes that it is the only destination in the UK to be selected as one of the publication's 25 featured destinations for the year ahead; recognises the region's outstanding natural beauty, rich history, world class outdoor attractions and internationally recognised dark skies; acknowledges the contribution of local tourism businesses and community organisations in promoting the region to visitors from across the world; believes that this recognition reflects the growing appeal of Dumfries and Galloway as a destination for tourism, and congratulates all those whose efforts have helped secure this prestigious international accolade.

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***[S7M-01696](#) Clare Haughey: 149th Anniversary of the Blantyre Pit Disaster**—That the Parliament marks with solemn reflection the 149th anniversary of the Blantyre Pit disaster, which took place on 22 October 1877; remembers with the greatest respect and sympathy the 215 men and boys who lost their lives in what was Scotland's worst mining disaster, which reduced the population of Blantyre by almost 6%; pays tribute to the work of the Blantyre Project, which maintains an extensively researched archive of those who lost their lives, including detailed accounts of the disaster and rescue, and the life stories of many of the victims, and sincerely thanks those who continue to organise annual acts of remembrance, including the *Blantyre Telegraph*, and share stories of how Blantyre's residents came together in the wake of such a devastating tragedy, so that their courage, dignity, and solidarity is not forgotten.

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***[S7M-01695](#) Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Silverlea Shortlisted for Housing and Regeneration SURF Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the City of Edinburgh Council on Silverlea being shortlisted in the Housing and Regeneration category of the 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in

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Community Regeneration; understands that the SURF Awards, delivered by SURF, which is Scotland's Regeneration Forum in partnership with the Scottish Government, celebrate innovation, achievement and positive impact in the regeneration of communities across Scotland; notes that Silverlea forms part of the wider Granton Waterfront regeneration and has transformed the site of a former care home, riding school and community football club into a mixed-tenure affordable housing development; recognises that the development includes 87 social homes, 52 mid-market rent homes and four homes designed for the City of Edinburgh Council's Health and Social Care team; acknowledges that the project was designed through community consultation, helping to ensure that local needs and priorities informed its development; welcomes the contribution that affordable housing can make to building stronger, more inclusive communities and supporting wider regeneration; commends everyone involved in the Silverlea project for their work in delivering new homes and contributing to the ongoing regeneration of Granton Waterfront, and wishes the project well ahead of the announcement of the 2026 SURF Awards winners on 10 December 2026.

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[*S7M-01694](#) **Jamie Langan: Celebrating St Mary's Church in Dumfries** —That the Parliament recognises the celebration marking 700 years of Christian worship on the site of St Mary's in Dumfries; notes that the anniversary commemorates the consecration in 1326 of a chapel established by King Robert the Bruce in memory of his brother-in-law, Sir Christopher Seaton; acknowledges the site's important place in the history and heritage of Dumfries and Galloway; commends the efforts of River of Life Church and the Medieval Bruce Heritage Trust in preserving and promoting this heritage for future generations; acknowledges the importance of preserving and celebrating Scotland's historic and Christian heritage, and wishes all those involved every success with the celebrations.

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[*S7M-01693](#) **Liam McArthur: Gregor Corse Recognised as Pride of Britain Young Fundraiser of the Year** —That the Parliament celebrates the recognition of five year-old Gregor Corse from Orkney as the Pride of Britain Young Fundraiser of the Year; notes that in February 2026, Gregor, who has a neurological condition which affects his motor skills and balance, embarked on a "loops o' the hoose" challenge to independently walk 30 laps of his house each day for 30 days, raising £73,000 for local charity Inclusive Orkney; recognises that in August 2026, Gregor was back fundraising, this time challenging himself to walk to nursery school every day, raising more than £10,000 for local charities Soma's Light and CLAN cancer support, taking his fundraising total to more than £80,000 to date; understands that Gregor attended the Good Morning Britain Pride of Britain Awards in London on 19 October, where his achievements received national recognition and were celebrated by fellow attendees; believes that Gregor is an extraordinary young man who leaves a lasting impression on anyone who meets him, as he showed when he attended the formal opening of the seventh session of the Scottish Parliament in June; commends Gregor's determination to help others and his phenomenal fundraising efforts; congratulates all those who were recognised at the awards, and welcomes the fact that the Pride of Orkney has now been recognised as the Pride of Britain.

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[*S7M-01692](#) **Gary Bouse: Celebrating 150 Years of Stenhousemuir Cricket Club** —That the Parliament congratulates Stenhousemuir Cricket Club, in the Falkirk West constituency, on celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2026; notes that its home ground, the Tryst, is situated on land of significant historical importance to Scotland; recognises the club's outstanding contribution to cricket in Falkirk and across Scotland, including winning 20 trophies at the highest level of the domestic game, producing 15 Scottish internationalists and seven players who have played Test cricket, as well as having one member inducted into the Wisden Club Cricket Hall of Fame and two former members serving as presidents of the Scottish Cricket Union; commends the club's remarkable achievements at national and international level, bringing sporting success and recognition to the Falkirk area;

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welcomes the continued success of its men's, women's and girls', and junior sections; pays tribute to the generations of players, volunteers and supporters who have contributed to its success and its deep roots in the local community, and wishes Stenhousemuir Cricket Club continued success as it looks towards its 200th anniversary and beyond.

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***[S7M-01691](#) David Green: Opening of the UK's First HVDC Subsea Cable Factory**—That the Parliament celebrates the opening of Sumitomo Electric's HVDC subsea cable factory at the Port of Nigg in Easter Ross, which is the first of its kind in the UK; commends the projected establishment of over 200 jobs at the factory and hundreds more UK-wide; welcomes its contribution towards the expansion of the UK's clean energy capabilities and goal of achieving net zero by 2050; acknowledges what it sees as the significant role that the Inverness and Cromarty Firth Green Freeport possesses in serving Scotland's offshore sector, and notes the importance that industry in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross holds towards expanding the UK's home-grown energy network.

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***[S7M-01690](#) David Torrance: Great Britain Men and Women to Make Ice Hockey History**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Great Britain's men's and women's ice hockey teams will compete together on home ice for the first time in a competitive setting at the IIHF European Cup of Nations, taking place at Braehead Arena from 11 to 14 February 2027; notes that the historic four-day event will feature 12 matches, with Great Britain Men facing Poland, Romania and Lithuania, while Great Britain Women will compete against the Netherlands, Slovenia and Spain; recognises the significance of this milestone in promoting and developing both men's and women's ice hockey across Scotland and the wider UK; acknowledges the proud ice hockey heritage of Kirkcaldy, home to the Fife Flyers; highlights the achievements of former Fife Flyers player Logan Neilson, who has strong family connections to Fife and continues to represent Great Britain at international level; commends Ice Hockey UK and all those involved in organising the event, and wishes both Great Britain teams every success in the tournament.

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***[S7M-01688](#) Max Bannerman: Findochty Primary School Awarded Gold Status in the Reading Schools Accreditation Programme**—That the Parliament congratulates Findochty Primary School, which has once again achieved Gold status in the Reading Schools accreditation programme; understands that the school's reaccreditation will remain in place for three years and welcomes the feedback from the Scottish Book Trust's Reading Schools programme that described Findochty Primary as "small, but mighty" and its reading culture as "truly spectacular"; acknowledges that this latest assessment praised pupils for taking the lead in promoting reading, supporting their classmates and developing activities that encourage others to enjoy books, and further extends its congratulations to staff, who were also recognised for continuing to develop their knowledge of reading and children's literature, as well as working with colleagues across Moray to share good practice.

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***[S7M-01686](#) Jackie Baillie: Celebrating Five Years of NHS Scotland Academy**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Scotland Academy on reaching its fifth anniversary; understands that the Academy was established through a partnership between NHS Golden Jubilee and NHS Education for Scotland, to support Scotland's healthcare workforce through education, training and professional development; believes that the National Endoscopy Training Programme has trained more than 1,150 healthcare professionals and helped to avoid around 2,000 repeat patient appointments and the National Ultrasound Training Programme has delivered more than 29,000

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examinations for over 24,000 patients while supporting the training of sonographers and diagnostic specialists; welcomes the Academy's work to expand specialist theatre workforces, including increasing the Surgical First Assistant workforce nationally from 19 to 47 practitioners and reducing training times; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that innovative workforce development can make to strengthening NHS services, improving capacity and supporting high-quality patient care, and wishes everyone involved with NHS Scotland Academy continued success for the future.

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***[S7M-01685](#) Duncan Massey: Welcoming the Approval of Jackdaw Gas Field**—That the Parliament welcomes the UK Government's decision to approve the Jackdaw Project; recognises what it sees as the significance of the project in supplying gas to roughly 1.4 million British homes by contributing up to 6% of the domestic gas production over its 11-year lifespan; believes that, under all possible scenarios, Scotland and the UK will need oil and gas for decades and that their own resources should therefore be maximised; calls on the Scottish Government to back Scotland's oil and gas industry; further calls on the UK Government to urgently approve other projects, including Rosebank, and back new exploration and licences, and believes that such actions are vital to renew Scotland's oil and gas industry and help to reduce imports and overall emissions whilst ensuring the protection of jobs and the security of tax revenue and energy.

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***[S7M-01684](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Recognising the Valuable Work of Somebody Cares Aberdeen**—That the Parliament congratulates Somebody Cares Aberdeen on reaching the finals in two categories at the Celebrate Aberdeen 2026 Awards; recognises that the charity works with over 90 agency partners across the city of Aberdeen, including Aberdeen City Council, Turning Point Scotland and Grampian Women's Aid, to identify and support people who are rebuilding their homes, often having experienced poverty, domestic abuse or homelessness; notes that in June 2026 it announced a new partnership with Ribislaw Furniture Solutions, which sees pre-loved sofas and armchairs redirected from landfill to families and individuals that need them the most; recognises that this partnership reflects a growing movement among Aberdeen businesses to play an active role in addressing local hardship, and applauds the contributions of all staff, volunteers, trustees, donors, donators and supporters of a charity that can make a real difference to how safe and settled someone feels in their home.

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***[S7M-01682](#) David Smith: Remembering Aberfan**—That the Parliament remembers with profound sadness the Aberfan disaster of 21 October 1966, when a colliery spoil tip collapsed onto the village of Aberfan in South Wales, engulfing Pantglas Junior School and nearby homes; notes that 144 people tragically lost their lives, including 116 children; extends its deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of all those who lost their lives; recognises the profound and lasting impact that the tragedy had on the Aberfan community and those who continue to carry its memory; pays tribute to the courage, dignity and resilience shown by the people of Aberfan in the face of unimaginable loss; acknowledges the shared history and close ties between mining communities in Wales and Scotland, and affirms that the lives lost at Aberfan will never be forgotten.

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***[S7M-01681](#) Dawn Black: The Grove Chippy Recognised at Scottish Fish and Chip Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates The Grove Chippy, Montrose, on being named a finalist in the Best Fish Supper (North East) category at the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards; recognises this achievement as a testament to the quality and reputation of the family-run business; notes that Peter and Carole

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Kulinski have operated the chip shop since 1981, with the business having been in their family since 1959; recognises that members of the next generation of the family have also played a role in its success; commends the family and staff for their dedication to serving the Montrose community. and wishes them every success in the awards.

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***[S7M-01679](#) Michelle Campbell: 20th Anniversary of Abbeycare Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Abbeycare Scotland on the 20th anniversary of its establishment in 2006; understands that Abbeycare began as a small, six-bed recovery retreat for individuals with alcohol problems; notes that it was based at Brownhill House in North Ayrshire and relocated to its current premises at the purpose-built Erskine Mains House in Erskine, Renfrewshire in 2021; recognises that the organisation has grown significantly over the last two decades into a multidisciplinary service that now employs more than 130 staff across its clinics in Scotland and Gloucester; commends Abbeycare's dedicated teams of recovery practitioners, therapists and clinicians for providing a specialist, high-quality residential abstinence-based service; praises the organisation for using proven techniques to help people address the physical, psychological and emotional implications of addiction, which has helped thousands of individuals with substance use issues enter long-term recovery, and wishes Abbeycare Scotland, its staff and its clients the very best for the future as it continues its vital work in supporting people to begin new lives in active recovery.

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***[S7M-01678](#) Marie McNair: Verlaine McKay's Contribution to Milngavie and Bearsden**—That the Parliament commends Verlaine McKay, from Milngavie, for her charitable work and selfless contribution to the Milngavie and Bearsden community over 10 years; understands that, following her retirement, Verlaine established and led Ladies Who Bake, which is a group of women who meet up and sell home baking, using the funds raised to support youth rugby, Baljaffray Parish Church and other local causes, raising around £7,000 over three years; acknowledges that Verlaine later joined the local u3a learning and social group, helping to establish and lead A Yarn and a Stitch; notes that, from 2021, members knitted and handcrafted jumpers, blankets, baby clothes and other items, which were donated to charitable causes supporting people in Africa and children's services associated with Yorkhill; notes that Verlaine and the group's charitable work developed into a large scale community effort supporting Ukraine, with the group raising more than £10,000 and collecting enough essential supplies to fill three large vans, alongside a substantial amount of items that the members made themselves; notes that Verlaine will continue to remain part of A Yarn and a Stitch and the u3a but understands she plans to take a step back from her wider community work and get some well-deserved rest during her retirement; welcomes the work of Ladies Who Bake and A Yarn and a Stitch for their hard work over several years, and thanks Verlaine for her compassion and dedication to charitable causes and her impressive ability to bring people together in ways that help those most in need.

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***[S7M-01677](#) Carol Mochan: Stop the Royal Mail From Collapse**—That the Parliament notes with alarm the reported crisis at Royal Mail; understands that around 400 workers are leaving the company every week and that attrition rates have been exacerbated by the introduction of a new delivery system, DM26, which was supposed to improve efficiency but has instead led to major mail backlogs across Scotland and the rest of the UK, delaying the delivery of important letters such as hospital appointments, business orders, court letters and bills; believes that this avoidable crisis has been caused by decades of mismanagement, underinvestment and excessive profiteering at Royal Mail, and supports the call from the Communication Workers Union (CWU) for an emergency summit between the UK Government, employers and union representatives to save Royal Mail, which the CWU has said stands "on the brink of collapse".

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***[S7M-01676](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Deep Concerns Regarding the US Government's Sanctions on the ICC**—That the Parliament expresses deep concern regarding sanctions imposed by the United States Government, through its Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, against the International Criminal Court (ICC), which were announced on 9 October 2026; notes that the Law Society of Scotland has joined a coalition of international legal organisations in condemning these measures; recognises the ICC as an independent judicial institution operating under the 1998 Rome Statute to investigate and prosecute alleged genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity; acknowledges concerns that sanctions against the Court might undermine judicial independence, the rule of law and access to justice; reaffirms the importance of international accountability and the principle that no one is above the law, and believes that international courts must be able to operate free from political interference and pressure.

***[S7M-01675](#) Laura Mitchell: Moravian Orienteering Club Athletes' Success at the Senior Home International Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Moravian Orienteering Club members Kate McLuckie, Sophie Howard, Scarlett Britain and Isobel Howard on their outstanding performances at the Senior Home International Competition held in Northern Ireland; understands that Kate, Sophie and Scarlett made up the entire under-20 Scottish women's team, with Isobel competing in the women's under-21 category; celebrates Sophie's second-place finish in the individual event, alongside the gold and silver medals won by the Scottish teams in the relay, in which Kate, Scarlett and Sophie all recorded impressive performances; recognises Scotland's overall victory in the competition following a closely contested individual event and relay; commends Moravian Orienteering Club for developing young and talented competitive orienteers who represent Scotland on the international stage, and wishes all four athletes continued success in their future competitions.

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***[S7M-01674](#) Jackie Baillie: Emma McLeod Wins Back-to-back Scottish Lawn Bowls Titles**—That the Parliament congratulates Emma McLeod of Dumbarton Bowling Club on winning back-to-back Scottish lawn bowls championship titles; recognises the remarkable achievement of winning her first title in 2025 while eight months pregnant before successfully defending it in 2026; notes that Emma won her first international cap in 2017 and has since enjoyed success on the international stage, including winning medals across the singles, pairs, triples and fours disciplines at the last two European championships, as well as a bronze medal at the 2023 World Bowls Championships in Australia; commends Emma for her dedication, skill and determination and for representing Dumbarton Bowling Club with distinction; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that bowling clubs make to sporting and community life across Scotland; congratulates Emma, her family, teammates and everyone at Dumbarton Bowling Club on her outstanding success, and wishes her every success for the future.

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***[S7M-01673](#) Q Manivannan: BBC Scotland and Scotland's Fair Share**—That the Parliament notes the BBC's plan to move the BBC Scotland channel online from spring 2027; supports the staff affected; believes that this change must not leave Scotland with a smaller share of the BBC's output or leave behind people who cannot or do not watch programmes online; notes what it sees as the continuing gap between licence fee income raised in Scotland and the BBC's identified spend in the country; believes that licence fee payers are entitled to clearer, like-for-like reporting by nation of what is raised and spent in Scotland, including how network spending is attributed; notes that the BBC's Royal Charter expires on 31 December 2027; supports the Scottish Government's opposition to the closure and its engagement with Ofcom, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that the next Charter contains binding commitments on Scottish spend, content and accountability.

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***[S7M-01672](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulations to Dumfries and Galloway on National Geographic Recognition**—That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries and Galloway on being named by *National Geographic* as one of its 25 Best of the World destinations for 2027; notes that it is the only destination in the UK to be included on what it considers is a prestigious global list; understands that *National Geographic* reaches hundreds of millions of people worldwide; considers it one of the world's most respected travel and tourism brands; commends the work of the South of Scotland Destination Alliance, the area's tourism businesses, communities and partners whose dedication, collaboration and long-term commitment to promoting the region have helped secure this international accolade; believes that this recognition highlights Dumfries and Galloway's outstanding natural landscapes, cultural heritage, food and drink offerings and visitor experiences; notes the potential economic benefits that increased international visitor interest can bring to local businesses and communities at a time of significant challenges for the tourism and hospitality sectors; welcomes ongoing efforts to maximise the opportunities arising from this recognition as part of the South of Scotland Responsible Tourism Strategy, and wishes everyone involved every success in showcasing Dumfries and Galloway to visitors from across the world in the lead up to, and throughout, 2027 and beyond.

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***[S7M-01671](#) David Linden: Daytona Mills' Outstanding Contribution to Garrowhill and Baillieston**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Daytona Mills to the communities of Garrowhill and Baillieston; notes that Daytona has organised several events and initiatives that are fixtures in the life in these areas; further notes that these events include monthly litter picks, the annual Hallowe'en Walk, an International Women's Day event and community Christmas events; understands that Daytona was recently re-elected as chair of Garrowhill Community Council for a third consecutive term; believes that Daytona's re-election is testament to her formidable ability to foster positive relationships with residents, community organisations and businesses in Garrowhill and Baillieston; congratulates Daytona on all her achievements for the communities to date, and wishes her every success for the future.

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***[S7M-01670](#) Marie McNair: Whitecrook Community Action Group SCIO Raises £10,000**—That the Parliament congratulates Whitecrook Community Action Group SCIO on raising £10,000 for the renovation of the Stand in Whitecrook; understands that the building will become a community hub that will provide services, including a food pantry, mental health support, kids' and youth activities and after-school care; recognises that the money was raised through fundraising days and events, as well as the Whitecrook Garden Scheme; thanks all of the volunteers involved for their hard work and dedication; once again congratulates Whitecrook Community Action Group SCIO on this fantastic achievement, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

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***[S7M-01669](#) Kate Campbell: Celebrating East Lothian MSYP's Gaelic Learning Campaign**—That the Parliament celebrates Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) Summer Ramsay's campaign to expand Gaelic learning opportunities for young people across Scotland; congratulates Summer on her consultation with pupils in Tranent and around East Lothian, where she found significant support for expanding local provision of Gaelic Learner Education in primary schools and Gaelic Learners (Gàidhlig) courses in secondary schools; acknowledges petition PE2290, which was submitted by Summer to bring attention to her campaign; notes that 37 local authority secondary schools in Scotland offered at least one subject in the medium of Gaelic in 2025-26, five more than in the previous year, with 3,320 pupils across 30 secondary schools taking up Gàidhlig as a subject, and encourages further expansion of Gaelic learning provision in schools across Scottish local authorities, in the spirit of the Scottish Languages Act 2025.

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***[S7M-01668](#) Dawn Black: Rae's Named Food and Drink Tourism Business of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the Montrose-based Rae's on being named Food and Drink Tourism Business of the Year at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards 2026; notes that the business, which was founded in 2021 by the husband-and-wife team, Wouter and Helen Margaroli, specialises in bespoke dining experiences and events; recognises that this award, which was presented at the 25th edition of the Excellence Awards, reflects Rae's commitment to showcasing Scotland's outstanding food and drink produce and delivering exceptional visitor experiences; commends the business for promoting Angus and Scotland as premier food and drink destinations, and wishes Wouter, Helen and the entire Rae's team continued success.

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***[S7M-01667](#) Jack Middleton: Seaway7 Supplies Berwick Bank B Project**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the renewable engineering firm, Seaway7, has been selected as the preferred supplier of the foundation and array cable scopes for the new Berwick Bank B offshore wind project; understands that Seaway7's UK operations are based out of its regional headquarters in Aberdeen; notes that the project is expected to provide the national grid with 1.4 gigawatts of power; celebrates the estimated 465 jobs created by the supply agreement, including 160 roles directly in Seaway7 led from its Aberdeen office; welcomes the further 200 direct and indirect jobs that are expected through turbine foundation marshalling activities at a Scottish port; congratulates the steps being taken by the renewable sector in securing Aberdeen's position as the energy capital of Europe, and hopes that this supply agreement signals further investment in Aberdeen's vast renewables workforce.

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***[S7M-01665](#) Jack Middleton: Bon Accord Heritage Receives Vital Funding**—That the Parliament congratulates the Aberdeen charity, Bon Accord Heritage, following the news that it will receive a generous monetary award of £50,000 from the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund to support the restoration of Bon Accord Baths; recognises that the funding will be used to develop an efficient energy strategy to maintain a sustainable future as well as an improved fundraising strategy; notes that the project will engage local businesses and specialist consultants in progressing this work; understands the potential contribution of the project to the regeneration of Aberdeen city centre and the preservation of the city's built heritage; commends Bon Accord Heritage on its work to secure a sustainable future for the Bon Accord Baths, and wishes it well in its efforts for a better city centre for Aberdeen.

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***[S7M-01664](#) Colm Merrick: Celebrating 20 Years of Linkes Community Group**—That the Parliament congratulates the Linkes Community Group on its 20th anniversary; considers this a magnificent achievement; recognises the significant contributions made by it across age and multi-cultural groups in the Knightswood area; notes that it provides a vibrant programme of weekly groups with learning opportunities for all members of the community; further notes its provision of information and help to signpost people to other local services and organisations; applauds its ongoing work to promote integration, and acknowledges the importance of its work in coordinating events throughout the year to bring the whole Glasgow Anniesland community together.

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***[S7M-01663](#) Martyn Day: Port of Grangemouth Celebrates Diamond Anniversary**—That the Parliament joins with Forth Ports in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Scotland's largest port, Grangemouth; notes that on 7 May 1966, the Sea-land freight service called into Grangemouth as part of the Europe and American shipping route transporting mostly Scotch whisky for onward travel to the

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USA on the first container vessel to call into the UK; notes that Grangemouth was the only UK port in the rotation making Grangemouth's container terminal the first port in the UK to handle goods in this way, with the subsequent development of containerisation changing the way cargo was transported around the world; further notes that Sea-land launched the transatlantic container ship route in April 1966 with four ships in service, each carrying 226 containers with cargoes of cameras, safety razors and pre-fab housing complements; understands that the weekly route was the first transatlantic ship carrying only containers and called at Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Baltimore, Maryland, in the US, then Rotterdam, Bremen and Grangemouth; considers that over the past 60 years the port has developed through significant investment and is now Scotland's largest container port and logistics hub covering an area of 402 acres employing 280 people and is home to 32 businesses within the port; notes that the port is a multimodal facility and is primarily an export port moving Scottish goods to global locations; recognises that since 1966, the container terminal has handled in excess of 4.2million containers and today its operations manage more than £6 billion worth of goods each year, including food and drink, construction products and renewables; notes what it sees as this significant milestone, and wishes the operators of the Port of Grangemouth continued success in the future

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***[S7M-01662](#) Martyn Day: Slamannan Regeneration Project**—That the Parliament congratulates Falkirk Council on reaching the shortlist of the Improving Scotland's Places category of what it sees as the prestigious 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration for its Slamannan Regeneration Project; recognises this category identifies, celebrates, and shares the positive impacts of participative planning and regeneration processes in Scottish places; further recognises the contribution of people from the area who helped shape the project from the start; acknowledges the transformation of a previously derelict site into a new pocket park, with wildlife-friendly planting, seating and interpretation panels; welcomes the additional improvements to the surrounding area, and wishes Falkirk Council every success at the presentation of the awards on 10 December 2026.

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***[S7M-01661](#) Katherine Sangster: Lothian-based Charitable Training Trust earns places in SkilleLECTRIC National Final**—That the Parliament congratulates the three electrical installation apprentices, supported by the Midlothian-based Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust (SECTT), who have earned places in the prestigious SkilleLECTRIC UK Final; believes that all three excelled in showcasing outstanding technical performances, reflecting the strength and calibre of apprenticeship training in Scotland; further believes that the apprentices' achievement highlights the consistently high standards achieved through Scotland's electrical installation apprentice training programme, which is coordinated by SECTT; commends SECTT for working in partnership with 22 colleges and more than 1,500 employers across Scotland, thus making it possible for it to deliver a nationally consistent approach to training and assessment, ensuring apprentices receive high-quality education regardless of where they live, work or train, and wishes all three apprentices well as they now go forward to compete at the SkilleLECTRIC UK Final, which takes place at Bridgend College during the week commencing 16 November 2026.

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***[S7M-01660](#) Kristopher Leask: First Cohort of Island Scholarship Recipients Begin Studies in Orkney**—That the Parliament recognises the first cohort of Island Scholarship recipients as they begin their studies at Heriot-Watt University's International Centre for Island Technology in Stromness; commends the programme, which was launched as part of the Scottish Government's National Islands plan, is supported by Orkney Islands Council and aims to encourage students to move to Orkney and contribute to what it sees as the world-leading supply chain there; understands that 15 postgraduate students are supported by the programme to study on three specialist MSc courses in renewable energy and marine sciences; welcomes the engagement between local and national governments to deliver this programme and their shared commitment to developing local energy

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economies in Scotland's island communities, and wishes the cohort of students success in their studies. **R**

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***[S7M-01659](#) Colin Beattie: International Solidarity Convoy to Ukraine**—That the Parliament welcomes the international solidarity convoy to Ukraine, including the delegation departing from Scotland in November 2026; understands that the convoy will travel through a number of European cities before arriving in Ukraine on 25 November, where participants plan to take part in solidarity events in Lviv on 26 November and Kyiv on 27 and 28 November; notes that the initiative aims to demonstrate continued international solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they face another winter of war following Russia's illegal invasion; further notes that the mission is expected to provide practical assistance, including generating equipment, medical supplies and transport, with support intended particularly for communities in frontline areas affected by attacks and disruption to heating and electricity; recognises what it sees as the extraordinary resilience of the Ukrainian people in defending their sovereignty, democracy and right to determine their own future; believes that continued humanitarian and international solidarity remains vitally important; welcomes the involvement of people and organisations from Scotland in the convoy, and wishes all those participating in the mission a safe journey and every success in their efforts to support the people of Ukraine.

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***[S7M-01658](#) David Barratt: Congratulating Beath High Teacher Matthew Crawford on Being Named Best Teacher at Forth Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Matthew Crawford, guidance teacher at Beath High School, in Cowdenbeath, on receiving the Best Teacher Award at the 2026 Forth Awards; recognises his exceptional commitment to his pupils and their families, his outstanding leadership, professionalism, energy and determination; acknowledges the respect and admiration that he has earned from colleagues, parents and pupils alike; notes his willingness to go above and beyond in supporting young people, including maintaining communication with parents whenever required, often outwith normal working hours, and thanks Matthew for his dedication to improving the lives, wellbeing and educational opportunities of the young people in his care.

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***[S7M-01657](#) Jenny Young: Linlithgow's Lochside Café Wins Twice at Scottish Café and Bakery Awards 2026**—That the Parliament understands that the Lochside Café, situated on Linlithgow High Street, has won two honours at the Scottish Café and Bakery Awards 2026; further understands that the café was awarded Outstanding Achievement in the categories of Best Coffee Shop and Outstanding Café of the Year; notes that the awards, which are now in their sixth year, were held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Glasgow on 12 October; further notes that the awards bring business owners and industry professionals together to celebrate Scotland's cafés and bakeries; congratulates Lochside Café owner Kathleen Cairns and all of her staff on winning these awards; celebrates that their hard work has been recognised, and wishes Kathleen and her team all the best in continuing to run such a successful and popular café in the heart of Linlithgow.

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***[S7M-01656](#) Jack Middleton: Success of Aberdeen's Trance Day Party** —That the Parliament congratulates the Aura Nightclub on its successful Trance Day Party on 17 October 2026; notes that the Trance Day Party brought high energy and an exciting atmosphere to the city, while providing many partygoers with great moments of joy; understands that the event attracted large numbers of partygoers, rave enthusiasts and friends to have a great time with euphoric classics from Tiësto to Armin van Buuren, and celebrates the innovation of Aberdeen's nightclubs.

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***[S7M-01655](#) Jack Middleton: Success of the Old Aberdeen Whisky Festival**—That the Parliament celebrates the success of the Old Aberdeen Whisky Festival hosted at the famous St Machar Bar and the University of Aberdeen, both in Aberdeen Central; understands that the festival, which took place on 17 October 2026, invited amateurs and whisky connoisseurs to explore new flavours of whisky, beers and wine; acknowledges that the festival offers Aberdeen the opportunity to showcase world-renowned Scottish whisky; acclaims the pride of Scottish distillers in showcasing the creativity and flavour of the city's whisky; acknowledges that hundreds of people from across Aberdeen participated in the festival for a good time and a dram, and wishes St Machar Bar all the best with next year's Old Aberdeen Whisky Festival.

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***[S7M-01654](#) Dawn Black: Carron Fish Bar Recognised at Scottish Fish and Chip Awards** —That the Parliament congratulates Carron Fish Bar, in Stonehaven, on being named a finalist in both the Best Family Business and Best Fish Supper (North East) categories at the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards; recognises the achievement of a business built by Lorraine Watson and Charlie Watson and now involving three generations of the same family, including Murray Watson and Claudia Watson, who play a leading role in the day-to-day running of the business; commends its commitment to quality food, customer service and community spirit, and wishes everyone involved every success in the finals.

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***[S7M-01653](#) David Torrance: Navantia UK Secures Second Vessel Contract and Creates 60 New Jobs at Methil Yard**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Navantia UK has secured a second new vessel export contract for its Methil yard, creating 60 additional skilled jobs in the local area; understands that the new positions will include opportunities for experienced welders, platers, riggers, scaffolders and painters, building on the yard's long-standing reputation for skilled engineering and shipbuilding; notes that the announcement follows the successful completion of the Navantia UK Seahorse barge, which will support the delivery of the Fleet Solid Support programme for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary; welcomes the company's recent announcement of an additional £12 million investment in the Methil facility, bringing total investment since its acquisition in January 2025 to £26.7 million, which will support improved training facilities, modern machinery, infrastructure upgrades and new technology; recognises that the workforce has already grown from 180 to 275 employees under the company's ownership, alongside an apprenticeship programme currently supporting 75 apprentices; acknowledges the importance of continued investment in developing the next generation of skilled workers and preserving Methil's proud industrial heritage; commends Navantia UK, its management, workforce and trade unions for their commitment to securing the long-term future of the yard; recognises the positive impact that these developments will have on employment, skills and economic opportunities across Levenmouth and the wider Fife area, and wishes the company and its employees continued success as the yard expands its operations and secures further contracts.

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***[S7M-01652](#) David Torrance: Fife Talent Shines at 2026 Forth Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fife winners at the 2026 Forth Awards, held at a sold-out ceremony at Edinburgh's Usher Hall; notes that the annual awards, organised by Radio Forth, celebrate outstanding achievements across Edinburgh, the Lothians and Fife in areas including music, business, education and community service; congratulates Leven-born singer-songwriter Cammy Barnes on winning the Forth Best Artist Award, recognising his growing success in the music industry through his distinctive blend of contemporary country music and traditional Scottish influences; acknowledges his achievements since appearing on Britain's Got Talent in 2023, including supporting Amy Macdonald on tour and announcing headline performances at Glasgow's OVO Hydro; congratulates Falkland

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Palace and Garden on receiving the Best Visitor Attraction Award, recognising the dedication of its staff and volunteers during a period of ongoing building works; commends Luca's Kitchen in Dunfermline on winning the Forth Best Restaurant Award for its authentic Italian cuisine and family-friendly atmosphere; congratulates Matthew Crawford, a guidance teacher at Beath High School in Cowdenbeath, on receiving the Best Teacher Award in recognition of his commitment to supporting pupils and their families; recognises the talent, dedication and achievements of individuals and organisations across Fife, and wishes all the winners continued success in their respective fields.

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***[S7M-01651](#) David Torrance: Fife Properties Celebrates Hat-trick of Awards at ESTAS 2026—**

That the Parliament congratulates Fife Properties on securing what it sees as three prestigious accolades at the 2026 ESTAS Customer Service Awards, held at Grosvenor House in London; understands that the Fife-based business was named Fife's number one estate agent and number one letting agent, while also receiving the Silver Award for Estate Agency in Scotland; notes that the awards, presented at a ceremony hosted by television property expert Phil Spencer, are determined by feedback from customers who have experienced the services provided by estate and letting agents first-hand; recognises that Fife Properties, which was established in the 1970s, has served communities across Fife for over five decades, adapting to significant changes in the property market while maintaining its commitment to customer service; commends Jim Parker and the entire Fife Properties team for their dedication, professionalism and continued commitment to supporting buyers, sellers, landlords and tenants; acknowledges the importance of local businesses in providing employment and contributing to the wider economy of Fife, and wishes Fife Properties continued success in the years ahead.

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***[S7M-01650](#) Andrew Baxter: Celebrating 25 Years of Inverness and Black Isle U3A—**That the Parliament congratulates Inverness and Black Isle U3A on its 25th anniversary, marked by a celebration at Inverness Town House; recognises that, since its establishment in 2001, the charity has provided opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to learn new skills, pursue their interests and build friendships; commends its members and volunteers for sustaining a varied programme of activities, including walking, garden visits, bridge, music and languages; acknowledges the value of these opportunities in encouraging lifelong learning, supporting wellbeing and tackling social isolation; thanks all those who contributed to the anniversary celebration, which showcased members' talents through music, poetry and displays, and wishes the group continued success as it embraces its ethos of "learn, laugh, live".

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***[S7M-01649](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating the Arbroath Run Like a Girl Community for Fundraising Efforts—**That the Parliament congratulates the Run Like a Girl (RLAG) Community in Arbroath for fundraising £1,548, which has enabled it to purchase 608 personal safety alarms to be shared across the running community; notes that the Anchor Pub has also purchased 76 alarms to be distributed free among customers, and that these keyrings have a loud 130dB alarm designed to attract attention if runners find themselves in an unsafe situation; recognises the potential benefits of these alarms as the dark nights draw in, and further recognises that the initiative is not only aimed at helping women in Arbroath feel safer but also at ensuring that runners know they are supported by their community.

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***[S7M-01648](#) Senga Beresford: Recognition for Annan's Lonsdale Cinema at the British Independent Film Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Annan's Lonsdale Cinema on being voted one of the best cinemas in the UK at the British Independent Film Awards (BIFA); recognises this as a remarkable achievement given that more than 70 cinemas entered the Cinema of the Year

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category and almost 50,000 votes were cast by cinema-goers across the UK to determine this year's longlist; commends the hard work, dedication and commitment of everyone involved in keeping this valued community cinema thriving, and wishes the Lonsdale Cinema every success ahead of the announcement of the five finalists on 3 November 2026. **R**

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***S7M-01647 Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Recognising All the Colour for Designing Accessible and Sustainable Jewellery**—That the Parliament congratulates Broughty Ferry-based mother and daughter team, Suzie Law and Jen Gardiner, on building the thriving jewellery business, All the Colour; notes that their designs focus on catering for marginalised groups, such as disabled people and those with nickel allergies; recognises that not only do they produce accessible jewellery but the products are also sustainable as they use recycled sterling silver, reclaimed wood and vegan material, and notes that All the Colour also donates regularly to animal and LGBTQ+ charities.

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***S7M-01646 Senga Beresford: Dalscone Farm Wins British Farm Award 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Ben Best and everyone at Dalscone Farm on their outstanding success in winning in the Content Creator of the Year category at the British Farming Awards 2026; recognises the innovative and engaging content that Ben shares across social media, highlighting life at Dalscone Farm and promoting Scottish agriculture to a wide audience; acknowledges the dedication and creativity that this achievement represents, and wishes Ben and the entire Dalscone Farm team every success in the future.

Supported by: Thomas Kerr*, Colin Beattie*, Helen McDade*, David Smith*, Jamie Langan*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Amanda Lindsay*, Angela Ross*, Julie MacDougall*, Alexander Burnett* **R**

***S7M-01645 Alex Kerr: LDVG Delivers Outstanding Community Transport Service**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding community transport service delivered By Larkhall District Volunteer Group (LDVG); commends LDVG on its commitment to providing the local community with a much needed lifeline through its community transport service, which provides a shopping bus, wellbeing trips, a community car and lunch club runs three days a week; acknowledges that without this service many older people in the Larkhall community would face isolation, loneliness and be unable to attend vital medical appointments; notes that LDVG is a member of the Community Transport Association, which is a national charity and membership organisation representing community transport operators across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland; further notes that the Community Transport Association represents 216 members that deliver services across Scotland, covering a variety of transport modes, from volunteer car schemes to dial-a-bus services, and commends the volunteers at LDVG on the care and commitment shown to the service and its users.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Thomas Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01644 Dawn Black: Congratulating Hillcrest Homes on Chapel Works' Shortlisting in the 2026 SURF Awards (lodged on 16 October 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Gary Bouse*

S7M-01643 Liam McArthur: Special Constable Ellen Grieve Recognised for Long Service and Good Conduct (lodged on 16 October 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Tim Eagle*, Jackie Baillie*

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[S7M-01642](#) **Bob Doris: The Western Baths Club's 150th Anniversary** (lodged on 16 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01641](#) **Helen McDade: NHS Forth Valley Finalists at Scotland's Health Awards 2026** (lodged on 16 October 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*, Thomas Kerr*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01637](#) **Liam McArthur: Congratulating Harray Young Farmers Club on Bale Art 2026 Win** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*, Tim Eagle* R

[S7M-01634](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy's First Field of Remembrance** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01633](#) **Bob Doris: Celebrating the Life of Lena Martell** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01632](#) **Jamie Langan: Racing to School** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01631](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Volunteer Supports Orphans on Pilgrimage to Mecca** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01630](#) **David Torrance: £1.25 Million Investment in Fife Golf Trust Facilities** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01629](#) **David Torrance: Fife Memory Walk 2026 at Beveridge Park** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01627](#) **Paul Sweeney: ALLIANCE Named Community Link Worker Team of the Year** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Neil Bibby*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01626](#) **Lorna Slater: Social Bite's Jobs First Programme Shortlisted for 2026 SURF Award** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01625](#) **Jenni Minto: Oban Collective Shortlisted for SURF Award** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01624](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Closure of Safer Communities Scotland Due to Funding Withdrawal** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01623](#) **Bob Doris: The Quadrangle in Ruchill Shortlisted in Housing and Regeneration Category at 2026 SURF Awards** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01622](#) **Liam McArthur: Support for Citizen Scientists and Biodiversity Monitoring Infrastructure** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Morven-May MacCallum*, Jackie Baillie*

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[S7M-01621](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Hawick Music Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01620](#) **Katy Clark: Celebrating the Anniversary of the Lamlash Bay No Take Zone** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01619](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Eyemouth Primary Makes Play Pedagogy History** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Tim Eagle*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01618](#) **Clare Haughey: Rutherglen's 900 Bags of Kindness Initiative** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01615](#) **Liam McArthur: Remembering Maureen Herdman** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Tim Eagle*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01614](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: UK Humanitarian Medal for University of Aberdeen Surgeon** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01613](#) **Ben Macpherson: Dreadnought Pub in Leith's 10th Anniversary** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01610](#) **Bob Doris: Queens Cross Housing Association's 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01609](#) **Mark Griffin: The Contribution of Cyrenians in Responding to Homelessness and Housing Need** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01608](#) **Jackie Baillie: USDAW's Respect for Shopworkers Week 2026** (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*, Monica Lennon*, Pauline McNeill*, Colin Beattie*, Mark Griffin*, Patricia Gibson*, Dawn Black*, Tim Eagle*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01606](#) **Michelle Campbell: Angeethi by Sagar Massey Awarded Michelin Bib Gourmand** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01605](#) **David Torrance: Celebrating 100 Years of the Scottish Poppy** (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01604](#) **Clare Adamson: Congratulations to The Miracle Foundation SCIO on Winning Children's Charity of the Year at Phoenix Rising Awards 2026** (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01603](#) **Steven Bonnar: The Voice Lab Empowers Young People Across North Lanarkshire Through Public Speaking and Communication Skills** (lodged on 13 October 2026)

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

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[S7M-01602](#) Steven Bonnar: Uddingston Residents Association Tackles Social Isolation and Strengthens Community Connections (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01601](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Celebrates Record Tourist Season (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*

[S7M-01600](#) Steven Bonnar: Lanarkshire Chinese Association Celebrates Culture and Brings Communities Together (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01597](#) Clare Adamson: The Well Society Raises £2,500 for Beatson Cancer Charity (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01595](#) Stuart McMillan: Inverkip Hotel Patisserie Chef Receives a Paul Hollywood Handshake (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01594](#) David Torrance: Fife Young Carers Launches Christmas Gift Appeal (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01593](#) Carol Mochan: Insecure Pay and Conditions for Delivery Drivers Fails Parcel Consumers (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Pauline McNeill*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01592](#) Donald MacKinnon: Realising the Economic Potential of Marine Energy (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01590](#) Laura Mitchell: Celebrating the UN International Day of Rural Women 2026 (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Dawn Black*

[S7M-01589](#) Donald MacKinnon: Congratulating Àros an Rubha (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01588](#) Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Mackie's of Scotland Full Cream Ahead Campaign Award (lodged on 13 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01583](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank and Milngavie Organisations Successful in Securing National Lottery Community Funding (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-01582](#) Maggie Chapman: Fifth Anniversary of Distress Brief Intervention Dundee (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01579](#) Jackie Dunbar: Andy MacDonald Appointed Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01578](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Olivia's Steps Foundation Awarded Funding for Mobility & Independence Week 2027 (lodged on 16 October 2026)

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New Support: Colin Beattie*, Amanda Bland*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Dunlop*, Jackie Baillie*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01577](#) **Patricia Gibson: Scottish Government's Winter Heating Package** (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Holly Bruce*

[S7M-01574](#) **Paul Sweeney: Unveiling of the Nelson Mandela Statue in Glasgow** (lodged on 12 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01572](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Developing a National Scottish Fontan Service and Transplant Pathway** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01571](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Scottish Women's Aid Launches National Quality Service Standards Accreditation** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01570](#) **David Torrance: £1.2 Million National Lottery Heritage Fund Award for Buckhaven Heritage Project** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01568](#) **Marie McNair: NHS Golden Jubilee Cardiologist Named Honorary Professor** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01567](#) **Marie McNair: NHS Golden Jubilee Named Highest-rated Hospital in the UK** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01566](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Extracorporeal Photopheresis Delivery in Aberdeen** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01563](#) **Jenny Young: Specialist Respite Care Centres for Children in NHS Lothian** (lodged on 9 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

[S7M-01558](#) **Paul McLennan: Yester Farm Dairies Wins Diversification Farmer of the Year** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01557](#) **Alex Kerr: Celebrating Brian Thomson's Fundraising and Volunteering** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01556](#) **Alex Kerr: Celebrating the NHS Lanarkshire Staff Awards 2026** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01554](#) **Alex Kerr: Dr Mike Coats Wins People Choice Award** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01553](#) **Keith Brown: Trading Standards Scotland Launches its Take Control of the Small Things Energy Scams Awareness Campaign** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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[S7M-01550](#) **Paul McLennan: Celebrating the Success of the 2026 Lammermuir Festival** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01549](#) **Paul McLennan: Men's Responsibility in Ending Violence Against Women and Girls** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01548](#) **Paul McLennan: Parity of Esteem for Mental Health in NHS Reform** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01545](#) **Julie MacDougall: Recognising Hospice Care UK** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01544](#) **Colm Merrick: World Diabetes Day 2026** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01543](#) **Claire Baker: Miller Homes Community Fund Supports the Linton Lane Centre Kirkcaldy's October Holiday Youth Clubs** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01542](#) **Marie McNair: Clan McKie Walk of Hope** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01537](#) **Colin Beattie: Nazareth House Named Care Home of the Year** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01536](#) **Colin Beattie: Play Midlothian Awarded Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01534](#) **Colin Beattie: Edinburgh Tamil Sangam Awarded Lottery Community Funding** (lodged on 7 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01531](#) **Miles Briggs: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2026** (lodged on 7 October 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*, Craig Hoy*, Liam McArthur*, Angela Ross*, Q Manivannan*, Patricia Gibson*, Amanda Lindsay*, Marie McNair*, Amanda Bland*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Dawn Black*, Jackie Baillie*, Russell Findlay*, Carol Mochan*, Ben Macpherson*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01526](#) **Katie Hagmann: John and Jim's 100 Mile Charity Cycle** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01520](#) **Iris Duane: Moratorium on Purpose-built Student Accommodation in Glasgow** (lodged on 7 October 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

[S7M-01518](#) **David Torrance: Isla Burston Aims to Become Youngest Scot to Ski to the South Pole** (lodged on 7 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01515](#) **Jackie Dunbar: New Ultrasound Equipment Donated to Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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[S7M-01513](#) **Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Highland Spring on Another Record Breaking Year** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01512](#) **Liam McArthur: Celebrating the Success of the Westray Mini Rugby Tournament** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01504](#) **Stuart McMillan: Terra Nova Explorer Scout Unit Wins Mark Muir Challenge for the First Time** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01496](#) **David Torrance: Fife Businessman Takes on William Wallace Ultra for Parkinson's UK** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01495](#) **Kate Nevens: Welcoming Islamophobia Awareness Month** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Lorna Slater*

[S7M-01487](#) **Stephen Kerr: Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01486](#) **Stephen Kerr: Supporting the Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force, Royal Air Force Air Cadets and Combined Cadet Force** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01485](#) **David Green: Congratulating East Sutherland Rotary Club on Raising £2,500 for Youth and Children's Projects** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01470](#) **Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen and Wood Foundation to Support Local Organisations** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01465](#) **Paul Sweeney: Securing the Future of Dalzell Plate Mill and Scotland's Steel Industry** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Daniel Johnson*

[S7M-01462](#) **Jamie Langan: Selkirk Chess Club** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01461](#) **Jamie Langan: Borders Book Festival** (lodged on 6 October 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Dawn Black*, Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01447](#) **Cara McKee: Recognising the Haus of Seisay** (lodged on 5 October 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[S7M-01410](#) **Laura Moodie: Chapelcross Data Centre** (lodged on 1 October 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

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

New Support: Liam McArthur*

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

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

[S7M-01224](#) **Patricia Gibson: Geco Connect Ltd Secures EDGE Awards** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: David Kirkwood*

[S7M-00926](#) **Fulton MacGregor: A Play-Based Kindergarten Stage for Scotland** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Q Manivannan*

[S7M-00747](#) **Gary Bouse: World Stroke Day 2026** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*

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Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 28 October 2026

Justice

- 1. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Fund to Leave initiative, following reports that funding has not been made available to families since June. ([S7O-00385](#))
- 2. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government what its estimated timescale is for introducing the Damages (Scotland) Bill, as committed to in the Programme for Government 2026-31. ([S7O-00386](#))
- 3. Michelle Campbell:** [Not Lodged]
- 4. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to monitor the use of e-bikes in residential areas. ([S7O-00388](#))
- 5. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has provided the emergency funding for organisations supporting victims and survivors that it committed to in the Programme for Government 2026-31. ([S7O-00389](#))
- 6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any consultation or risk assessment was carried out prior to the closure of the Duns road policing department. ([S7O-00390](#))
- 7. Kim Schmulian:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to applying the approach and practices used in Operation Begonia to other vulnerable groups. ([S7O-00391](#))
- 8. Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of projected population growth on its decisions regarding the allocation of police resources. ([S7O-00392](#))
- 9. Angela Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the identification and recording of child criminal exploitation. ([S7O-00393](#))
- 10. Lloyd Melville:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Police Scotland in improving the visibility of community policing and response times to incidents in towns, including in Carnoustie and Monifieth. ([S7O-00394](#))

Health and Care

- 1. Pauline Stafford:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Lothian regarding the availability of respite care for children with complex medical needs in West Lothian. ([S7O-00395](#))
- 2. Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Monklands Replacement Project. ([S7O-00396](#))
- 3. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the COVID-19 and flu winter vaccination programme. ([S7O-00397](#))

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- 4. Holly Bruce:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure the availability of safe and suitable alternative placements for children requiring care, and what support it provides to social work services experiencing acute capacity shortages. ([S7O-00398](#))
- 5. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve public health in East Kilbride, including through its proposed reform of health and social care services. ([S7O-00399](#))
- 6. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to expand care at home and community-based services in order to prevent avoidable hospital admissions. ([S7O-00400](#))
- 7. David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve access to chronic pain services. ([S7O-00401](#))
- 8. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support people with Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome and Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections, commonly referred to as PANS and PANDAS. ([S7O-00402](#))
- 9. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that people waiting for an ADHD or autism assessment are not adversely impacted by its planned integration of NHS boards. ([S7O-00403](#))
- 10. Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the upward trend in drug-related death statistics for East Ayrshire. ([S7O-00404](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 27 October 2026

- 1. Gary Bouse:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the economic and energy security opportunities presented by the development of pumped storage hydro across Scotland. ([S7O-00377](#))
- 2. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with City of Glasgow College regarding reported concerns about exposure to carcinogenic welding fumes and the measures in place to ensure a safe environment for lecturers and students. ([S7O-00378](#))
- 3. Colm Merrick:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the BBC Scotland television channel is to be closed. ([S7O-00379](#))
- 4. Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions it has had with the senior leadership of Dundee and Angus College regarding the college's Transform Programme. ([S7O-00380](#))
- 5. Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government what its understanding is of the term "penstock" in Class 1(g) of the Schedule to the Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Scotland) Regulations 2000, including whether that includes the penstock of a hydro-electric scheme, and if so, whether it is exempt from rateability under that provision. ([S7O-00381](#))
- 6. David Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding calls for additional Royal Navy surface fleet assets to be based in Scotland. ([S7O-00382](#))
- 7. Mark Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to local authorities, including in Dundee and Angus, to address fly-tipping and littering. ([S7O-00383](#))
- 8. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address concerns raised in the Scottish Human Rights Commission's October 2026 report, *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the South of Scotland*. ([S7O-00384](#))

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- Jenni Minto:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects new vessels to be available to support services on the Rothesay to Wemyss Bay route. ([S7O-00405](#))
- Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that public bodies within its culture portfolio are held accountable for their performance. ([S7O-00406](#))
- Zen Ghani:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional measures it is taking to support low-income households manage rising living costs during the current financial year. ([S7O-00407](#))
- Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that payments for the Pension Age Winter Heating Payment will commence in 2026-27. ([S7O-00408](#))
- Thomas Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it gives to responses received through public consultations when making policy decisions. ([S7O-00409](#))
- James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that local authorities are able to fulfil their statutory duties to provide accommodation to people at risk of homelessness. ([S7O-00410](#))
- Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic last met with representatives of the National Performing Companies and what issues were discussed. ([S7O-00411](#))
- Patricia Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with bus operators to boost services following its implementation of the £2 fare cap. ([S7O-00412](#))
- David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides for online learning and interrupted learner services for children with additional support needs. ([S7O-00413](#))
- Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the First Minister's recent commitment to bringing the bus network back into public control by the end of the current parliamentary session, what assessment it has made of the legislation required to implement this policy and when it plans to introduce it. ([S7O-00414](#))

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 28 October 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 21 October 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 October 2026.

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1. Meghan Gallacher
2. Marie McNair
3. Michelle Campbell
4. Daniel Johnson
5. Katy Clark
6. Rachael Hamilton
7. Kim Schmulian
8. Katherine Sangster
9. Angela Ross
10. Lloyd Melville

Health and Care

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1. Pauline Stafford
2. Joe Fagan
3. Bob Doris
4. Holly Bruce
5. Collette Stevenson
6. Colin Beattie
7. David Green
8. Fulton MacGregor
9. Mark Ruskell
10. Alan Brown

Members selected for General Questions on 27 October 2026

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1. Gary Bouse
2. Monica Lennon
3. Colm Merrick
4. Heather Anderson
5. Kristopher Leask
6. David Smith
7. Mark Simpson
8. Finlay Carson

Members selected for General Questions on 29 October 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 21 October 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 22 October 2026.

1. Jenni Minto
2. Stephen Kerr
3. Zen Ghani
4. Clare Haughey
5. Thomas Kerr
6. James Adams
7. Neil Bibby
8. Patricia Gibson
9. David Linden
10. Patrick Harvie

Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 19 October 2026

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[S7W-04347](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's sixth report, '*Care Sector*' (*Module 6*), which is due to be published on 20 October 2026.

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 21 October 2026

[S7W-04373](#) **Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what changes are being proposed to the National Records of Scotland statistical publications.

Written Questions lodged on 19 October 2026

[S7W-04334](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03651 by Shirley-Ann Somerville on 7 October 2026, whether it will publish the findings from the scoping exercise.

[S7W-04335](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with VisitScotland regarding the potential impacts of proposed hyperscale AI data centres on Scotland's visitor economy, tourism infrastructure, landscape reputation and destination brand.

[S7W-04336](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has discussed low water levels at Whiteadder Reservoir with Scottish Water, and what contingency measures are in place to protect public water supplies in the Scottish Borders if water levels continue to fall.

[S7W-04337](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the findings in the Scottish Human Rights Commission's October 2026 report, *Economic, social and cultural rights in the South of Scotland*, regarding access to healthcare, social care and support for people with learning disabilities in rural communities.

[S7W-04338](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific measures it is taking to tackle food insecurity among older people in rural communities in the South of Scotland, in light of the findings of the Scottish Human Rights Commission's 2026 report, *Economic, social and cultural rights in the South of Scotland*.

[S7W-04339](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has issued any correspondence, directions, circulars or guidance to planning authorities regarding the Parliament's vote to pause decisions on hyperscale AI data centres, and whether it will publish any such correspondence or other communications.

[S7W-04340](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has worked with COSLA to ensure a consistent approach across planning authorities to the treatment of hyperscale AI data centre applications during the period before national planning guidance is finalised.

[S7W-04341](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider making funding provided through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) available on a multi-year basis, and, if so, what action it is taking in this regard.

[S7W-04342](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of energy-intensive hyperscale AI data centres on electricity costs and the capacity of the electricity grid available to Scottish households and businesses.

[S7W-04343](#) **Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it is undertaking with people who receive social care services, and with their families and unpaid carers, as part of its current three-month programme of intensive dialogue on social care reform, and how the views of those groups are being incorporated into the development of reform proposals.

[S7W-04344](#) **Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific areas of social care reform are within the scope of its current three-month programme of intensive engagement, and which are outwith its scope.

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[S7W-04345](#) **Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to report on the outcome of its current three-month programme of intensive engagement on social care reform, and what further consultation will take place before any resulting changes are implemented.

[S7W-04346](#) **Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements it has put in place to ensure that private and voluntary organisations delivering social care services are directly involved in its current three-month programme of intensive dialogue on social care reform, and which organisations have been invited to participate.

[S7W-04348](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many companies whose principal activity was the construction of domestic buildings entered insolvency in each financial year from 2019-20 to 2025-26.

[S7W-04349](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many housing units were under construction by companies whose principal activity was the construction of domestic buildings at the time they entered insolvency, in each financial year from 2019-20 to 2025-26.

[S7W-04350](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) sites with planning permission for housing and (b) housing units with planning permission were owned or controlled by companies that entered insolvency, in each financial year from 2019-20 to 2025-26.

[S7W-04351](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what further action it will take to understand and address the factors contributing to the reported rise in the cost of farm fires in Scotland, in light of the findings of NFU Mutual's latest farm fires report.

[S7W-04352](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that rural areas have sufficient fire resources, in light of NFU Mutual's latest farm fires report, which reported a 22% increase in the cost of farm fires between 2024 and 2025.

[S7W-04353](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent farm fires, in light of NFU Mutual's latest farm fires report, which indicated that the cost of farm fires in Scotland rose by 22% between 2024 and 2025.

[S7W-04354](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to establish emergency mental health care services for young people and students.

[S7W-04355](#) **Katherine Sangster:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the mental health of university students, in light of the 2021 Thriving Learners survey, which indicated that 73.5% of Scotland-based university students surveyed reported having low wellbeing and 19.6% that they either had suicidal ideation or had attempted suicide in the six months prior to the survey.

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[S7W-04356](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the findings of the 2025-26 report, *NHS Scotland Service Evaluation of Long COVID Services*, will inform the development of its forthcoming Long Term Conditions Strategy and future planning for long COVID services and, if so, how.

[S7W-04357](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the report, *NHS Scotland Service Evaluation of Long COVID Services*, for 2025-26.

[S7W-04358](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the report, *NHS Scotland Service Evaluation of Long COVID Services*, for 2025-26, and if it does not plan to publish it, what the reasons are for this decision, in light of the valuable time and effort that people with lived experience have given up to contribute to this report.

[S7W-04359](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for people assessed as eligible for free personal care to begin receiving that care.

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[S7W-04360](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01958 by Kirsten Oswald on 10 August 2026 regarding granting prescribed status to Independent Humanist Ceremonies under the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 and the Civil Partnership Act 2004, whether it will provide an update on what progress has been made by officials.

[S7W-04361](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Network Rail's proposals to remove passing loops at Barrhill, Glenwhilly and Dunragit, including the potential impact on future passenger service frequency, freight capacity and the proposed relocation of Stranraer station.

[S7W-04362](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings of the Energy Skills Passport Steering Group (a) ministers and (b) Scottish Government officials have attended to date in 2026.

[S7W-04363](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of offshore oil and gas workers in (a) Aberdeen, (b) Aberdeenshire and (c) the rest of Scotland who had an Energy Skills Passport User Profile as at 1 October 2026.

[S7W-04364](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of offshore oil and gas workers who have retrained to work in the offshore renewable sector since 1 January 2024 to date.

[S7W-04365](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on the number of offshore energy workers who hold certifications enabling them to work in both the offshore oil and gas and offshore wind sectors.

[S7W-04366](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it allocated to the Energy Skills Passport in 2025-26.

[S7W-04367](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any relationship between staffing pressures within justice social work services and the delays and other issues identified in the Care Inspectorate's report, *Serious Incident Reviews - Justice Social Work 2024-2026*.

[S7W-04368](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the finding in the Care Inspectorate's report, *Serious Incident Reviews - Justice Social Work 2024-2026*, that serious incident notifications increased by 34% compared with the previous reporting period, including what factors it considers have contributed to this increase.

[S7W-04369](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the finding in the Care Inspectorate's report, *Serious Incident Reviews - Justice Social Work 2024-2026*, that around one fifth of serious incident notifications involved domestic abuse, and what action it is taking in response.

[S7W-04370](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the finding in the Care Inspectorate's report, *Serious Incident Reviews - Justice Social Work 2024-2026*, that almost a quarter of serious incident reviews found that required justice social work progress reviews had not been completed within the required timescales or had not taken place at all.

[S7W-04371](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the finding in the Care Inspectorate's report, *Serious Incident Reviews - Justice Social Work 2024-2026*, that nine local authorities reported no serious incidents during the reporting period while six reported 11 or more, and what steps it is taking to ensure the consistent identification and reporting of serious incidents across Scotland.

[S7W-04372](#) **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the First Minister's recent comments on the adoption of a Scottish currency if Scotland became an independent country, what analysis it has carried out on whether mortgages taken out before the adoption of that currency would continue to be repaid in sterling or in the new currency.

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[S7W-04374 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure, through its proposed public sector reforms, that infrastructure spending by regional and community authorities is aligned to the preventative agenda of the NHS, particularly in relation to increasing active lifestyles.

[S7W-04375 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of proposals to increase HGV speed limits on cyclist safety.

[S7W-04376 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to align its close pass reporting system with the one used in England.

[S7W-04377 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-00563 by Jim Fairlie on 3 June 2026, what the current timetable is for NatureScot to consult on, finalise and publish the revised Code of Practice for Deer Management, and when it expects the revised code to come into effect.

[S7W-04378 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to answers by Jim Fairlie to recent questions regarding Environmental Standards Scotland's June 2026 report, *Protecting Scotland's Seafloor*, what specific analytical work has commenced to assess the contribution of the 2025 Programme of Measures to achieving Good Environmental Status for seafloor integrity, including (a) when each workstream commenced, (b) which organisation is responsible for each workstream and (c) when each is expected to be completed.

[S7W-04379 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessments, draft action plans, work programmes or other substantive documents it has provided to Environmental Standards Scotland since 23 June 2026 regarding its response to the report *Protecting Scotland's Seafloor*, and on what dates each document was provided.

[S7W-04380 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03607 by Jim Fairlie on 6 October 2026, whether it plans to undertake an assessment to quantify the contribution of the proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas and Priority Marine Features to achieving Good Environmental Status for seafloor integrity, including any remaining shortfall following implementation, and, if so, when that assessment will commence and be completed.

[S7W-04381 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what methodology it is developing or using to identify and comparatively assess new or additional fisheries management measures where existing measures are insufficient to achieve Good Environmental Status for seafloor integrity, including how their relative environmental effectiveness and wider economic and social consequences will be evaluated.

[S7W-04382 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the development of its response to the recommendations in Environmental Standards Scotland's June 2026 report, *Protecting Scotland's Seafloor*, what arrangements it has established to identify and evaluate independent evidence on the comparative environmental, economic and social benefits of alternative fisheries management measures, including evidence relating to the potential reallocation of Nephrops fishing opportunities from bottom-towed to static fishing gears.

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[S7W-04383 Katy Clark:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the appointment of members to the Independent Commission on the Criminalisation of the Purchase of Sex's panel of experts to be completed.

[S7W-04384 Katy Clark:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on the campaign groups that will be involved in the panel of experts of the Independent Commission on the Criminalisation of the Purchase of Sex.

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[S7W-04385](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what the composition of the Independent Commission on the Criminalisation of the Purchase of Sex's panel of experts will be.

[S7W-04386](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government further to the answer to question S6W-40658 by Siobhian Brown on 2 October 2025, what opportunity the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee will have to consider and report on any rules introducing opt-out group proceedings (class action).

[S7W-04387](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Civil Justice Council (SCJC) regarding when it plans to consult further on opt-out group proceedings (class action) and what form that consultation will take.

[S7W-04388](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Civil Justice Council (SCJC) regarding when it plans to lay before Parliament any proposed rule changes to opt-out group proceedings (class action).

[S7W-04389](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish its first National Deer Management and Venison Plan.

[S7W-04390](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will begin work on the National Deer Management and Venison Plan following the commencement of the relevant sections of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026.

[S7W-04391](#) **Michelle Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the implementation of the provisions in the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 that recognise children who see, hear or otherwise experience the effects of domestic abuse as victims in their own right, and whether it considers that support services are consistently meeting the needs of these children across Scotland.

[S7W-04392](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains its policy that there should be a presumption against new exploration for oil and gas, as set out in its *Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan* and, if not, (a) when and (b) for what reason that policy was changed.

[S7W-04393](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on inviting tenders for a priority contract to secure the provision of a dedicated wildfire management helicopter.

[S7W-04394](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions Scottish Enterprise, Scottish universities or other relevant agencies have had with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) regarding potential foreign direct investment projects in Scotland's advanced packaging ecosystem, including in relation to the National Advanced Semiconductor Packaging and Integration Centre (NASPIC) in the Glasgow City Region.

[S7W-04395](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to leverage Scotland's Critical Technologies Supercluster to attract global tier-1 semiconductor manufacturers to establish dedicated research, development and design bases in Scotland.

[S7W-04396](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential for specific capital grant funding or joint venture frameworks to support the expansion of domestic open-foundry capabilities for compound semiconductors, including silicon carbide, and to integrate domestic manufacturing into the global supply chains of companies such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC).

[S7W-04397](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many jobs in the Scottish supply chain it estimates will be supported by operations at the Sumitomo cable manufacturing facility in the Port of Nigg in (a) 2027, (b) 2028 and (c) 2029.

[S7W-04398](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has consulted with landowners impacted by the Cairngorms Wildfire to ascertain the loss of wildlife as a result of the fire, including nests of protected birds of prey, and what those losses are.

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[S7W-04399](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the extent of carbon loss and for other greenhouse gas emissions following the Cairngorms wildfire in summer 2026.

[S7W-04401](#) **Kate Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to meet the aims of the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy during the current parliamentary session.

[S7W-04402](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) Police Scotland, (b) the Scottish Police Authority, (c) representative bodies for police officers and (d) other relevant stakeholders regarding the potential introduction of mandatory tasers for all on-duty officers; how many tasers are currently available for frontline use, broken down by the number of officers who are trained to deploy these, and what the timeline is for every officer to be (i) trained in taser use and (ii) allocated a taser.

[S7W-04407](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of concerns expressed by the Office of the Public Guardian (Scotland) regarding waiting times for the registration of Powers of Attorney, what action it is taking to support a reduction in those waiting times, and what the timescale is for this.

[S7W-04409](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has met with representatives of the Beattock Action Group to discuss the reopening of Beattock station and, if so, when those meetings took place.

[S7W-04410](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government which rail stations it plans to reopen during the next three years.

[S7W-04411](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish a timetable for the consideration of and response to the Scottish Law Commission's *Report on Tenement Law: Compulsory Owners' Associations (Scot Law Com No. 270)*, including any plans for a draft Tenements (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, and whether it will commit to providing regular updates to Parliament on progress towards implementation.

[S7W-04412](#) **Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm if applicants are required to apply more than one energy efficiency measure in order to qualify for the Rural Home Energy Grant uplift.

[S7W-04413](#) **Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of the eligibility criteria for the £1500 rural uplift available through the Home Energy Grant, which is administered by the Energy Saving Trust.

[S7W-04414](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what the cost would be in 2026-27 of aligning Scotland's higher property rate with the equivalent rate in England, broken down by industry sector.

[S7W-04415](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's call for strategic leadership on employment for veterans, their spouses and partners, which minister is accountable for delivery of this work, and what measurable employment outcomes it has set for the next 12 months.

[S7W-04416](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's *2026 Progress Report*, by what date it will establish a working group to oversee delivery of the Veterans Homelessness Prevention Pathway, and whether it will publish an implementation timetable.

[S7W-04417](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's findings in its *2026 Progress Report* that around 5% of GP practices have registered with the GP Recognition Scheme, what plans it has to increase participation in the scheme over the next 12 months, including any participation targets and supporting resources.

[S7W-04418](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the low level of activity identified by the Scottish Veterans Commissioner in its *2026 Progress Report*, (a) what timetable it

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has set and (b) who is responsible for the implementation and delivery of each recommendation in the report, *Veterans and the Law*.

[S7W-04419](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Pathway, including whether the level of support scheduled for delivery by October 2026 is operational and the timetable and funding are in place for the remaining levels of support.

[S7W-04420](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address reported overcrowding and inadequate capacity on ScotRail services, including the 07:56 Dalmeny to Edinburgh service.

[S7W-04421](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Fife Council's decision to not take into account 431 objections to Uber Scot Limited's booking office licence application, particularly regarding the electronic communication and authentication provisions of paragraph 16A of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, and whether it plans to review the adequacy of guidance to local authorities on the acceptance and validation of electronic objections.

[S7W-04422](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what immediate action it is taking to support licensed hospitality businesses, including those with a rateable value of more than £100,000 that are not eligible for transitional relief, prior to the review of the methodology for licensed hospitality and the 2026 revaluation.

[S7W-04423](#) **Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in its review of the outcomes of the 2026 non-domestic rate revaluation.

[S7W-04424](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported overcrowding and inadequate capacity on ScotRail services, whether ScotRail will review (a) how frequently passenger demand is monitored, (b) how rolling stock is allocated across individual days and routes, and (c) the rolling stock capacity required to ensure that services meet actual passenger demand rather than operate at their scheduled formation.

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[S7W-04425](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has budgeted to implement the *No One Left Behind: Employability Strategic Plan 2024-27*, and how much has been spent each year since its introduction.

[S7W-04426](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact that annual inflation-linked increases in Air Departure Tax would have on Scotland's competitiveness compared with European countries that do not uprate aviation taxes annually.

[S7W-04427](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of setting Air Departure Tax rates either (a) below or (b) above UK Air Passenger Duty rates from 1 April 2028 on (i) passenger demand, (ii) tourism and (iii) airline investment.

[S7W-04428](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether setting Air Departure Tax below Air Passenger Duty rates for long haul flights could support economic growth, tourism and connectivity in Scotland.

[S7W-04429](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the planned rates of Air Departure Tax on the affordability of long-haul holidays for (a) individual travellers and (b) families.

[S7W-04430](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of aviation passenger tax rates in (a) Germany, (b) France, (c) Belgium, (d) Ireland and (e) Sweden when determining the future level of Air Departure Tax in Scotland.

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[S7W-04431](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the extent to which adopting the same rates for Air Departure Tax as Air Passenger Duty could affect Scotland's competitiveness compared to other European destinations.

[S7W-04432](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the additional cost to a family of four travelling on a long-haul flight in premium economy class if Air Departure Tax was set at the same rate as UK Air Passenger Duty.

[S7W-04433](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that removing the Highlands and Islands exemption for international services could have on the viability of (a) existing and (b) future international routes from airports in the Highlands and Islands.

[S7W-04434](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to apply automatic inflation-linked increases to Air Departure Tax rates after 2028.

[S7W-04435](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding arrangements, including opportunities for multi-year funding, are available to grassroots, survivor-led organisations in rural communities to deliver local safeguarding, prevention and survivor-support activities ahead of the conclusion of the public inquiry into group-based child sexual abuse and exploitation.

[S7W-04436](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) local authorities, (b) regional transport partnerships and (c) Police Scotland regarding the potential safeguarding risks associated with reductions in rural bus services and isolated bus stops, particularly for young people at risk of child sexual exploitation or criminal exploitation through so-called county lines networks.

[S7W-04437](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review its best practice guidance on taxi and private hire car licensing to assess the extent to which existing driver training requirements adequately address child sexual exploitation and so-called county lines awareness, including the potential for survivor-led organisations to contribute to such training.

[S7W-04438](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any variations in referral and eligibility criteria for specialist psychological therapies for survivors of childhood sexual abuse across NHS boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships, including whether financial pressures have affected access to these services.

[S7W-04439](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, following the findings of the independent national review published in September 2026, to improve the consistency of information sharing between Police Scotland, local authorities and other relevant agencies in cases of group-based child sexual abuse and exploitation, particularly where risks or allegations cross local authority boundaries.

[S7W-04440](#) **Rachael Hamilton:**

To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements are in place to ensure that historical medical, psychiatric and safeguarding records that might be relevant to investigations of childhood abuse are appropriately preserved and securely transferred when NHS facilities, residential schools or independent boarding schools close.

[S7W-04441](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what oversight arrangements are in place to ensure that independent boarding schools comply with child protection and safeguarding requirements, including the retention and secure transfer of pupil welfare, disciplinary and safeguarding records.

[S7W-04442](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of child protection awareness programmes that encourage children to disclose abuse to trusted adults, particularly in rural communities where alleged perpetrators might hold positions of authority or influence, and what its position is on the extent to which such programmes provide alternative routes for reporting concerns.

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[S7W-04443](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to child protection committees on involving grassroots survivor-led organisations in the development and review of local safeguarding and referral procedures, and what assessment it has made of the extent to which this takes place in rural communities.

[S7W-04444](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, following the findings of the independent national review published in September 2026, to review the effectiveness of safeguarding training for education and social work staff in addressing grooming and group-based child sexual and criminal exploitation, including how the experiences of survivors inform such training.

[S7W-04445](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has discussed with COSLA the potential for local authorities to voluntarily designate an elected member as a so-called Survivor Champion to raise awareness of safeguarding concerns and barriers to accessing trauma support, particularly in rural communities.

[S7W-04446](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding the involvement of survivor-led organisations in training on child sexual exploitation, and what arrangements are in place for survivors to raise directly with senior police officers concerns regarding systemic safeguarding failures.

[S7W-04447](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available through its No One Left Behind approach to employability for survivors of childhood abuse and exploitation who require flexible, trauma-informed pathways into employment, including community-based or outdoor projects, and what discussions it has had with the Department for Work and Pensions regarding the interaction between such voluntary support and benefit conditionality.

[S7W-04448](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements there are for independent scrutiny of Police Scotland's handling of historical allegations of child sexual exploitation, including whether such allegations are assessed for ongoing risks to children and referred to relevant child protection agencies where appropriate.

[S7W-04449](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of emergency accommodation and specialist trauma support for people affected by group-based sexual exploitation where the abuse has occurred outside a domestic relationship, including any gaps in provision for people living in rural communities.

[S7W-04450](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage local authorities to make greater use of their existing powers under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to vary non-domestic rates.

[S7W-04451](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how much revenue raised by the Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme was retained by each local authority in each year since the inception of the scheme, and how much is expected to be raised in 2026-27.

[S7W-04452](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government which local authorities have used their powers under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to vary business rates, broken down by financial year, and how many are seeking to do so.

[S7W-04453](#) **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government which sections of all Acts of the Scottish Parliament passed since May 2007 have not yet been commenced.

[S7W-04454](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many take-home naloxone kits have been supplied in (a) East Ayrshire and (b) South Ayrshire, in each year since 2021.

[S7W-04455](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reasons why the drug-related death rate in East Ayrshire remains above the national average.

[S7W-04456](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects data on the number of community venues that have (a) staff or volunteers trained in naloxone use and (b) naloxone kits available on site, and, if not, how it assesses whether coverage of naloxone provision is sufficient across communities.

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[S7W-04457](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what targeted support it has provided to East Ayrshire to address drug-related deaths since 2021.

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[S7W-04458](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many consultant geriatricians are currently employed by NHS Scotland, broken down by NHS board, and what assessment it has made of whether current staffing levels are sufficient to meet projected demand arising from Scotland's ageing population.

[S7W-04459](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many consultant geriatrician vacancies there are currently across NHS Scotland, and what action it is taking to increase recruitment and retention in geriatric medicine.

[S7W-04460](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the implications of Scotland's ageing population for (a) hospital bed occupancy and (b) demand for consultant geriatricians.

[S7W-04461](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of NHS Scotland hospital bed days were occupied by patients aged (a) 65 and over, (b) 75 and over and (c) 85 and over, in the latest year for which information is available.

[S7W-04462](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether workforce planning for geriatric medicine is sufficient to deliver the objectives set out in its policies for older people.

[S7W-04463](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has a target replacement cycle for MRI scanners across NHS Scotland, and how many scanners are currently operating beyond that target age.

[S7W-04464](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS boards are required to notify it when additional beds are added to wards above their planned capacity and, if so, how many such notifications it has received from each NHS board in 2025.

[S7W-04465](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available through Skills Development Scotland, colleges and apprenticeships to encourage people to train and work in garment alteration, tailoring and dressmaking, particularly in rural areas.

[S7W-04466](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether all infrastructure required to connect the Kilmarnock South Battery Energy Storage System to the transmission network was assessed during the original consenting process and, if not, what additional infrastructure has subsequently been identified and for what purpose.

[S7W-04467](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the current terms and conditions of judicial office holders in the Scottish Tribunals on morale, recruitment and retention, including how these compare with equivalent appointments in reserved tribunals and the courts, and whether it will commit to a comprehensive review of these arrangements and engage directly with GMB Scotland regarding potential improvements.

[S7W-04468](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contractual arrangements for judicial office holders in the Scottish Tribunals, including the requirement to make themselves available for a minimum number of sitting days without any guarantee of work, and whether it will consider introducing guaranteed minimum sitting days and salaried appointments, particularly for chamber presidents and in-house legal members, in line with arrangements elsewhere in the UK.

[S7W-04469](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of concerns raised by GMB Scotland that judicial office holders in the Scottish Tribunals do not have access to the same pension arrangements as their counterparts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, including retrospective

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entitlements dating to 2000 for legal members and 2012 for non-legal members, what action it is taking to address this disparity, and what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding achieving parity in judicial pension provision.

[S7W-04470](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of disparities in remuneration between judicial office holders in the Scottish Tribunals and their counterparts in equivalent tribunals elsewhere in the UK, including reported differences in daily fee rates of between £80 and £213 and holiday pay rates of 12.07% compared with approximately 15% elsewhere, particularly where judicial office holders serving in devolved and reserved tribunals work alongside one another in Scotland, and whether it will consider reviewing these arrangements to achieve parity.

[S7W-04471](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that travel and subsistence allowances for judicial office holders in the Scottish Tribunals have not been revised for several years and are insufficient to cover expenses incurred, and that substantial pre-hearing preparation and decision writing is regularly undertaken without additional remuneration, whether it will review the adequacy of these arrangements and consider introducing supplementary payments, in line with those available to judicial office holders in other UK jurisdictions.

[S7W-04472](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government following the answer to question S7W-04191 by Ruth Charteris on 22 October 2026, for what reason it considers that the absence of a published Code does not mean that investigative functions have operated without established legal and procedural safeguards.

[S7W-04473](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-04191 by Ruth Charteris on 22 October 2026 regarding the Code of Practice on the investigative functions as set out in section 57 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, for what reason (a) this work was not completed before the coronavirus pandemic and (b) work on development of the Code was deemed an insufficient priority by the Lord Advocate's office at the time.

[S7W-04474](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-04191 by Ruth Charteris on 22 October 2026 regarding the Code of Practice on the investigative functions as set out in section 57 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, whether it will provide details regarding the established legal and procedural safeguards that are in place for investigative functions in the absence of the Code of Practice.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 21 October 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
laid under section 15(2) of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

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-S7-5b

Lodged on 9 October 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 27 October 2026

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 27 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 (lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 28 October 2026

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (9th Report, 2026)

Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2026)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)

Representation of the People Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-7b

Lodged on 10 September 2026
 Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 October 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (10th Report, 2026)

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1c
 Lodged on 20 October 2026
 Meeting (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee), 27 October 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)

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

[Bankruptcy and Attachment \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 October 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 December 2026

[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Negative instruments

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 29 October 2026
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[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/251\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

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

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)

[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)

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

Subject to annulment by 2 December 2026
Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2026

[Scottish Land Commission \(Number of Land Commissioners\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/284\)](#) (8 October 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/285\)](#) (8 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 4 December 2026
Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2026

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.\) \(Amendment\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/1095\)](#) (16 October 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

[Scottish Administration \(Offices\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/1097 \(S. 1\)\)](#) (16 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2026

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Finance and Public Administration Committee, 1st Report 2026 \(Session 7\): Scottish Statutory Instruments relating to Airport Departure Tax \(SP Paper 26\)](#), publication date: 21 October 2026

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

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 20 October 2026—

Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-1c)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 October 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Benefit Take-Up Strategy 2026-2031 (SG/2026/143) laid under section 8(3)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2025-2026 (SG/2026/243) laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2025-26 (SG/2026/233) laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 October 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

CalMac Ferries Limited Strategic Report, Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/218) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/219) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne Limited Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/217) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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