

Tuesday 27 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: 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

Committee Meetings

9:15am Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:30am Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

9:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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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](#))

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

[S7M-01726](#) Gillian Martin: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to climate justice, accepting that those in the Global South who have done the least to cause climate change are facing the worst impacts, and recognises that Scotland's commitment to play its role in the global response to tackling climate change and biodiversity loss, including addressing climate related loss and damage, is guided by the principles of climate justice, fairness and global solidarity.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01726.1 Paul Sweeney: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), insert at end "; believes that any overseas development assistance (ODA) should be disbursed with the highest levels of transparency and a focus on maximising its impact, and recognises the importance of a just transition to a green economy, both domestically and across Scotland's international supply chains, to ensure climate justice for all."

S7M-01726.2 Duncan Massey: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), leave out from "reaffirms" to end, and insert "must redefine its definition of climate justice, as harming the economic growth potential of the developing world is not justice; considers the reported pleas from leaders, including Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, to European leaders to invest in their countries instead of lecturing them, to represent evidence that debates of this kind are not welcomed in the developing world, and agrees that, given the cost of energy and what it views as a de-industrialisation crisis, the priority should be to provide cheap, abundant and reliable energy and ensure that well-paid jobs remain in Scotland."

S7M-01726.5 Mark Ruskell: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), insert at end "; reaffirms the importance of the Paris Agreement Goals to limit the global average temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, while pursuing efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C; accepts scientific evidence from the International Energy Agency, United Nations Environment Programme and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shows that new fossil fuel exploration risks exceeding the 1.5°C threshold; believes that new fossil fuel production beyond that which is currently approved, such as the proposed Rosebank oil field, will move the world out of alignment with the Paris Agreement Goals, and supports international dialogue and action on advancing a just, orderly and equitable transition away from fossil fuels.

S7M-01726.4 Finlay Carson: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), leave out from "reaffirms" to end and insert "recognises that those in the Global South often experience a disproportionate share of the impacts of climate change; notes, however, that international development and overseas aid are reserved matters under the devolution settlement and are therefore the responsibility of the UK Government; further notes that substantial sums have been committed through the Scottish Government's International Climate Justice Fund at a time when other domestic priorities face increasing financial pressures; highlights concerns regarding pressures on justice, health and other public services, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus its resources on supporting Scottish communities, businesses and public services to reduce emissions, improve climate resilience and deliver practical environmental improvements in Scotland."

S7M-01726.3 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), insert at end "urges the Scottish Government to advocate at COP31 for rapid progress in scaling up the mobilisation of climate finance, with grant-based finance prioritised over loans to ensure that climate-vulnerable countries are not pushed further into debt as they respond to the climate crisis; believes that there is a strong need to drive down domestic demand for fossil fuels combined with the need to decarbonise heating, transport and industry, and highlights that this must happen in order both to meet net zero objectives and to uphold the commitment to climate justice."

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: Celebrating Scotland's 25th Black History Month

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

Committee Meetings

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

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 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.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 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, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Draft instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider—

[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. Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will also consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-1c.
- 9. Scottish Law Commission – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda item 5.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 7 October 2026

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: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill

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)

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

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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>

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

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Committees Comataidhean				

Rural Affairs Committee

28 October 2026

8th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- 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.
- Land Reform – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
- 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

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

Proposed future business

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Committees Comataidhean				

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, Former Chair, Independent Review of Adult Social Care.

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.

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Committees Comataidhean				

- 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

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

- 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

- 4. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- 5. Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-10.
- 6. 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

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

29 October 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
- Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-74, LCM-S7-7, LCM-S7-7a and LCM-S7-7b from—
Professor Alan Renwick, Professor of Democratic Politics, University College London;
Alison Williams, Director of Devolution and Law and Jackie Killeen, Director of Electoral Administration and Regulation, Electoral Commission, Scotland.
and then from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans and Iain Hockenhill, Head of Elections, Scottish Government;
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Lawyer and Jordan McGrory, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
- Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Stage 1 report:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
- Temporary Standing Order Rule Changes:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of temporary changes to Standing Orders agreed by the Parliament under Bureau motions [S7M-00150](#) and [S7M-00378](#).
- Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Climate Action Committee 29 October 2026 7th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kat Jones, Director, Action to Protect Rural Scotland;
Kim Pratt, Senior Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland.
and then from—
Rosi Leonard, Data Centre Campaign Lead & Network Development Coordinator, Friends of the Earth Ireland;
Professor Hannah Daly, Professor in Sustainable Energy, University College Cork;
Ronan Kelly, CEO, Digital Infrastructure Ireland.
- Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/266).

4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.
5. **Scottish National Adaptation Plan: annual report 2025 - 2026 – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
6. **The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee 29 October 2026 8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Post-school education and skills reform** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Rennick, Director General, Education & Justice and Shirley Laing, Director for Lifelong Learning and Skills, Scottish Government;
Paul Devoy, Interim CEO and Jacqui Brasted, Director of Strategic Transformation & Skills, Scottish Funding Council;
Damien Yeates, Chief Executive Officer and James Russell, Senior Director of Transformation, Skills Development Scotland.
3. **Renewable energy** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland, Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
4. **Renewable energy** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland, Dharshi Santhakumaran, Senior Manager, and Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
5. **Post-school education and skills reform** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland and Derek Hoy, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
6. **Post-school education and skills reform** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
7. **Renewable energy** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

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Committees Comataidhean				

Proposed future business

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Public Service Reform Committee 29 October 2026 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform? (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
3. **Strategic plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider its strategic plan.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 29 October 2026 8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Pre-Budget scrutiny: Women's poverty - report (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.
2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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Motions for debate

***[S7M-01739](#) Adam Harley: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill—** That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill to the Parliament.

***[S7M-01726](#) Gillian Martin: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—** That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to climate justice, accepting that those in the Global South who have done the least to cause climate change are facing the worst impacts, and recognises that Scotland's commitment to play its role in the global response to tackling climate change and biodiversity loss, including addressing climate related loss and damage, is guided by the principles of climate justice, fairness and global solidarity.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S7M-01726.5](#) Mark Ruskell: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—** As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), insert at end "; reaffirms the importance of the Paris Agreement Goals to limit the global average temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, while pursuing efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C; accepts scientific evidence from the International Energy Agency, United Nations Environment Programme and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shows that new fossil fuel exploration risks exceeding the 1.5°C threshold; believes that new fossil fuel production beyond that which is currently approved, such as the proposed Rosebank oil field, will move the world out of alignment with the Paris Agreement Goals, and supports international dialogue and action on advancing a just, orderly and equitable transition away from fossil fuels.

Supported by: Patrick Harvie*

***[S7M-01726.4](#) Finlay Carson: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice—** As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), leave out from "reaffirms" to end and insert "recognises that those in the Global South often experience a disproportionate share of the impacts of climate change; notes, however, that international development and overseas aid are reserved matters under the devolution settlement and are therefore the responsibility of the UK Government; further notes that substantial sums have been committed through the Scottish Government's International Climate Justice Fund at a time when other domestic priorities face increasing financial pressures; highlights concerns regarding pressures on justice, health and other public services, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus

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its resources on supporting Scottish communities, businesses and public services to reduce emissions, improve climate resilience and deliver practical environmental improvements in Scotland."

***[S7M-01726.3](#) Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), insert at end "urges the Scottish Government to advocate at COP31 for rapid progress in scaling up the mobilisation of climate finance, with grant-based finance prioritised over loans to ensure that climate-vulnerable countries are not pushed further into debt as they respond to the climate crisis; believes that there is a strong need to drive down domestic demand for fossil fuels combined with the need to decarbonise heating, transport and industry, and highlights that this must happen in order both to meet net zero objectives and to uphold the commitment to climate justice."

***[S7M-01726.2](#) Duncan Massey: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), leave out from "reaffirms" to end, and insert "must redefine its definition of climate justice, as harming the economic growth potential of the developing world is not justice; considers the reported pleas from leaders, including Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, to European leaders to invest in their countries instead of lecturing them, to represent evidence that debates of this kind are not welcomed in the developing world, and agrees that, given the cost of energy and what it views as a de-industrialisation crisis, the priority should be to provide cheap, abundant and reliable energy and ensure that well-paid jobs remain in Scotland."

***[S7M-01726.1](#) Paul Sweeney: Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01726 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Commitment to International Climate Justice), insert at end "; believes that any overseas development assistance (ODA) should be disbursed with the highest levels of transparency and a focus on maximising its impact, and recognises the importance of a just transition to a green economy, both domestically and across Scotland's international supply chains, to ensure climate justice for all."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01740](#) Donald MacKinnon: The Lucky2BHere Charity**—That the Parliament acknowledges the work of Lucky2BHere, which is a charity founded to improve survival rates from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest through the provision of public-access defibrillators, CPR training and community awareness; recognises the significant contribution that the organisation has made in communities across the Highlands and Islands and throughout Scotland, training thousands of people in lifesaving skills and increasing access to defibrillators; notes the publication of the report, *Wellbeing Needs of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivors and Rescuers: Lived-experience insights from 15 participants in the Highlands and Islands*; acknowledges the report's findings regarding the psychological, cognitive, practical and emotional challenges that can arise after survival from cardiac arrest, as well as the support needs of rescuers and families; recognises the report's call for more accessible, flexible and individualised post-cardiac-arrest support pathways; commends all those who shared their experiences to inform the research, and wishes the organisation every success in its continuing efforts to save lives, strengthen communities and improve support for those affected by sudden cardiac arrest.

Supported by: Q Manivannan*, Colin Beattie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Neil Bibby*

***[S7M-01738](#) Claire Baker: Congratulations to Ella Brown on her Retirement from the Village Café in Ceres Fife**—That the Parliament congratulates Ella Brown on her retirement from the Village Café in Ceres, Fife: understands that the long-time volunteer, cook, steering committee member and key figure has been involved since the Village Café's establishment in 2018, supporting its development and finally taking on the role of Director; believes that Ella's legacy lives on through popular menu items such as Ella's Pancake Stack and Ella's Legendary Jam and Marmalade; notes

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that the Village Café is established as a registered charity (SC049661) and is run by its manager Gwen, staff and local volunteers offering homemade cakes, scones, soups, light lunches and classic breakfast items, with gluten-free and vegan options available; expresses its immense gratitude to Ella for all her hard work and contribution to supporting the community, and extends its very best wishes to her for an enjoyable retirement.

Supported by: Amanda Lindsay*, Julie MacDougall*, Miles Briggs*, Angela Ross*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01737](#) Laura Mitchell: Richard Forsyth Announced as Recipient of the Dr Jim Swan Award at 2026 Scottish Whisky Awards—**That the Parliament congratulates Richard Forsyth OBE, chairman of Forsyths, on being announced as the recipient of the prestigious Dr Jim Swan Award at the 2026 Scottish Whisky Awards, in recognition of his contribution to the industry and his influence on distilling across the globe; appreciates that the award will be presented at the eighth annual Scottish Whisky Awards, taking place in Glasgow on 26 November 2026; recognises Richard's nearly six decades of experience, having begun his career as an apprentice coppersmith in 1968; commends his leadership of Forsyths, the four-generation, family-owned business based in Rothes, which has become internationally renowned for its handcrafted copper stills and distillery installations; acknowledges the company's role in supporting distilleries across Scotland and further afield, including the renowned Kavalan distillery in Taiwan; notes Richard's appointment as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2020 for services to the industry, alongside his induction into the Whisky Magazine Hall of Fame and other prestigious honours; recognises his commitment to preserving traditional craftsmanship, supporting the next generation and contributing to the community of Speyside, and wishes Richard and the team at Forsyths continued success as they celebrate this well-deserved recognition of their contribution to Scotland's whisky industry.

Supported by: Gary Bouse*, Michelle Campbell*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Angela Ross*, Heather Anderson*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01736](#) Neil Bibby: First Dedicated Principal Teacher of AI Literacy—**That the Parliament commends Mearns Castle High School in East Renfrewshire, and its headteacher, Mr Clark, for appointing a principal teacher of AI literacy, Mr Laycock; notes that all S1 and S2 pupils will receive AI literacy lessons, that learning for other year groups will be incorporated into citizenship and personal education classes, and that senior pupils will have the opportunity to take an AI literacy course as an elective; recognises that the use of artificial intelligence is increasing in both schools and workplaces, and that current and future generations of workers must be equipped to understand both how it can add value and its limitations, and that, to do so, they must have the skills necessary to question and challenge it, including the ability to identify fake images and inaccurate information, and encourages other schools and local authorities to learn more about Mearns Castle High School's plans and how they could inform their own work.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01735](#) Neil Bibby: 80th Anniversary of the Waverley Paddle Steamer Launch—**That the Parliament recognises that 2 October 2026 marked the 80th anniversary of the launch of the *Waverley* paddle steamer, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world; notes that the *Waverley* was launched at the Pointhouse Yard of A&J Inglis in Glasgow and was the last steamer built for LNER; thanks the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society for taking on the *Waverley* after it was withdrawn from active service in 1974; recognises that an estimated six million people have travelled on it since then, on routes around the UK, with passenger numbers exceeding 150,000 each summer for the past three years; notes that the *Waverley* continues to sail across the West Scotland region and beyond, including to Ardrossan, Brodick, Greenock, Kilcreggan, Largs, Lochranza and Millport; commends the work of the Waverley Steam Navigation Company and the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society in keeping the *Waverley* operational and ensuring that, 80 years on, people can continue to enjoy Clyde coast scenery from a steamer, including through fundraising for repairs on several occasions, and looks forward to many more people having the opportunity to experience steam-powered maritime travel for years to come.

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Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01734](#) Gillian Martin: Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Climate Action Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S7M-01733](#) Gillian Martin: Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Climate Action Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S7M-01732](#) Gillian Martin: Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Climate Action Committee recommends that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

***[S7M-01731](#) Thomas Kerr: Scotland's Christian Heritage and Reformation Sunday**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the historic and the enduring influence of Christianity on Scotland's national identity, culture, laws, education and traditions; acknowledges what it considers to be the profound significance of the Scottish Reformation of 1560, which helped shape Scotland's religious, intellectual and civic life, including the development of Presbyterianism and the historic emphasis placed on the authority of Scripture; recognises the contributions of figures such as John Knox and the many generations of ministers, reformers and congregations who helped shape the nation's history; notes the importance of Reformation Sunday as an opportunity to reflect on Scotland's Christian heritage and the continuing relevance of the Reformation's legacy; acknowledges the contribution of churches and Christian organisations to communities across Scotland through worship, pastoral care, charitable work, food banks, youth activities and support for vulnerable people; believes that Scotland's Christian heritage should be recognised, preserved and taught to future generations, and encourages communities across Scotland to mark Reformation Sunday by reflecting on the country's religious history and the contribution of Christianity to Scottish life.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, David Smith*, Victor Currie*, Senga Beresford*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Lindsay*, Max Bannerman*, Kim Schmulian*, Murdo Fraser*

***[S7M-01730](#) Cara McKee: Recognising the International Day of Care and Support**—That the Parliament recognises the International Day of Care and Support, which is marked annually on 29 October; believes that the day provides an opportunity to pay tribute to all those who do care work, both paid and unpaid; notes that women make up 79% of the social care workforce and 73% of unpaid carers in Scotland; further notes that the General Assembly of the UN decided to proclaim 29 October as International Day of Care and Support as it wished to recognise and value paid care work and care workers as essential workers and to recognise, reduce, redistribute and value unpaid care work, with full respect for human rights; observes that recognition of care and support is key to achieving gender equality and societal and economic sustainability; recognises that demand for care and support is growing and believes that addressing this demand requires decent and fulfilling work with good terms and conditions in order to avoid crises in care and increased gender inequalities; commends the work of the many organisations across Scotland working to support and improve conditions for care and support staff, and encourages people throughout Scotland to take a moment on this International Day of Care and Support to honour the dedication and skill of all carers, paid and unpaid.

Supported by: Laura Moodie*, Kate Nevens*, Iris Duane*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, David Barratt*, Mark Ruskell*, Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Q Manivannan*, Colin Beattie*

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***[S7M-01729](#) Helen McDade: Thanks to Those Who Kept Communities Safe During Storm Boelo**—That the Parliament notes the severe disruption caused by Storm Boelo, which brought storm-force winds and heavy rain to large parts of Scotland on 24 and 25 October 2026; recognises that many thousands of households lost their electricity supply and that other essential services were disrupted in many communities; thanks the electricity network engineers, line and tree-cutting crews, and control room and contact centre staff who worked in atrocious conditions to restore supplies safely and to support vulnerable customers; extends that thanks to the emergency services, local authority and roads staff, health and care workers, and the many volunteers who worked to keep people safe, protect communities and restore services where they were affected; considers that their commitment, often in dangerous conditions, reflects great credit on them, and wishes to place on record its gratitude to all of them.

Supported by: Kim Schmulian*, Miles Briggs*, Victor Currie*, Julie MacDougall*, David Smith*, Angela Ross*, Amanda Lindsay*, Senga Beresford*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Amanda Bland*, Paul Sweeney*, Q Manivannan*

***[S7M-01728](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie Manor Rated Very Good by Care Inspectorate**—That the Parliament recognises Milngavie Manor Care Home on Craigton Road, Milngavie, for receiving a “very good” rating following a recent inspection by the Care Inspectorate; understands that the inspection report commended staff and the clinical team for providing residents with meaningful activities and nutritious meals; congratulates the home on achieving this rating, and celebrates care providers for tailoring care to the needs of individuals and for going above and beyond to ensure that residents get the best out of life.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01727](#) Marie McNair: Action Old Kilpatrick Recognised By Keep Scotland Beautiful**—That the Parliament celebrates Action Old Kilpatrick volunteers for their efforts to keep the community clean and beautiful; understands that the group was recognised as Outstanding by Keep Scotland Beautiful under the It’s Your Neighbourhood scheme; celebrates community groups that come together to look after the place where they live, and congratulates Action Old Kilpatrick on its national recognition.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01725](#) Stephen Kerr: Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277)**—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/277) be annulled.

***[S7M-01724](#) Stephen Kerr: Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276)**—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/276) be annulled.

***[S7M-01723](#) Keith Brown: Europa Music Returns to Alloa**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Europa Music, which is one of Scotland’s longest-established independent record shops, is returning to Alloa with the opening of a second store; understands that it was established in Alloa in 1976 and that the new shop, at 41 High Street, will see the business return to its historic roots in the town; notes that the store is aiming to open its doors on 2 November 2026, the day after Europa Music celebrates its 50th anniversary, with an official grand opening planned for 7 November; understands that the Alloa branch will operate both as a retail store and a major stock-sorting hub for the business, with the team currently processing an extensive collection, including more than 12,000 singles and thousands of CDs and DVDs; recognises the enduring popularity of vinyl and the important contribution that independent record shops make to Scotland’s music culture and high streets; considers that the return of such a well-known independent business is a welcome boost for Alloa town centre and demonstrates the important role that independent retailers can play in bringing character, footfall and activity to such areas; recognises the particular affection that many people in Clackmannanshire have for Europa Music and the memories associated with its original Alloa store;

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congratulates owner, Ewan Duncan, and everyone involved in bringing Europa Music back to the town where it began, and wishes the new Alloa store every success.

Supported by: Collette Stevenson*, Paul McLennan*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Helen McDade*, David Torrance*, Julie MacDougall*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Q Manivannan*

***S7M-01722 Victor Currie: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry**—That the Parliament recognises and emphasises what it sees as the strategically important role that Scotland's fishing industry plays in securing domestic food security and anchoring the rural and wider economy; recognises the uniquely dangerous and hostile conditions that fishing crews operate under daily; expresses its deepest condolences to the families, friends and coastal communities affected by recent tragic fatalities off the Western Isles, and calls on the Scottish Government to adopt measures with extreme urgency to both support and grow the sector, to ensure the long-term viability of safe, sustainable and well-paid employment across Scotland's coastal and island communities.

Supported by: Mark Simpson*, Angela Ross*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Lindsay*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Max Bannerman*, Kim Schmulian*, Amanda Bland*

***S7M-01721 Andrew Baxter: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**—That the Parliament recognises that November each year is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; acknowledges the devastating impact of pancreatic cancer on patients, their families and loved ones; recognises the importance of raising awareness of its symptoms and supporting earlier diagnosis and timely access to treatment; notes the additional challenges that people with the condition in the Highlands and other rural, remote and island communities can face, including long journeys to specialist services, limited transport options and the financial and practical pressures of accessing care far from home; believes that where a person lives should not determine their access to diagnosis, treatment or support; commends the work of Pancreatic Cancer UK, healthcare professionals, researchers and campaigners in supporting those affected and improving understanding of the disease, and encourages MSPs, public bodies and communities across Scotland to help spread awareness throughout November and beyond.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01720 Daniel Johnson: Supporting Scotland's Sleep Support Line (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Helen McDade*

S7M-01719 Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating Inverurie on Being Scotland's Town of the Year 2026 (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Laura Mitchell*, Andrew Baxter*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01718 James Adams: Derek Ritchie of We Are Inverurie BID Recognised as a 2026 High Street Hero (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

S7M-01717 James Adams: Inverurie Named Scotland's Town of the Year at Scotland Loves Local Awards (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Duncan Massey*, Laura Mitchell*, Stuart McMillan*

S7M-01716 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Celebrating the Birth of Two Asiatic Lions at Edinburgh Zoo (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Duncan Dunlop*, Jackie Baillie*, Andrew Baxter*, Helen McDade*, Laura Moodie*

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[S7M-01715](#) **Andrew Baxter: Recognising Fort William's High Street Hero Norrie MacLean**
(lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Victor Currie*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Dunlop*, Colin Beattie*, Jackie Baillie*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Q Manivannan*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01714](#) **Heather Anderson: Congratulating Graduates of M&S Marks & Start Programme**
(lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Laura Mitchell*

[S7M-01713](#) **Amanda Lindsay: Congratulating Lucy Lawson of Unicorn Markets CIC** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford*, Helen McDade*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01712](#) **Jack Middleton: Butlers Travel Agency Success** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01711](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating Huntly Development Trust for Being Shortlisted for SURF Award** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*

[S7M-01710](#) **Amanda Lindsay: Recognising the Women's Rights Endeavours of J.K. Rowling**
(lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: David Smith*, Julie MacDougall*, Victor Currie*, Angela Ross*, Duncan Massey*, Helen McDade*, Kim Schmulian*, Senga Beresford*

[S7M-01709](#) **Max Bannerman: Refusal of Planning Permission for Coul Links** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Victor Currie*, Duncan Massey*, Senga Beresford*, Helen McDade*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01708](#) **Miles Briggs: Silverlea Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01707](#) **Keyleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Celebrating MND Scotland's 45th Anniversary** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*, Laura Moodie*, Iris Duane*, Cara McKee*, Mark Ruskell*, Kate Nevens*

[S7M-01706](#) **Heather Anderson: Celebrating 60 Years of Community Gardening** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Dawn Black*, Neil Bibby*, David Barratt*

[S7M-01705](#) **Paul McLennan: Young Golfers Triumph at 30th North Berwick Rotary Charity Golf Day** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01704](#) **Paul McLennan: Markle Bridge Project Wins Scottish Civil Engineering Award**
(lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01703](#) **Paul McLennan: Congratulations to Bombay Bar & Grill on Scottish Asian Food Awards Success** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01702](#) **Jamie Langan: Supporting Scotland's Pubs** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

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New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Victor Currie*, Kim Schmulian*, Duncan Massey*, Senga Beresford*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01701](#) **Heather Anderson: Celebrating 'Rights Here. Rights Now' Campaign** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, David Barratt*

[S7M-01700](#) **Jackie Baillie: Celebrating the Restoration of Kilmaronock Old Kirk** (lodged on 23 October 2026)

New Support: Carol Mochan*

[S7M-01699](#) **David Torrance: Fife College Students Recognised Through Adam Smith Scholarships** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*

[S7M-01697](#) **Jamie Langan: National Geographic's Best of the World 2027 List** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01696](#) **Clare Haughey: 149th Anniversary of the Blantyre Pit Disaster** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Carol Mochan*, David Barratt*, Katy Clark*, Helen McDade*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01695](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Silverlea Shortlisted for Housing and Regeneration SURF Award** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Julie MacDougall*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01694](#) **Jamie Langan: Celebrating St Mary's Church in Dumfries** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01693](#) **Liam McArthur: Gregor Corse Recognised as Pride of Britain Young Fundraiser of the Year** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01691](#) **David Green: Opening of the UK's First HVDC Subsea Cable Factory** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01690](#) **David Torrance: Great Britain Men and Women to Make Ice Hockey History** (lodged on 22 October 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*, Jackie Baillie*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01686](#) **Jackie Baillie: Celebrating Five Years of NHS Scotland Academy** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Neil Bibby*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01685](#) **Duncan Massey: Welcoming the Approval of Jackdaw Gas Field** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Helen McDade*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01684](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Recognising the Valuable Work of Somebody Cares Aberdeen** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Andrew Baxter*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

[S7M-01683](#) **Stephen Kerr: The Scottish Veterans Commissioner's Progress Report 2026** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

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New Support: Senga Beresford*, Neil Bibby*, Jackie Baillie*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01682](#) **David Smith: Remembering Aberfan** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Senga Beresford*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01679](#) **Michelle Campbell: 20th Anniversary of Abbeycare Scotland** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Q Manivannan*, Stuart McMillan*, Heather Anderson*, Patricia Gibson*, Laura Moodie*, Neil Bibby*

[S7M-01678](#) **Marie McNair: Verlaine McKay's Contribution to Milngavie and Bearsden** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Cara McKee*, Collette Stevenson*, Heather Anderson*, Neil Bibby*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Kim Schmulian*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01677](#) **Carol Mochan: Stop the Royal Mail From Collapse** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01675](#) **Laura Mitchell: Moravian Orienteering Club Athletes' Success at the Senior Home International Competition** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Max Bannerman*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01674](#) **Jackie Baillie: Emma McLeod Wins Back-to-back Scottish Lawn Bowls Titles** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01672](#) **Craig Hoy: Congratulations to Dumfries and Galloway on National Geographic Recognition** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*, Carol Mochan*, Colin Beattie*, Senga Beresford*, Jackie Baillie*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01665](#) **Jack Middleton: Bon Accord Heritage Receives Vital Funding** (lodged on 20 October 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*

[S7M-01664](#) **Colm Merrick: Celebrating 20 Years of Linkes Community Group** (lodged on 20 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-01663](#) **Martyn Day: Port of Grangemouth Celebrates Diamond Anniversary** (lodged on 20 October 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*

[S7M-01659](#) **Colin Beattie: International Solidarity Convoy to Ukraine** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*

[S7M-01655](#) **Jack Middleton: Success of the Old Aberdeen Whisky Festival** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01654](#) **Dawn Black: Carron Fish Bar Recognised at Scottish Fish and Chip Awards** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01653](#) **David Torrance: Navantia UK Secures Second Vessel Contract and Creates 60 New Jobs at Methil Yard** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Kim Schmulian*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S7M-01651](#) **David Torrance: Fife Properties Celebrates Hat-trick of Awards at ESTAS 2026** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*

[S7M-01649](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Congratulating the Arbroath Run Like a Girl Community for Fundraising Efforts** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01647](#) **Yi-pei Chou Turvey: Recognising All the Colour for Designing Accessible and Sustainable Jewellery** (lodged on 19 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-01635](#) **Joe Fagan: Collaboration for Health Equity and Scotland's Marmot Places** (lodged on 15 October 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Katherine Sangster*, Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Max Bannerman*

[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: Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-01540](#) **James Adams: Congratulating Peter Bruce on his CBE** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Max Bannerman*

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

New Support: Max Bannerman*, Neil Bibby*, David Barratt*, Adam Harley*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: David Green*, Q Manivannan*

[S7M-01369](#) **Martyn Day: Supporting the Mental Health Workforce** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*, Michelle Campbell* **R**, Colm Merrick*, David Barratt*, David Torrance*, Amanda Bland*, Q Manivannan*

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

New Support: Q Manivannan*

Questions

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 4 November 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 28 October 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 October 2026.

Climate Action and Rural Affairs

1. Kim Schmulian
2. Senga Beresford
3. Katy Clark
4. Carol Mochan
5. Pauline Stafford
6. Patrick Harvie
7. Collette Stevenson
8. Alexander Burnett
9. Kristopher Leask
10. Bob Doris
11. Irshad Ahmed (Reserve)
12. Meghan Gallacher (Reserve)

Education, Culture and Gaelic

1. Joe Long
2. Liam Kerr
3. Joe Fagan
4. Angela Ross
5. Adam Harley
6. Jackie Baillie
7. Jack Middleton
8. Yi-pei Chou Turvey
9. Gary Bouse
10. Michelle Campbell
11. Stuart McMillan (Reserve)
12. Daniel Johnson (Reserve)

Members selected for General Questions on 3 November 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 28 October 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 October 2026.

1. Amanda Lindsay
2. Liam McArthur
3. Graham Simpson
4. Clare Adamson
5. Andrew Baxter
6. Max Bannerman

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7. David Smith
8. Katie Hagmann
9. David Kirkwood (Reserve)
10. Zen Ghani (Reserve)

Members selected for General Questions on 5 November 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 28 October 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 29 October 2026.

1. Duncan Dunlop
2. Colm Merrick
3. Jenni Minto
4. Holly Bruce
5. Tim Eagle
6. David Green
7. Clare Haughey
8. Maggie Chapman
9. Monica Lennon
10. Colin Beattie
11. Steven Bonnar (Reserve)
12. Duncan Massey (Reserve)

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 26 October 2026

[S7W-04498](#) **David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve care and treatment for people experiencing severe alcohol-related harm, and whether it will provide an update on plans for Alcohol Care Teams.

Written Questions lodged on 26 October 2026

[S7W-04475](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding delayed hospital discharge attributable to the absence of a welfare power of attorney or to the requirement to obtain guardianship under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000, and how many occupied hospital bed days were associated with such delays in the most recent year for which figures are available.

[S7W-04476](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to "address the scale and seriousness of potential threats the use of AI may pose now and in the future", in line with motion S7M-01177, as amended and agreed to by Parliament on 16 September 2026.

[S7W-04477](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what the source or basis is for the estimate that artificial intelligence could contribute an additional £23 billion to Scotland's GDP by 2035, as reportedly cited by the then Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education in March 2026.

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[S7W-04478](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with representatives of Barclays Bank regarding any potential impact on employment in Scotland of the reported loss of 5,000 jobs associated with the bank's adoption of artificial intelligence tools.

[S7W-04479](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to consult (a) staff and (b) the public regarding the proposals in the document published by the Permanent Secretary in August 2026, *Serving Scotland: Our five-year plan*, which details plans for a smaller public service while "using AI to support minute-taking, to help prepare internal briefings, or to handle correspondence, Parliamentary Questions and Freedom of Information requests more efficiently".

[S7W-04480](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what the budgeted annual cost is of licences for Microsoft Copilot and similar artificial intelligence-enabled software across Scottish Government, including non-departmental public bodies.

[S7W-04481](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding the proportion of people admitted to hospital with a hip fracture who had previously undergone a falls-risk or osteoporosis risk assessment, and what action it is taking to improve the identification and treatment of people at risk.

[S7W-04482](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential implications of hyperscale AI data centres for public health, including any impact on local air quality, noise levels, water resources, energy infrastructure and health inequalities, and whether it plans to undertake health impact assessments as part of its forthcoming national planning and spatial guidance for hyperscale data centres.

[S7W-04483](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the proposed hyperscale AI data centre developments in Scotland are located within, adjacent to, or likely to affect communities identified as experiencing significant health inequalities, and whether such considerations will form part of its forthcoming national planning and spatial guidance for hyperscale data centres.

[S7W-04484](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken through the Whole Family Support Fund to provide intensive support for adoptive families and to help prevent adoption breakdown.

[S7W-04485](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many Police Scotland investigations in each of the last five years have involved the use of social media platforms or messaging applications to recruit or control victims for the purposes of sexual exploitation, and what assessment it has made of whether existing legislation is sufficient to address such activity.

[S7W-04486](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether existing Scottish criminal law provides sufficient powers to investigate and prosecute the online recruitment, grooming, control and sexual exploitation of vulnerable women and girls through social media and messaging platforms, and what consideration it has given to introducing specific offences to address such activity.

[S7W-04487](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding opportunities to work together to strengthen the legal and operational response to online-facilitated sexual exploitation, including the recruitment and control of vulnerable people through digital platforms.

[S7W-04488](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the proportion of apprenticeship places secured by young people from working-class backgrounds and those living in deprived communities, and what action it is taking to improve access where inequalities in access persist.

[S7W-04489](#) **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the multi-criteria analysis of the thematic recommendations provided by experts, including contributors from the Global South, and a monitoring and evaluation framework to "underpin transparency, learning and

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accountability" as promised in its 2023 position paper, *Taking a Feminist Approach to International Relations*, and when it will provide an update on the implementation of the wider actions within the position paper, including equality and human rights budgeting and rolling out Centres of Expertise to mainstream equality and human rights throughout domestic and international policies, funding and programming.

[S7W-04490](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what resource implications it has identified regarding the composition and size of prison healthcare teams.

[S7W-04491](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on developing an Older People's Strategy for Prisons.

[S7W-04492](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in implementing the Prison Healthcare Target Operating Model.

[S7W-04493](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what provision is available for memory assessment for prisoners with suspected dementia.

[S7W-04494](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made to determine whether the disciplinary composition of each prison healthcare team is adequate for the older prison population that they serve and meets HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland (HMIPS) health and wellbeing standard 9.

[S7W-04495](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the actions arising from the meetings of the Cross Portfolio Ministerial Group on Prison Health and Social Care.

[S7W-04496](#) **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government how many prison healthcare staff there have been in each prison in each year since 2016, broken down by role, and what the budget allocation for this staffing has been in each prison over the same period.

[S7W-04497](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to undertake a specific rural and islands impact assessment in relation to its proposed food price cap plans.

[S7W-04499](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has approved any revised business case, project-change request or change in the anticipated outcomes for the Chapelcross redevelopment project following the appointment of CX Power, now known as CX Tech, as strategic developer.

[S7W-04500](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the proposed data centre development at Chapelcross remains consistent with the objectives and public benefits that formed the basis for the allocation of £7.5 million through the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.

[S7W-04501](#) **Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government how its approach to public service reform will affect the delivery of audiology services, including any plans to improve patient access and to expand provision in community settings.

[S7W-04502](#) **Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential savings from expanding community-based audiology services, including any savings associated with reducing the risk of, or delaying the onset of, dementia.

[S7W-04503](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will implement a dedicated pricing tier on the Caledonian Sleeper service for Highland-based residents, including those who use the service to commute, to ensure that they can access the most affordable fares.

[S7W-04504](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reform the Caledonian Sleeper service's Classic and Club Flexipass tickets to ensure that upfront costs paid by travellers deliver cheaper berths per journey, with consideration given to protected, priority room availability for Highland-based residents, including those who use the service to commute.

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[S7W-04505](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its consultation on Community Engagement Obligations and draft large land holdings guidance under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025, how it anticipates that the expected update to the code of practice on deer management will affect the landowner obligations under consideration in that consultation.

[S7W-04506](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the total cost to landowners of the proposals set out in its consultation on Community Engagement Obligations and draft large land holdings guidance under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025.

[S7W-04507](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to raising the income threshold for receipt of the education maintenance allowance, to help young people remain in education.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 26 October 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Designation of Scheme Administrator\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

[Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
laid under section 58(3) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 26 October 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/288\)](#)
laid under Paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014.

Progress of Legislation

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

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

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:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

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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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Designation of Scheme Administrator\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (26 October 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (26 October 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

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

[Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (26 October 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

Negative instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 25 November 2026
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[Police Service of Scotland \(Conduct\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/276\)](#) (1 October 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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

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

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[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)

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[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/288\)](#) (26 October 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

[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

[Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Maximum Number of Judges \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \[draft\] \(SP Paper 27\)](#), publication date: 26 October 2026

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 October 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/253) laid under Section 10(3) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Children’s Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/200) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children’s Hearings Scotland Impact Report 2025-26 (SG/2026/201) laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Children’s Hearings Scotland – The Feedback Loop 2025-26 (SG/2026/202) laid under Section 181 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (CCYP/2026/03) laid under Section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

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