Wednesday 28 October 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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followed by Business Motions

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Committee Meetings

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9:30am Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

9:45am Finance and Public Administration Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Justice

1. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Fund to Leave initiative, following reports that funding has not been made available to families since June. (S7O-00385)

2. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government what its estimated timescale is for introducing the Damages (Scotland) Bill, as committed to in the Programme for Government 2026-31. (S7O-00386)

3. Michelle Campbell: [Not Lodged] (S7O-00387)

4. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to monitor the use of e-bikes in residential areas. (S7O-00388)

5. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has provided the emergency funding for organisations supporting victims and survivors that it committed to in the Programme for Government 2026-31. (S7O-00389)

6. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether any consultation or risk assessment was carried out prior to the closure of the Duns road policing department. (S7O-00390)

7. Kim Schmulian: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to applying the approach and practices used in Operation Begonia to other vulnerable groups. (S7O-00391)

8. Katherine Sangster: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of projected population growth on its decisions regarding the allocation of police resources. (S7O-00392)

9. Angela Ross: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the identification and recording of child criminal exploitation. (S7O-00393)

10. Lloyd Melville: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Police Scotland in improving the visibility of community policing and response times to incidents in towns, including in Carnoustie and Monifieth. (S7O-00394)

Health and Care

1. Pauline Stafford: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Lothian regarding the availability of respite care for children with complex medical needs in West Lothian. (S7O-00395)

2. Joe Fagan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Monklands Replacement Project.
(S7O-00396)

3. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the COVID-19 and flu winter vaccination programme. (S7O-00397)

4. Holly Bruce: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure the availability of safe and suitable alternative placements for children requiring care, and what support it provides to social work services experiencing acute capacity shortages. (S7O-00398)

5. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve public health in East Kilbride, including through its proposed reform of health and social care services. (S7O-00399)

6. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to expand care at home and community-based services in order to prevent avoidable hospital admissions. (S7O-00400)

7. David Green: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve access to chronic pain services. (S7O-00401)

8. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support people with Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome and Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections, commonly referred to as PANS and PANDAS. (S7O-00402)

9. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that people waiting for an ADHD or autism assessment are not adversely impacted by its planned integration of NHS boards. (S7O-00403)

10. Alan Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the upward trend in drug-related death statistics for East Ayrshire. (S7O-00404)

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Debate: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill

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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01739.2 Maree Todd: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill—As an amendment to motion S7M-01739 in the name of Adam Harley (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill), leave out from “introduce” and insert “significantly improve the support available for people who are neurodivergent, people who have a learning disability and people who are autistic; agrees that support across the country is too varied and inconsistent and recognises that there must be a direct focus on reducing waiting lists for neurodivergence assessments, recognising diagnostic pathways, improving accountability, more transparent capture and collation of data and ensuring better support is offered through Scotland’s education system; acknowledges a number of recent measures introduced by the Scottish Government, including £7.6 million for neurodevelopmental support for children and adoption of the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ 4-level pathway for neurodevelopmental support for adults, which will ensure differential diagnosis and prescribing capabilities for psychiatric support and referrals for autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions; notes the importance of ensuring that the views shared by people with lived experience are key to driving Scotland’s approach and recognises the impact of the Bill consultation period on the LDAN community, as well as the need to rebuild confidence and trust with people to ensure that their voices and views continue to shape reform; affirms that third sector and community groups supporting people and their families must be properly resourced; agrees that changes that can happen much faster now for people through policy reform, service improvement and targeted investment must be pursued, but recognises that the opportunity for introducing a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill to the Parliament should continue to be an option in the current Parliamentary session if improvements are not comprehensively made.”

S7M-01739.1 Joe Long: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill—As an amendment to motion S7M-01739 in the name of Adam Harley (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill), insert at end “; notes the time and expertise contributed by people with

lived experience, support professionals and stakeholders to the development of the proposed Bill over several years, and agrees that urgent action to meet the needs of these communities can be delivered alongside legislation that puts sustainable, systemic change on a statutory footing."

S7M-01739.3 Helen McDade: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill— As an amendment to motion S7M-01739 in the name of Adam Harley (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill), insert at end "; recognises that immediate measures can be taken in the meantime, to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodiversity, and believes that the process of introducing new legislation is not a barrier to taking action in the short term."

followed by Business Motions

S7M-01754 Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse: Taking Action to Support Those Affected by Council Tax Debt

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sporting Events Bill - UK Legislation

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 Ministerial Statement: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Bus Network

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 10 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 November 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 November 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-01755 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01756 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01757 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01758 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01759 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01760 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections (Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01761 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

S7M-01762 Jamie Hepburn: Approval of the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 (SG/2026/193) be approved.

S7M-01763 Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the third supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill.

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: World Stroke Day 2026

S7M-00747 Gary Bouse: World Stroke Day 2026—That the Parliament notes that 29 October 2026 marks World Stroke Day; recognises that every stroke changes a life in an instant, often leaving survivors, families and carers facing physical, emotional, psychological and financial consequences; understands that the condition is a medical emergency affecting the brain, requiring urgent specialist treatment; acknowledges that it remains Scotland's third biggest killer and the leading cause of adult disability, with a stroke reportedly occurring every 49 minutes in Scotland and more than 150,000 stroke survivors across the country living with the lasting effects of the condition; understands with concern that around one in four people who experience a stroke are of working age with up to one in three forced to leave employment as a result; recognises that around 11,000 people in Scotland experienced stroke in 2025, including more than 600 in NHS Forth Valley, which serves residents of Falkirk West; notes the view that to improve Scotland's stroke services, it requires a comprehensive emergency pathway that ensures people with a suspected stroke are taken to the right service, regardless of location, and provided with timely access to thrombolysis that is local to them where clinically appropriate; further notes the view that this requires a 24/7 national thrombectomy service and improved access to specialist post-stroke rehabilitation in order to improve outcomes and quality of life; notes the belief that without these changes, the cost of stroke to Scotland's health and social care services, which it already considers significant, will continue to rise, and commends the work of Scotland's stroke clinical community, third sector organisations, including the Stroke Association and Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, and the campaigning of people with lived experience of stroke, their families and loved ones, including the Bundy family, whose experience, arising from the tragic death of family member, Tony, aged 53 from a Basilar Artery Ischaemic Stroke, has helped inform their calls for action to transform stroke care and recovery services across Scotland.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee
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.

Rural Affairs Committee
8th Meeting, 2026

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

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

2. **Land Reform – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Dr Josh Doble, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Community Land Scotland;
   Sarah-Jane Laing, Chief Executive, Scottish Land and Estates;
   Ewen McLachlan, Chairperson, Development Trusts Association Scotland;

Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission.

3. **Land Reform – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at an earlier meeting.

Transport Committee
9th Meeting, 2026

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

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

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

Health, Care and Sport Committee
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;
   George Hunter, Director of Libraries, Sport and Physical Activity and Communities, Glasgow Life.

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.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
6th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Julie MacDougall and Fulton MacGregor will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6, and all future considerations of draft reports and correspondence to the Scottish Government, in private.

3. **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.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument, the Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026.

5. **Child poverty stakeholder roundtable – consideration (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

6. **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.

Finance and Public Administration Committee
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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 7 October 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

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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

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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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
29 October 2026
6th Meeting, 2026

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

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

2. **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 Hockenhull, Head of Elections, Scottish Government;
   Lorraine Walkinshaw, Lawyer and Jordan McGrory, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Stage 1 report:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

4. **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.

5. **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

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

2. **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.

3. **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.

Proposed future business

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

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

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

Motions

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

Motions for debate

*S7M-01766 **Maree Todd: Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths—**That the Parliament deeply regrets every life lost through alcohol and drugs and offers its sincere condolences to all those who have lost a loved one; agrees that the tragic numbers of deaths from alcohol and drugs in Scotland are preventable and require the Scottish Government to use every lever available to save and improve lives; affirms Scotland's commitment to a public health and human-rights based approach; supports the expansion of evidence-based harm reduction initiatives as well as the expansion of recovery and rehabilitation both within residential settings and in communities themselves; agrees that an urgent response is required to tackle dangerously potent synthetic opioids and other emerging synthetic drug threats, including through optimising Scotland's surveillance system and early warning response; further agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work constructively with the UK Government on substance use policy, noting that the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act currently limits the ability to address all of the challenges faced in Scotland with a full public health approach, and ultimately recognises the crucial role that families play in the support and recovery of those using substances, and agrees, therefore, to work collectively across the Chamber to ensure that the voices of those with lived experience and their families are at the heart of decisions taken.

Supported by: Alison Thewliss*, Angela Constance*

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-01739.3 **Helen McDade: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01739 in the name of Adam Harley (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill), insert at end "; recognises that immediate measures can be taken in the meantime, to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodiversity, and believes that the process of introducing new legislation is not a barrier to taking action in the short term."

*S7M-01739.2 **Maree Todd: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01739 in the name of Adam Harley (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill), leave out from "introduce" and insert "significantly improve the support available for people who are neurodivergent, people who have a learning disability and people who are autistic; agrees that support across the country is too varied and inconsistent and recognises that

there must be a direct focus on reducing waiting lists for neurodivergence assessments, recognising diagnostic pathways, improving accountability, more transparent capture and collation of data and ensuring better support is offered through Scotland's education system; acknowledges a number of recent measures introduced by the Scottish Government, including £7.6 million for neurodevelopmental support for children and adoption of the Royal College of Psychiatrists' 4-level pathway for neurodevelopmental support for adults, which will ensure differential diagnosis and prescribing capabilities for psychiatric support and referrals for autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions; notes the importance of ensuring that the views shared by people with lived experience are key to driving Scotland's approach and recognises the impact of the Bill consultation period on the LDAN community, as well as the need to rebuild confidence and trust with people to ensure that their voices and views continue to shape reform; affirms that third sector and community groups supporting people and their families must be properly resourced; agrees that changes that can happen much faster now for people through policy reform, service improvement and targeted investment must be pursued, but recognises that the opportunity for introducing a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill to the Parliament should continue to be an option in the current Parliamentary session if improvements are not comprehensively made."

Supported by: Alison Thewliss*, Angela Constance*

*S7M-01739.1 **Joe Long: Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill—**As an amendment to motion S7M-01739 in the name of Adam Harley (Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill), insert at end "; notes the time and expertise contributed by people with lived experience, support professionals and stakeholders to the development of the proposed Bill over several years, and agrees that urgent action to meet the needs of these communities can be delivered alongside legislation that puts sustainable, systemic change on a statutory footing."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S7M-01767 **Helen McDade: Mobility Matters, Young Wheelchair Users and NHS Wheelchair Services—**That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Whizz Kidz Youth Board report, *Mobility Matters: A Youth Perspective on NHS Wheelchair Services*; notes that the report, which is based on a survey of more than 200 young wheelchair users and their families across the UK, found that 53% rated their NHS wheelchair as poor or very poor at meeting their needs, 77% were offered no choice in the wheelchair that they received and 62% could not customise their equipment at all; understands that Whizz Kidz supports young wheelchair users and their families across Mid Scotland and Fife; believes that a wheelchair that does not meet a young person's needs limits their education, independence and social life; further believes that wheelchair services in Scotland are not consistently meeting the needs of young users, and calls on the Scottish Government to review how wheelchair services for children and young people are commissioned and delivered, to ensure that clinicians working with them have specialist paediatric training, and to make sure that the views of young wheelchair users shape the service.

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, David Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Max Bannerman*, Senga Beresford*, Angela Ross*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Jamie Langan*, Thomas Kerr*, Victor Currie* **R**

*S7M-01765 **Gary Bouse: Recognising Forth Valley College's Investment in Innovation and Future Energy Skills—**That the Parliament commends Forth Valley College for its commitment to education, innovation and skills development across Falkirk and the wider Forth Valley region; recognises the £78 million investment in its Falkirk Campus and the further £4 million allocated to its Skills Transition Centre; welcomes its use of innovative technologies, including virtual and augmented reality, robotics and specialist engineering equipment; acknowledges its role in providing training in renewable energy, electrical engineering and low-carbon technologies; recognises its contribution to preparing students and workers for emerging employment opportunities; praises the dedication of college staff and industry partners, and wishes Forth Valley College continued success in the future.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Helen McDade*, Kate Campbell*, Heather Anderson*, Iris Duane*, Colin Beattie*

*S7M-01764 **Pauline McNeill: Pigeon Park Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Clyde Gateway on Pigeon Park being shortlisted in the Improving Scotland's Places category of the prestigious 2026 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration, which identifies and celebrates best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities; recognises that the project has transformed a previously vacant and derelict brownfield site into a vibrant community park through remediation and regeneration; commends the positive impact that the park is having on the local community, and wishes Clyde Gateway every success at the SURF Awards ceremony in December 2026.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Thomas Kerr*

*S7M-01763 **Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee—**That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the third supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill.

*S7M-01762 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026—**That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 (SG/2026/193) be approved.

*S7M-01761 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01760 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections (Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01759 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01758 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01757 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01756 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01755 **Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

*S7M-01754 **Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse: Taking Action to Support Those Affected by Council Tax Debt

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Young People to Participate in the Labour Market

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sporting Events Bill - UK Legislation

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 Ministerial Statement: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Bus Network

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 10 November 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 November 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 November 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 November 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

*S7M-01753 **David Linden: Glasgow FND Awareness Support Circle Reaches One Year Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow FND Awareness Support Circle on its first anniversary; recognises that the group was established on 30 October 2025 to support people living with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND); understands that the group is the first of its kind in Scotland; further understands that it offers a safe space for people with FND to come and seek guidance and support on living with the condition; believes that the group has raised significant awareness of FND among the public, politicians and health officials; thanks Stuart James for founding the circle and for his leadership of it, and wishes Stuart and all members of the group every success for the future.

*S7M-01752 **Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 29 October 2026—

after

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

insert

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Amendment to Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution

*S7M-01751 **Thomas Kerr: Marion Lindsay Named Glasgow's High Street Hero 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Marion Lindsay of 3D Families Drumchapel on being named Glasgow's High Street Hero at the Scotland Loves Local Awards 2026; recognises what it sees as the valuable work of 3D Families in supporting families and strengthening the Drumchapel community; acknowledges the dedication and commitment shown by Marion in making a positive difference to local people, and commends all those who work tirelessly to support their communities across Glasgow and Scotland.

Supported by: David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Lindsay*, Angela Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Mark Simpson*, Max Bannerman*, Victor Currie*, Colin Beattie*

*S7M-01750 **Duncan Dunlop: Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council—**That the Parliament congratulates Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council, local volunteers and residents on the development of their Local Place Plan; notes that a community meeting on 21 October 2026 brought together more than 100 residents, volunteers, elected representatives and partner organisations; commends the extensive research, consultation and engagement underpinning the plan, which reached over a third of the local population; welcomes the strong focus on ensuring that young people's voices were heard, with 24 local children and young people participating in dedicated workshops to help shape priorities for the area; notes that over 96% of respondents highlighted the importance of the local school and nursery to the community's future; recognises that young people identified the need for better facilities for older children, more clubs and outdoor

activities, improved parks and places to meet friends and greater opportunities to participate in local decision making; welcomes the plan's recognition of the strong sense of belonging and pride felt by young people in their community, and congratulates all those involved in producing such a well-researched, community-led vision for the future of Cockburnspath, Cove and Old Cambus in Berwickshire.

*S7M-01749 **Maggie Chapman: Congratulations to Inverurie Scotland's Town of the Year and North East High Street Hero Derek Ritchie —**That the Parliament congratulates Inverurie on being named Scotland's Town of the Year 2026 at the Scotland Loves Local Awards and Derek Ritchie, who is the manager of We Are Inverurie Business Improvement District (BID), on being named High Street Hero for North East Scotland; recognises that these awards celebrate the dedication of local businesses, residents, volunteers and community organisations in making Inverurie a thriving and welcoming town; commends Derek for his work supporting local traders, strengthening the town centre and bringing people and organisations together; acknowledges the importance of Inverurie's independent businesses, community events and strong partnerships in supporting the local economy and attracting visitors; celebrates the collective effort that has helped Inverurie flourish as a place to live, work, shop and visit, and wishes Derek and the whole Inverurie community continued success.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Laura Moodie*, Miles Briggs*, Cara McKee*, Paul McLennan*, Stuart McMillan*

*S7M-01748 **Clare Adamson: Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday Campaign—**That the Parliament recognises the 10th anniversary of Aid to the Church in Need's (ACN) Red Wednesday campaign, which raises awareness of the challenges faced by Christians experiencing persecution around the world; notes with concern reports that 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely restricted, including approximately 220 million who are at risk of persecution; acknowledges the importance of protecting freedom of religion or belief for people of all faiths and none, and encourages the UK Government and the UN to continue working with international partners to promote and uphold Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which protects the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, through diplomatic engagement and efforts to ensure that human rights are respected and protected. **R**

*S7M-01747 **Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Cotto Via on Italian Awards 2026 Nominations —**That the Parliament congratulates Cotto Via in Wishaw on being shortlisted in three categories at the 2026 Italian Awards, Best Italian Neighbourhood Restaurant, Best Dessert Menu and Best Kitchen Team; acknowledges that these awards celebrate excellence in Italian food, drink and hospitality across Scotland, recognising businesses and individuals that bring authentic Italian cuisine and hospitality to communities throughout the country; commends the members of the team at Cotto Via for their contribution to Wishaw's hospitality sector and for helping to showcase the quality of Italian food and dining in the area; notes that the winners will be announced at a ceremony at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Glasgow Central, on 29 November 2026, and wishes Cotto Via and its team every success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Clare Haughey*, Paul Sweeney*, Heather Anderson*, Alex Kerr*, Colin Beattie*

*S7M-01746 **David Green: Celebrating National Engineering Day 2026—**That the Parliament recognises that 4 November 2026 marks National Engineering Day; acknowledges what it sees as the vital contribution that engineers make across a range of sectors and their central role in driving economic growth and developing solutions to tackle climate change; welcomes the role of businesses such as RSE in innovating and advancing the resilient infrastructure needed for generations to come; understands that RSE is one of Scotland's leading businesses for water technology, manufacturing and specialist engineering; commends its contribution to the UK economy and its position as a high-value employer; notes that RSE generated £141.1m gross value added for the Scottish economy and supported 1,648 jobs in 2024-25, with salaries mostly above the national average; welcomes the delivery by the Muir of Ord-headquartered business of £65.5m to the Highland economy and 744

jobs across the region; recognises RSE's commitment to developing the next generation of engineers, with 105 apprentices across the UK and a 90% retention rate, and wishes everyone at RSE, and across the world of engineering, every success in developing the skills and embracing the opportunities on which the industry's future depends on.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Patricia Gibson*, Tim Eagle*, Neil Bibby*, Paul Sweeney*, Helen McDade*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*

*S7M-01745 **Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating the Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness—**That the Parliament congratulates the Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness on being considered for Cinema of the Year at the 2026 British Independent Film Awards (BIFA), recognising the achievement of being selected alongside just 14 other cinemas from across the UK; celebrates the Hippodrome as Scotland's first purpose-built cinema and its contribution to the culture and heritage of Bo'ness; recognises the extensive programme of international media, independent films and special events, and commends the Hippodrome for its continued contribution to the local community and visitor economy of Bo'ness and the wider Falkirk area.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Amanda Bland*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Amanda Lindsay*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Thomas Kerr*, Tim Eagle*

*S7M-01744 **Calum Kerr: Welcoming the Launch of the Infrastructure Pathway—**That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Infrastructure Pathway at Panmure House, Edinburgh, on 19 October 2026; recognises the important role of Heriot-Watt University, University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow in developing this pioneering educational initiative involving Midlothian schools and partnerships with industry; understands that the pathway connects learning from school through to higher and further education, apprenticeships and employment, helping young people to discover opportunities and develop skills for careers in infrastructure and the built environment; notes that its cornerstone SCQF Level 6 qualification, Global Infrastructure and the Built Environment, combines academic learning with experience of real-world projects and engagement with universities, colleges and industry; believes that collaboration between education and industry can play an important role in developing the skills and talent needed to support Scotland's future economy and communities; commends Heriot-Watt University, the participating schools, universities, colleges and industry partners for their work in developing the Infrastructure Pathway, and wishes the initiative and its learners every success for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Paul McLennan*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*

*S7M-01743 **Angela Ross: Success for Blooming Haddington—**That the Parliament congratulates Blooming Haddington on being awarded a Gold certificate at the Britain in Bloom finals in Rochdale; celebrates this achievement as a testament to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved; pays tribute to the volunteers whose commitment and enthusiasm make such a valuable contribution to Haddington and its local community, and wishes Blooming Haddington continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: David Smith*, Julie MacDougall*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Lindsay*, Victor Currie*, Senga Beresford*, Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Thomas Kerr*

*S7M-01742 **Angela Ross: Success for North Berwick in Bloom—**That the Parliament warmly congratulates North Berwick in Bloom on its outstanding success at the Britain in Bloom finals in Rochdale, where it won in the Coastal category and was awarded a Gold certificate; celebrates these achievements as the latest chapter in its long and distinguished record of success; pays tribute to the volunteers whose exceptional dedication, enthusiasm and hard work have made this recognition possible; commends their outstanding contribution to the local community, and wishes everyone involved in North Berwick in Bloom continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: David Smith*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Thomas Kerr*

*S7M-01741 **Amanda Lindsay: Welcome to School Backpacks—**That the Parliament expresses disappointment that no Scottish manufacturer was procured for the manufacture of the Scottish Government's Welcome to School backpack initiative, nor was any selected for the supply of their contents; notes that, according to the Scottish Government's response to question S7W-03632 on 24 September 2026, a manufacturer in China has been selected for the bags while manufacturers in "Europe and Britain" have been selected for the contents; understands with concern that, according to The Borgen Project, child labour remains an illegal, yet persistent, issue in China, affecting children under the legal working age of 16 as well as secondary vocational students forced into labour through school-mandated internships; seeks reassurances from the Scottish Government that no child labour is utilised in the manufacture of these backpacks; considers that the phrase "assembled in Scotland", as given in the answer to question S7W-03632, might be seen as being misleading, giving the impression of actual manufacture in Scotland; notes with concern the recent article in *The Herald* to that effect and that, in reality, the bags are only to be filled in Scotland, but welcomes, however, the selection of Edinburgh-based APS Group for the filling and distribution of the bags to schools across Scotland.

Supported by: David Smith*, Amanda Bland*, Angela Ross*, Thomas Kerr*, Senga Beresford*, Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Max Bannerman*, Jamie Langan*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01740 **Donald MacKinnon: The Lucky2BHere Charity** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Collette Stevenson*, Paul Sweeney*

S7M-01738 **Claire Baker: Congratulations to Ella Brown on her Retirement from the Village Café in Ceres Fife** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

S7M-01737 **Laura Mitchell: Richard Forsyth Announced as Recipient of the Dr Jim Swan Award at 2026 Scottish Whisky Awards** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Collette Stevenson*, Karen Adam*, Tim Eagle*, Alex Kerr*

S7M-01736 **Neil Bibby: First Dedicated Principal Teacher of AI Literacy** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Amanda Bland*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

S7M-01735 **Neil Bibby: 80th Anniversary of the Waverley Paddle Steamer Launch** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Amanda Bland*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

S7M-01731 **Thomas Kerr: Scotland's Christian Heritage and Reformation Sunday** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Mark Simpson*

S7M-01729 **Helen McDade: Thanks to Those Who Kept Communities Safe During Storm Boelo** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Jamie Langan*

S7M-01723 **Keith Brown: Europa Music Returns to Alloa** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Alex Kerr*

S7M-01722 **Victor Currie: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry** (lodged on 26 October 2026)

New Support: Jamie Langan*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Mark Simpson*, Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Jamie Langan*

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

New Support: Mark Simpson*, Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

S7M-01687 **Stephen Kerr: A BBC Scotland fit for the future** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Craig Hoy*

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

New Support: Craig Hoy*

S7M-01679 **Michelle Campbell: 20th Aniversary of Abbeycare Scotland** (lodged on 21 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Collette Stevenson*, David Torrance*, David Linden*, Alex Kerr*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Russell Findlay*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

S7M-01638 **Ariane Burgess: Congratulating UHI North, West and Hebrides Researchers on Award-winning Work to End Use of Lead Ammunition** (lodged on 16 October 2026)

New Support: Kristopher Leask*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

S7M-01611 **Adam Harley: Celebrating Edna Reilly, Bearsden Carer of Almost 50 Years** (lodged on 14 October 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*, Collette Stevenson*, Miles Briggs*, Andrew Baxter*, Angela Ross*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Cara McKee*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Colin Beattie*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

S7M-01547 **Paul McLennan: One Year On from the Recognition of the State of Palestine in the UK** (lodged on 8 October 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*

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

New Support: Willie Rennie*

Questions

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

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 29 October 2026

1. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00061)
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00062)
3. **Ross Greer:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00063)
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00064)
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. (S7F-00065)

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 27 October 2026

S7W-04530 **George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on proposals to recognise the right to a healthy environment in the proposed Human Rights Bill.

Written Questions lodged on 27 October 2026

S7W-04508 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it gave to section 16 of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 when drafting the hoof care provisions in the Welfare of Equids guidance published on 25 August 2026.

S7W-04509 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that farriery apprentices residing in Scotland can access Skills Development Scotland funding to attend Farriers Registration Council-approved colleges in England, in light of there being no approved farriery training provider in Scotland.

S7W-04510 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason farriery apprentices residing in Scotland do not receive public funding for the college element of their training, and when Ministers last reviewed this position.

S7W-04511 **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of section 16 of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 restricting farriery to registered farriers and a limited number of exempt persons, what assessment it has made of the impact of the number of registered farriers on equine welfare.

S7W-04512 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has carried out any review of charges affecting Blue Badge holders, particularly in light of charging arrangements in other parts of the UK.

S7W-04513 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to raise awareness of the risk factors, signs and symptoms of thrombosis.

S7W-04515 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports, including in *The Herald* on 16 October 2026, that it has produced a draft plan, *Transforming Elective Orthopaedic Care in Scotland 2026-2031*, when it will publish the final version of the plan, and whether it will lay it before the Parliament.

S7W-04516 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that its draft plan, *Transforming Elective Orthopaedic Care in Scotland 2026-2031,* recommends a public information campaign on travelling to regional centres, what plans it has to communicate with patients currently waiting for orthopaedic surgery about any changes to how and where their treatment will be delivered.

S7W-04517 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it envisages for third sector organisations, such as Arthritis UK Scotland, and clinician-led bodies, such as the Scottish Committee for Orthopaedics and Trauma, in developing and implementing its plans for elective orthopaedic care for 2026 to 2031.

S7W-04518 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its plans for elective orthopaedic care for 2026 to 2031 include an assessment of the services and support available to help patients manage their condition while awaiting surgery and, if so, what that assessment found.

S7W-04519 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, under its plans to concentrate orthopaedic surgery procedures in regional centres, what provision it will make for travel support, including financial help, for patients who need to travel outwith their health board area for orthopaedic surgery, particularly those who do not have access to a car or are older, disabled or living alone.

S7W-04520 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the factors contributing to changes in orthopaedic waiting times over the last two years, and whether it will publish that analysis.

S7W-04521 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how any lessons identified through its analysis of recent changes in orthopaedic waiting times have informed its plans for elective orthopaedic care for 2026 to 2031.

S7W-04522 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports, including in *The Herald* on 16 October 2026, that it has produced a draft plan, *Transforming Elective Orthopaedic Care in Scotland 2026-2031*, what consultation has taken place with frontline theatre staff and trade unions on the proposals, including those regarding six-day working and extended theatre days, and what further engagement is planned.

S7W-04523 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish a workforce plan to support its plans for elective orthopaedic care for 2026 to 2031, and how that plan will address the availability of surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and theatre staff.

S7W-04524 **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports in its draft plan, *Transforming Elective Orthopaedic Care in Scotland 2026-2031,* that it is working towards a maximum waiting time of of 26 weeks by 2031, how this objective is compatible with the 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee for orthopaedic patients under the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011.

S7W-04525 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of secure mobile phone pouches in schools, including the extent to which pupils are able to bypass or open them without authorisation.

S7W-04526 **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review the eligibility criteria for mobility support for people who become disabled after reaching state pension age, and what its position is on whether the absence of a mobility component within Pension Age Disability Payment could result in people who develop severe mobility impairments in later life being unable to access the same mobility support as younger disabled people, regardless of their assessed needs.

S7W-04527 **David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the impact of the new funding provided to organisations supporting people affected by gambling-related harms.

S7W-04528 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03019 by Jim Fairlie on 22 September 2026, whether the Minister plans to meet the National Trust for Scotland to discuss the paper by the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission, *Report on the welfare of isolated populations of feral animals,* and, if so, whether it will publish the outcomes of any such discussions. **R**

S7W-04529 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03020 by Jim Fairlie on 22 September 2026, what its position is on the paper by the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission, *Report on the welfare of isolated populations of feral animals*. **R**

S7W-04531 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the financial implications of retaining its no compulsory redundancy policy while implementing its planned reductions in public sector headcount, including the cost of employees awaiting redeployment and potential voluntary severance payments.

S7W-04532 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many core civil servants entered the redeployment process, broken down by Directorate-General, in each financial year from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

S7W-04533 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total salary costs were for core civil servants in the redeployment process, broken down by Directorate-General, in each financial year from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

S7W-04534 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what calculation it has made of the total salary and pension costs for public sector staff engaged in redeployment processes.

S7W-04535 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with staff and public sector trade unions regarding any changes to its policy of no compulsory redundancies within the civil service and wider public sector.

S7W-04536 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many core civil servants on the priority movers list were (a) successfully redeployed, (b) granted voluntary severance, (c) made compulsorily redundant and (d) still awaiting redeployment, in each financial year from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

S7W-04537 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many external recruitment exercises it authorised in each financial year from 2021-22 to 2025-26 where one or more employees of the relevant grade were on the priority movers list, and in how many of those cases an appointment was made following an assessment that no suitable priority mover was available.

S7W-04538 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many offers of suitable alternative employment have been declined by core civil servants awaiting redeployment in each financial year from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

S7W-04539 **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it can provide that its free school bag initiative will reduce the attainment gap.

S7W-04540 **Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that the GetYourNEC website provides clear guidance for disabled people renewing a National Entitlement Card using an award letter that remains valid but was issued more than six months ago.

S7W-04541 **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government, Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union regarding concerns about staffing levels and postal delivery performance, and what representations it has made to ensure that rural communities continue to receive a reliable postal service.

S7W-04542 **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on whether wild Atlantic salmon, or products derived from wild Atlantic salmon, have been used in feed for salmon farmed in Scotland.

S7W-04543 **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to requiring salmon farm operators to publish the species and geographical origin of all ingredients used

in their feed.

S7W-04545 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on abolishing the six-month vacancy period required for businesses to qualify for Fresh Start relief.

S7W-04546 **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to making public funding for salmon farming companies conditional on meeting fish health, welfare and environmental standards, including targets for reducing fish mortality.

S7W-04547 **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-00042 by Angela Constance on 29 May 2026 regarding the Scottish Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce, whether it will provide an update on when (a) the Taskforce last met, (b) it is next scheduled to meet and (c) the minutes of its most recent meeting will be published.

S7W-04548 **Q Manivannan:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the partial re-opening of the Radical Road in Holyrood Park, in Edinburgh, what engagement it has had with Historic Environment Scotland regarding the full re-opening of the route, and what the anticipated timetable is for the route to be fully re-opened.

S7W-04550 **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has undertaken to establish the number of patients living with Fredericks Ataxia in Scotland.

S7W-04551 **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the civil nuclear sector is not included in its Energy Skills Passport.

S7W-04552 **Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the total amount saved by patients, visitors and staff following the abolition of car parking charges at NHS hospital car parks in 2008.

S7W-04553 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses have received the Fresh Start Relief in each year since 2023-24, broken down by local authority area.

S7W-04554 **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the outcomes of Police Scotland's Operation Overlap, which targeted the illegal use of personal light electric vehicles (PLEVs) and associated antisocial behaviour and criminality, including the number of vehicles seized.

S7W-04555 **David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the outcomes of Police Scotland's Operation Overlap, which targeted the illegal use of personal light electric vehicles (PLEVs) and associated antisocial behaviour and criminality, what information it holds regarding (a) the number and nature of charges brought and subsequent (i) prosecutions and (ii) convictions, and (b) any changes in reported antisocial behaviour attributable to the operation.

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(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 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 29 October 2026
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2026)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3
Lodged on 16 June 2026
Meeting of the Parliament, 7 October 2026
Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 2026)

Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-11a
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)), 29 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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 2026)

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)

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)

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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)

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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)

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Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 4 November 2026
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Subject to annulment by 12 November 2026
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Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/263) (18 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to annulment by 18 November 2026
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Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/267) (24 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 2 December 2026
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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)

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

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Committee Reports

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 11th Report, 2026 (Session 7): Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence, with reference to LCM-S7-1c. (SP Paper 30), publication date: 27 October 2026

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report, 2026 (Session 7): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 October 2026 (SP Paper 28), publication date: 27 October 2026

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