

Thursday 29 October 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland

Committee Meetings

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:15am Climate Action Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

9:30am Public Service Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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

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

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01766.2 Jackie Baillie: Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths—As an amendment to motion S7M-01766 in the name of Maree Todd (Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths), leave out from “affirms” to “public health approach” and insert “regrets that over 7,000 lives have been lost to drugs since the Scottish Government declared a public health emergency, with drug-related deaths rising in 2025; 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 and tackling the drug gangs, as well as simplifying oversight of substance misuse services; agrees that the Scottish Government should recoup the profits from minimum unit pricing from large retailers to fund frontline rehabilitation services”

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

[S7M-01777](#) Maggie Chapman: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution — That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 19 March 2026, be amended as follows—

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followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland

[S7M-01204](#) Tim Eagle: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland—That the Parliament recognises the importance of good transport connectivity to the long-term sustainability and resilience of rural and island communities across Scotland; believes that people are less likely to live, work, raise families and invest in rural areas when reliable connections to employment, education, healthcare and

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essential services cannot be guaranteed; notes with concern the growing number of rural bridges that are closed, restricted or in need of significant repair, including Cloddach Bridge, Arthur’s Bridge, the Spey Viaduct and other bridges across Moray and the wider Highlands and Islands region; believes that the closure or prolonged restriction of such infrastructure can have a disproportionate impact on rural communities; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to create a dedicated National Bridge Restoration Fund to allow local authorities to apply for funding to fix these vital links; acknowledges the £2 bus fare cap pledge in the Highlands and Islands, but believes that affordable fares are of limited benefit where bus services are infrequent, unreliable or have been withdrawn; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Small Town and Rural Bus Services Fund that would allow local authorities to apply for additional funding to keep bus routes open; recognises the vital role of air services in connecting remote and island communities; welcomes the launch of Project SEAN by Bristow, in partnership with HIAL, HITRANS and other organisations, which will develop electric aviation infrastructure across the Highlands and Islands; believes that new technologies could support the development of future passenger, NHS, cargo and other essential services to communities with poor connectivity; recognises the importance of delivering long-promised improvements to Scotland’s strategic road network, including the dualling of the A9 and A96 and a permanent solution to the A83 Rest and Be Thankful; believes that repeated delays, reviews and further rounds of planning cannot substitute for delivery, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to match its commitments on tackling rural depopulation with the funding and action necessary to deliver the transport infrastructure and services that rural Scotland needs to remain populated, prosperous and connected.

Committee Meetings

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

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

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Patricia Gibson MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
3. **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.
4. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Stage 1 report:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
5. **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](#).
6. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 3.

Climate Action Committee 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.

Public Audit Committee 8th Meeting, 2026

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

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

Public Service Reform Committee

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.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 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.

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 28 October 2026

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: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance

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: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance

Thursday 5 November 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: World Diabetes Day 2026

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

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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

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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

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

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

Motions for debate

***[S7M-01777](#) Maggie Chapman: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution —** That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 19 March 2026, be amended as follows—

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Supported by: Liam McArthur*

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Supported by: Alison Thewliss, Angela Constance

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***[S7M-01766.2](#) Jackie Baillie: Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01766 in the name of Maree Todd (Strengthening Scotland's Public Health Approach to Preventing Alcohol and Drug Deaths), leave out from "affirms" to "public health approach" and insert "regrets that over 7,000 lives have been lost to drugs since the Scottish Government declared a public health emergency, with drug-related deaths rising in 2025; 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 and tackling the drug gangs, as well as simplifying oversight

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01780](#) Julie MacDougall: Supporting Skills and Further Education Opportunities in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the belief that there is an urgent need for wholesale review and implementation of a new national skills and further education funding strategy in Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife Region; notes with concern reports that a number of college campuses have faced wholesale closure, most notably the Alloa Campus of Forth Valley College and the Elmwood Campus of Scotland's Rural College in Cupar; further notes reports that some Scottish universities are also cutting back on major skills offerings due to mounting financial difficulties, with the reported entry into administration of Air Service Training (Engineering) Limited (AST) at Perth Airport in April 2025 representing what it sees as one of the most consequential losses in vital investment and skills development opportunities provided by UHI Perth, and notes the view that this is severely impacting the aeronautical sector in Scotland; understands that severe warnings have been issued by senior representatives of Scotland's further education sector on what it considers are deep flaws of the current funding mechanisms for skills and tertiary learning in Scotland; notes the calls on the Scottish Government, and the Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education in particular, to engage with everyone in the Parliament to create a new skills strategy for Scotland, which, it believes would support everyone who faces being left behind in an increasingly turbulent labour market and ensure that colleges and universities in Scotland can provide opportunities with robust and sustainable funding models to back them.

Supported by: Thomas Kerr*

***[S7M-01769](#) Alex Kerr: Strengthen Scotland's Education System and Contribution to Wider Public Service Reform**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of the West of Scotland and New College Lanarkshire on the opening of a new learning hub for their joint Undergraduate School at UWS Lanarkshire campus on 23 October 2026; commends all those whose vision, commitment and hard work helped bring this innovative partnership to fruition; considers the Undergraduate School to be an outstanding example of collaborative working across secondary, further and higher education, supporting students on their journey into employment; believes that this model demonstrates the benefits of partnership in delivering positive outcomes for learners and communities, and notes the belief that similar approaches could help strengthen Scotland's education system and contribute to wider public service reform.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01782](#) Patricia Gibson: Restricting the Sale of Fireworks to Organised, Licensed Displays**

—That the Parliament notes ongoing concerns regarding the impact of the private sale and use of fireworks on communities, animals and public safety and emergency services across Scotland; recognises the distress, fear and potential injury that fireworks can cause to pets, livestock, horses and wildlife, as highlighted by the Scottish SPCA; further recognises the disruption and anti-social behaviour experienced by many communities as a result of the unpredictable use of fireworks over extended periods; notes the view that organised, regulated public displays provide greater opportunities for advance notice, planning and mitigation measures to protect both people and animals; acknowledges reported concerns that the Scottish Parliament's current powers over the regulation of fireworks are limited by the fact that responsibility for the sale of fireworks remains reserved to the UK Parliament; notes calls for fireworks to be sold only to licensed operators for organised and regulated displays, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue pressing the UK Government to introduce legislation ending the general public sale of fireworks and restricting their sale to licensed organisers of regulated community displays or devolve powers to the Scottish Parliament to do so.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Clare Haughey*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Amanda Bland*, Collette Stevenson*, Calum Kerr*, Colm Merrick*

***[S7M-01781](#) Katie Hagmann: Yipworld Charity of the Year and Community Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Yipworld on winning both Charity of the Year and the Community Award at the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards; acknowledges the 26 years of committed work that Yipworld has carried out in the local community; celebrates the charity's impact on employment, family support, volunteering and youth work; welcomes the success of the organisation, and wishes its staff, volunteers and partners the best for the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Carol Mochan*, Colin Beattie*, Collette Stevenson*

***[S7M-01779](#) Mark Griffin: More than A Number Report, Experiences of Lanarkshire Families in Temporary Accommodation** —That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *More Than a Number*, a peer research report produced by the Poverty Alliance and One Parent Families Scotland, which explores the experiences of families with young children who have lived in temporary accommodation across Lanarkshire; recognises the significant contribution of the peer researchers who drew on their own lived experience to design and carry out the research; commends all those who shared their experiences to inform the study; notes the report's findings on the impact that temporary accommodation can have on families, including their wellbeing, financial security and family life; believes that the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness should play a central role in shaping housing policy and services; recognises the value of peer research in ensuring that lived experience is reflected in public policy discussions; draws attention to the report's recommendations for national and local action to improve outcomes for families experiencing homelessness and living in temporary accommodation, and commends all those involved in bringing these experiences and recommendations to the attention of policymakers and the wider public.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01778](#) Thomas Kerr: Congratulating Erica Matteo and Luke Anderson on Their Appointment as the Church of Scotland's Youngest Elders**—That the Parliament congratulates Erica Matteo and Luke Anderson, both aged 19, on being ordained as elders at Sandyhills Parish Church in the east end of Glasgow; recognises that Erica and Luke are two of the youngest people in recent Church of Scotland history to hold such positions; commends Rev Norman Afrin and the congregation for encouraging young people to take an active role in church leadership; recognises the importance of Scotland's Christian heritage and the continuing contribution of churches to local communities; welcomes the commitment of young people who choose to serve their congregations through faith and leadership, and wishes Erica and Luke every success with their new responsibilities.

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Supported by: Angela Ross*, Amanda Lindsay*, Mark Simpson*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*, Max Bannerman*, Jamie Langan*, Murdo Fraser*, James Adams*, Kim Schmulian*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01776](#) Rachael Hamilton: Replacement Public Defibrillator Installed at Selkirk RFC**—That the Parliament welcomes the installation of a replacement publicly accessible defibrillator outside Selkirk Rugby Football Club, which is available to members of the public 24 hours a day; recognises the vital importance of having lifesaving equipment readily available within local communities, particularly in situations where rapid intervention can make a critical difference to someone experiencing a cardiac arrest; commends everyone involved in ensuring that the replacement defibrillator has been installed and remains accessible to residents, visitors and those using the rugby club's facilities; acknowledges the important contribution that community sports clubs make beyond sporting activity, including their role in supporting public wellbeing, community safety and local resilience; believes that increasing awareness of the location and availability of defibrillators can help communities feel better prepared to respond to medical emergencies; welcomes this positive development for Selkirk, and encourages continued efforts to improve access to lifesaving equipment and promote awareness of emergency first aid across the Scottish Borders.

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***[S7M-01775](#) Rachael Hamilton: Milestone Garden Centre Donates £1,500 Living Christmas Tree to Newtown St Boswells**—That the Parliament congratulates Milestone Garden Centre in Newtown St Boswells on its generous donation of a permanent living Christmas tree, valued at £1,500, to the local community; understands that the tree was personally selected and donated by the garden centre's owner, Ross Allan, as the business celebrates its 20th anniversary; recognises that the donation fulfils a longstanding ambition to establish a sustainable Christmas tree in the village, which can grow alongside future generations and become a lasting focal point for community celebrations; acknowledges the considerable efforts of Newtown & Eildon Community Council and the Newtown Community Christmas Lights and Fair committee in organising festive events and raising funds to support local traditions; welcomes the environmental and financial benefits of having a permanent living tree, including reducing the need to purchase a replacement each year and allowing more funds to be directed towards community activities; commends Ross Allan and the team at Milestone Garden Centre for their longstanding support of the village, including its annual Christmas parade and Christmas lights switch-on; congratulates the business on reaching 20 years of successful trading, and wishes everyone involved continued success in strengthening community life in Newtown St Boswells.

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***[S7M-01774](#) Rachael Hamilton: Burnfoot Community Futures Secures £43,000 for Community Activities**—That the Parliament congratulates Burnfoot Community Futures in Hawick on securing £43,000 in funding to support community activities; welcomes this significant investment in the Burnfoot area and recognises the positive difference that community-led initiatives can make to the lives of local residents; commends the dedication, determination and hard work of those involved in securing the funding and developing opportunities for people to come together, participate in activities and build stronger community connections; acknowledges the important role that local organisations play in helping to reduce social isolation, encourage participation and foster a sense of pride and belonging; recognises that the continued success of community organisations depends greatly on the commitment and generosity of volunteers who give their time and skills for the benefit of others; welcomes Burnfoot Community Futures' appeal for additional volunteers to join its board, and wishes the organisation every success in making the most of this funding and continuing its valuable work for the people of Burnfoot and the wider Hawick community.

Supported by: James Adams*, Paul Sweeney*

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***[S7M-01773](#) Rachael Hamilton: Hawick Young Writer Rebecca Drysdale Reaches National Competition Final—**That the Parliament congratulates 13-year-old Rebecca Drysdale, from Hawick, on reaching the final of the Scottish Wildlife Trust's Words of the Wild competition; recognises this as an outstanding personal achievement and a reflection of her creativity, imagination and talent for writing; commends Rebecca for demonstrating such enthusiasm and ability at a young age and for representing her local community with distinction; acknowledges the important role that creative writing can play in encouraging young people to explore their interests, express their ideas and develop an appreciation of Scotland's rich natural heritage; welcomes initiatives such as the Words of the Wild competition, which provide opportunities for young writers to showcase their abilities while inspiring greater awareness of wildlife and the natural environment; believes that Rebecca's achievement will be a source of great pride to her family, friends and the wider Hawick community, and wishes her every success in her future writing and creative endeavours.

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***[S7M-01772](#) Rachael Hamilton: Midlem Women's Institute Celebrates 80th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Midlem Women's Institute on celebrating its 80th anniversary on 13 October 2026; recognises this remarkable milestone, which marks eight decades of friendship, fellowship and community spirit; acknowledges what it sees as the important role that women's institutes have played in bringing people together, particularly in rural communities, by providing opportunities for social interaction, learning, mutual support and the sharing of skills and experiences; commends the dedication and commitment of generations of members who have helped sustain the institute over the past 80 years; believes that organisations such as Midlem Women's Institute make an invaluable contribution to the social fabric of the Scottish Borders by helping to tackle isolation, strengthen community connections and preserve local traditions; pays tribute to everyone, past and present, who has contributed to the institute's longevity and success, and wishes Midlem Women's Institute and all its members continued friendship, happiness and success for many years to come.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Langan*, Russell Findlay*, Kim Schmulian*, Meghan Gallacher*, James Adams*, Amanda Bland*, David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01771](#) Tim Eagle: Stagecoach Remembrance Bus Services—**That the Parliament applauds Stagecoach on its decision to offer free travel across its bus services in Scotland to eligible serving military personnel, veterans and cadets to attend events and commemorations associated with Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day; believes that this important gesture will alleviate any potential financial pressures that may have otherwise been the case and that it will allow more people to attend local Remembrance events, especially in rural areas in the Highlands and Islands and elsewhere; recognises that Stagecoach has been a signatory of the Armed Forces Covenant since March 2015 and holds Gold status under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, and hopes that many serving military personnel, veterans and cadets are able to take up this offer from Stagecoach.

Supported by: James Adams*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01770](#) Tim Eagle: Two Highland Fish and Chip Shops Among the Best 20 in the UK—**That the Parliament congratulates Monster Fish and Chips Co. in Fort Augustus and Hilton Chip Shop in Inverness on being shortlisted in the top 20 best fish and chip shops in the UK, as part of the prestigious Takeaway of the Year award at the National Fish and Chip Awards 2027; understands that both shops made the original 40-strong longlist, which was announced in September 2026; recognises that both businesses are no strangers to receiving accolades for their fine fayre, with Monster Fish and Chips Co winning the Newcomer of the Year award at the 2026 ceremony, a Peter Hill Award in 2025, and receiving five stars from the National Federation of Fish Friers Quality Accreditation scheme, while Hilton Chip Shop have been recognised in the top 40 fish and chip shops in the UK for three years running and received an award in the Best Customer Service category at the 2025

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Scottish Fish and Chip Awards, and wishes all of the staff and owners of both businesses the best of luck at the awards ceremony in 2027.

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[*S7M-01768](#) James Adams: Garioch Fish Bar Makes Top 20 of the National Fish and Chip Awards' Takeaway of the Year Category—That the Parliament congratulates Garioch Fish Bar in Inverurie on reaching the top 20 of the National Fish and Chip Awards' Takeaway of the Year category; acknowledges that the awards are organised by the National Federation of Fish Friers to celebrate the best fish and chip businesses across the UK; recognises the hard work, dedication and expertise of the team at Garioch Fish Bar in maintaining high standards and delivering quality food and customer service; acknowledges what it sees as the important contribution that independent businesses such as Garioch Fish Bar make to the local economy, employment and community life in Inverurie and the wider Garioch area; notes the national recognition of Inverurie as Scotland's Town of the Year 2026, reflecting the strength of its independent businesses and thriving town centre, and wishes Garioch Fish Bar continued success and recognition as one of Scotland's leading fish and chip shops.

Supported by: Craig Hoy, Murdo Fraser, Miles Briggs, Yi-pei Chou Turvey, Angela Ross, Colin Beattie, Tim Eagle, Russell Findlay*, Stuart McMillan*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*

[*S7M-01527](#) Katie Hagmann: 200 Mile Cycle Raises £10,000 for Crosshouse Children's Fund—That the Parliament congratulates Michael Goldie and Gordon Logan on their 200-mile cycle from St. Andrews to Ayr in aid of Crosshouse Hospital's Children Fund; celebrates the £10,000 raised by the cycle for the Children's Fund; welcomes the awareness raised by the cycle, and acknowledges the effort committed by Michael and Gordon to train for their 200-mile charity cycle.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, Collette Stevenson*, Marie McNair*, David Torrance*, Angela Ross*, Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Lindsay*, Colin Beattie*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01767](#) Helen McDade: Mobility Matters, Young Wheelchair Users and NHS Wheelchair Services (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Lindsay*, Mark Simpson*, Kim Schmulian*

[S7M-01765](#) Gary Bouse: Recognising Forth Valley College's Investment in Innovation and Future Energy Skills (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Amanda Lindsay*, Stuart McMillan*, Martyn Day*

[S7M-01764](#) Pauline McNeill: Pigeon Park Shortlisted for Prestigious Regeneration Award (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01753](#) David Linden: Glasgow FND Awareness Support Circle Reaches One Year Anniversary (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01751](#) Thomas Kerr: Marion Lindsay Named Glasgow's High Street Hero 2026 (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01750](#) Duncan Dunlop: Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S7M-01749](#) **Maggie Chapman: Congratulations to Inverurie Scotland's Town of the Year and North East High Street Hero Derek Ritchie** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*

[S7M-01748](#) **Clare Adamson: Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday Campaign** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01747](#) **Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Cotto Via on Italian Awards 2026 Nominations** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-01746](#) **David Green: Celebrating National Engineering Day 2026** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01745](#) **Meghan Gallacher: Congratulating the Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*, Angela Ross*

[S7M-01744](#) **Calum Kerr: Welcoming the Launch of the Infrastructure Pathway** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, David Barratt*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01743](#) **Angela Ross: Success for Blooming Haddington** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01742](#) **Angela Ross: Success for North Berwick in Bloom** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01741](#) **Amanda Lindsay: Welcome to School Backpacks** (lodged on 27 October 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[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: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: Mark Simpson*

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

New Support: Kristopher Leask*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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[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: Mark Ruskell*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Calum Kerr*

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

New Support: Steven Bonnar*

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Questions

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 4 November 2026

Climate Action and Rural Affairs

- 1. Duncan Massey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding the compatibility of its net zero policy with new oil and gas drilling in the North Sea. ([S7O-00425](#))
- 2. Senga Beresford:** To ask the Scottish Government what lessons from the delivery of the Future Farming Investment Scheme 2025 have been applied to the 2026 scheme, including in relation to the opening of the application window. ([S7O-00426](#))
- 3. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with North Ayrshire Council regarding flood response and resilience. ([S7O-00427](#))
- 4. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any environmental impact of AI data centres in other countries. ([S7O-00428](#))
- 5. Pauline Stafford:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure Scotland's food supply chain is secure and resilient. ([S7O-00429](#))
- 6. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the setting of rates and bands for Air Departure Tax, including any proposed Private Jet Supplement, is consistent with its net zero policy and objectives. ([S7O-00430](#))
- 7. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports businesses, including in East Kilbride, to embrace the circular economy. ([S7O-00431](#))
- 8. Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of flood prevention measures delivered since Storm Frank. ([S7O-00432](#))
- 9. Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made towards establishing a national ScotWind Wealth Fund to invest in projects that support Scotland's climate change and net zero objectives. ([S7O-00433](#))
- 10. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution that the decarbonisation of residential properties will make towards meeting Scotland's net zero targets. ([S7O-00434](#))

Education, Culture and Gaelic

- 1. Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that specific training on autism and other forms of neurodivergence is embedded across the education workforce. **R** ([S7O-00437](#))
- 2. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of increasing classroom violence against teachers, staff and pupils in Scotland's schools. ([S7O-00438](#))
- 3. Joe Fagan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response to the recent report by the independent professional advisor on future school reform on strengthening the education system. **R**

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([S7O-00439](#))

4. Amanda Lindsay: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its recognition that inappropriate mobile phone use in schools can lead to increased distraction, online bullying, exposure to harmful content and a rise in antisocial behaviour, what measures it will take to ensure that any new legislation restricting mobile phone use in schools supports the mental wellbeing of young people while reducing these harms. ([S7O-00440](#))

5. Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with local authorities to ensure that school buildings are safe and fit for purpose. ([S7O-00441](#))

6. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what evaluation it has made of the impact of drug education programmes delivered in schools. ([S7O-00442](#))

7. Jack Middleton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the prospect of further industrial action at the University of Aberdeen, following a breakdown in relations between management and trade unions regarding staffing reductions and redundancies. ([S7O-00443](#))

8. Yi-pei Chou Turvey: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Aberdeen City Council's recent report, *Mapping the creative industries in North East Scotland*, which recorded that the north east receives 44% of the Scottish average of regular arts funding. **R** ([S7O-00444](#))

9. Gary Bouse: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports towns and cities to strengthen their offer of cultural events and activities. ([S7O-00445](#))

10. Michelle Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support schools in promoting positive relationships, equality and safety among young people. ([S7O-00446](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 3 November 2026

1. Angela Ross: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to address antisocial behaviour and retail theft in town centres and high streets across Edinburgh and Lothian East. ([S7O-00415](#))

2. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the Scottish Urban-Rural Classification, including its application in the delivery of public services. ([S7O-00416](#))

3. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking, in coordination with the UK Government, to ensure that households and essential public services in Scotland are prepared for any prolonged disruption to electricity, water and telecommunications services, including the measures used to assess the effectiveness of that action. ([S7O-00417](#))

4. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to simplify access to the Blue Badge scheme for older people who are in receipt of Pension Age Disability Payment who have significant mobility difficulties. **R** ([S7O-00418](#))

5. Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to raise awareness of, and improve access to screening for young sudden cardiac death. ([S7O-00419](#))

6. Max Bannerman: To ask the Scottish Government what the policy and practice of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service is regarding the provision of documentation relating to the death of a relative to members of the deceased's family where the death occurred in suspicious circumstances. ([S7O-00420](#))

7. David Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent incidents of rioting and civil unrest across Europe, what action is being taken to prevent the same happening in Scotland. ([S7O-00421](#))

8. Katie Hagmann: To ask the Scottish Government whether, as part of its plans for franchising and regulation, it will review existing bus service provision to identify communities that are poorly served or lack adequate public transport connections. ([S7O-00422](#))

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General Questions selected for answer on 5 November 2026

- 1. Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the barriers that care leavers face in accessing support. ([S7O-00449](#))
- 2. Colm Merrick:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to address public safety concerns regarding this year's Bonfire Night, particularly in relation to the work of operations Amberlight and Moonbeam. ([S7O-00450](#))
- 3. Jenni Minto:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to the voluntary sector to promote collaborative working with the public sector. ([S7O-00451](#))
- 4. Holly Bruce:** To ask the Scottish Government how it proposes to hold mid-market rent landlords to account for how they implement rent increases, including where the developments concerned have received Scottish Government funding for their construction. ([S7O-00452](#))
- 5. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its position on the proposed Moray FLOW-Park development. ([S7O-00453](#))
- 6. David Green:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to improve access to audiology services in rural Scotland. ([S7O-00454](#))
- 7. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the £30 million Scotland Together Fund will open to applications. ([S7O-00455](#))
- 8. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports from the Scottish Police Federation that measures introduced to reduce non-crime demand on officers have had no impact on operational policing. ([S7O-00456](#))
- 9. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Phase Two of its Women's Health Plan will address the impact of prolonged gynaecology waiting times on women's ability to work and their financial security, particularly for those whose symptoms leave them unable to work. ([S7O-00457](#))
- 10. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with SMEs regarding the accessibility and effectiveness of public procurement processes. ([S7O-00458](#))

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 28 October 2026

[S7W-04591](#) **Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to amend the thresholds within the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 following the conclusion of the public consultation.

[S7W-04592](#) **David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress towards its preparation of the new Household Recycling Code of Practice under the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024.

SPCB Written Questions lodged on 28 October 2026

[S7W-04593](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, in light of survival rates in Scotland being among the worst in Europe, what consideration it has given to taking action to raise awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer across the parliamentary estate, including displaying posters published by Target Ovarian Cancer.

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[S7W-04544](#) Amanda Lindsay: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03632 by Mairi McAllan on 5 October 2026, before the decision was taken to award the contract outwith the UK for the manufacture of the Welcome to School backpacks, (a) which companies in (i) Scotland and (ii) the rest of the UK were invited to tender for the contract, (b) what the difference in cost was between the quotes submitted by UK-based companies and those submitted by companies outwith the UK, including the company that was ultimately awarded the contract, and (c) which company in China will manufacture, rather than assemble, the backpacks.

[S7W-04556](#) Amanda Bland: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been provided in each of the last five financial years for (a) assessing, (b) monitoring, (c) researching, (d) preventing and (e) treating diseases and parasitic infestations within the salmon farming industry, including sea lice, broken down by recipient, purpose of expenditure and the public body providing the funding.

[S7W-04557](#) Amanda Bland: To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been (a) awarded, (b) allocated and (c) paid to the salmon farming industry in each of the last five financial years, broken down by recipient, type of funding and the public body providing the funding.

[S7W-04558](#) Amanda Bland: To ask the Scottish Government how much has been provided in each of the last five financial years for (a) assessing, (b) monitoring, (c) preventing, (d) mitigating and (e) cleaning up pollution and environmental damage associated with the salmon farming industry, including pollution from chemicals, pesticides, medicines, sea-lice treatments, fish-farm waste and other contaminants, broken down by recipient, purpose of expenditure and the public body providing the funding.

[S7W-04559](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to end corridor care, including the timetable for so doing.

[S7W-04560](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will work with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine to agree a definition of corridor care.

[S7W-04561](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will record and regularly publish data on corridor care.

[S7W-04562](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it collects data on patients who are 'boarded out' by a hospital or NHS board.

[S7W-04563](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with representatives of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine to discuss winter preparedness.

[S7W-04564](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what resources and capabilities it has identified as requiring further enhancement to ensure that all NHS boards can reliably deliver stroke care in line with the Scottish Stroke Care Standards.

[S7W-04565](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the latest stroke improvement programme report, which NHS boards have been required to conduct a formal investigation and submit a detailed action plan to improve their stroke care.

[S7W-04566](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the number of thrombectomy procedures performed across Scotland in the last year, broken down by where the patients (a) were treated and (b) initially presented.

[S7W-04567](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards are a) offering thrombectomy procedures to eligible patients and b) not yet offering thrombectomy procedures to eligible patients.

[S7W-04568](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has used the breakdown of thrombolysis cases between core and non-core hours to inform its planning for 24/7 acute stroke care.

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[S7W-04569](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of rehabilitation not being included in the latest Scottish Stroke Care Audit, for what reason it has not adopted rehabilitation audit processes that are in use and have been demonstrated to be effective elsewhere in the UK and Europe.

[S7W-04570](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, for what reason its Stroke Improvement Plan priorities, which have been identified as important to patients, were not reported in the latest stroke audit, and how progress made by the audit team and NHS boards in those priority areas is being monitored.

[S7W-04571](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details regarding the content of an organisational audit for stroke, including its role in identifying any staffing shortages that may prevent NHS boards from meeting the Scottish Stroke Care Standards.

[S7W-04572](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects that the organisational audit will be routinely published as part of the Scottish Stroke Care Audit process.

[S7W-04573](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the national stroke guideline sets the clinical standard that all stroke patients should expect as the basis of their care.

[S7W-04574](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has not adopted the Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) audit process, which is used everywhere else in the UK.

[S7W-04575](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what intersectional analysis it has undertaken of differences in participation in (a) education, (b) employment and (c) training among young people of different (i) ethnicities, (ii) sex and (iii) socioeconomic background.

[S7W-04576](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of white male school leavers who live in the most deprived quintile of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation was not in a positive follow-up destination in each of the last five years, and how this compares with male school leavers from other ethnic groups in the same deprivation quintile.

[S7W-04577](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the characteristics of school leavers who move from a positive initial destination to a non-positive follow-up destination, including differences by (a) ethnicity, (b) sex and (c) socioeconomic background.

[S7W-04578](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what targeted support is available to groups of young people with lower rates of participation in education, employment or training, broken down by specific group, and what evaluation it has undertaken of the effectiveness of that support in reducing inequalities by (a) ethnicity, (b) sex and (c) socioeconomic background.

[S7W-04579](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the main achievements of the Anti-Racism Observatory for Scotland (AROS) in its first years of operation.

[S7W-04580](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the growth in alcohol sales through rapid-delivery platforms since 2015, and whether it considers that the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 remains fit for purpose in regulating such services.

[S7W-04581](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds regarding the volume of alcohol sold through home-delivery and rapid-delivery services in Scotland, and if this is not held, whether it will consider doing so.

[S7W-04582](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of the age-verification procedures used by rapid alcohol delivery services, and what discussions it has had with licensing boards regarding enforcement of these requirements.

[S7W-04583](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government, with reference to the Whizz Kidz Youth Board's report entitled, *Mobility Matters: A Youth Perspective on NHS Wheelchair Services*, published on 26 June 2026, what assessment it has made of the merits of commissioning a paediatric wheelchair service.

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[S7W-04584](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with UHI Inverness, in light of reports that UHI Inverness is considering closing the Institute for Biodiversity and Freshwater Conservation, and what assessment it has made of any potential impact on Scotland's research capacity.

[S7W-04585](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on extending or renewing its existing arrangements with the Scottish Education Management Information System (SEEMiS) rather than carrying out a new procurement exercise, and what factors have informed this position.

[S7W-04586](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any procurement exercise relating to the future provision of the Scottish Education Management Information System (SEEMiS) has been approved and, if so, what the timetable is for publication of the tender, bidder evaluation, contract award and implementation.

[S7W-04587](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the estimated whole-life value is of any proposed contract for the future provision of a school management information system, including implementation, migration, support and maintenance costs.

[S7W-04588](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what procurement route will be used for any tender relating to the future provision of the Scottish Education Management Information System (SEEMiS).

[S7W-04589](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether local authorities were consulted prior to any decision to tender the future provision of the Scottish Education Management Information System (SEEMiS) and, if so, which local authorities were consulted.

[S7W-04590](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government which (a) local authorities, (b) education bodies and (c) stakeholder organisations were consulted prior to any decision to commence procurement for a replacement or successor to the Scottish Education Management Information System (SEEMiS), and on what dates those consultations took place.

[S7W-04594](#) **Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of its *Benefit Take-up Strategy for 2026–31* on 21 October 2026, what action it will take, working with local authorities, advice services and community organisations, to ensure that people experiencing financial hardship, particularly those facing barriers to accessing support, are aware of and able to claim the social security benefits to which they are entitled.

[S7W-04595](#) **Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with West College Scotland about its Greenock Campus.

[S7W-04596](#) **Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme.

[S7W-04597](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that the difference in unit price between electricity and gas is presenting challenges for local authorities in delivering their decarbonisation strategies, what actions (a) have been taken and (b) will be taken to make electricity cheaper.

[S7W-04598](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding is (a) currently available and (b) planned to support the decarbonisation of domestic and non-domestic buildings in South Lanarkshire.

[S7W-04599](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the remediation of NHS buildings, including combustible cladding and insulation, arising from the work of the Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety.

[S7W-04600](#) **Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address reported difficulties with NHS referrals, funding arrangements and access to specialist bereavement aftercare for families affected by baby loss, and how these issues will be considered as part of the independent review of maternity services chaired by Professor Christine McCourt.

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[S7W-04601](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the cumulative economic impact of road closures and disruption on the A77, including on businesses, freight operators and communities in South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway.

[S7W-04602](#) **David Kirkwood:** To ask the Scottish government when it will meet with representatives of the Association for Vaccine Injured In Scotland to discuss injury and bereavement associated with COVID-19 vaccinations.

[S7W-04603](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on developing a national workforce strategy for teaching.

[S7W-04604](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03799 by Hannah Mary Goodlad on 28 October 2026, whether it has assessed the risk that the construction of hyperscale artificial intelligence data centres could delay, reduce or increase the cost of housing delivery and, if no such assessment has been undertaken, whether it will commit to carrying one out, in light of the national housing emergency.

[S7W-04605](#) **Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the delivery of Scotland's Offshore Wind Skills Priorities and Action Plan.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 29 October 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 12 November 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

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 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

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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 (lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy)), 27 October 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 3 November 2026

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

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 October 2026

[Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (31 August 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

[Energy Performance of Buildings \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 August 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 29 October 2026

[Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

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

[Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

[Maximum Number of Judges \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 November 2026

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 September 2026) (Education and Gaelic Committee)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 September 2026) (Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 November 2026

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 12 November 2026

[Air Departure Tax \(Administration\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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[Air Departure Tax \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 18 November 2026

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 September 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 November 2026

[HGV Speed Limit \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 September 2026)
(Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 29 November 2026

[Qualifications Scotland and His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland \(Miscellaneous Listings\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (5 October 2026) (Education and Gaelic Committee)

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

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

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)

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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
Lead Committee report due by 23 November 2026

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

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[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
Lead Committee report due by 30 November 2026

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

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

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

[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

[Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee, 5th Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee on 27 October 2026 \(SP Paper 31\).](#), publication date: 28 October 2026

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Financial Services and Markets Bill \(UK Parliament legislation\) – delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence, with reference to LCM-S7-8 and LCM-S7-8a \(SP Paper 29\).](#), publication date: 28 October 2026

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Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 October 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic plan 2025-30 (SG/2026/236) laid under Paragraph 8 of schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2025/2026 (SG/2026/199) laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report and Accounts 2025/2026 (SG/2026/198) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report 2025-26 (SPSO/2026/AR) laid under Sections 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025-26 (SG/2026/283) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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