

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-00983, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Graeme R. Wilson, Minister, Bearsden Cross Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Oaths and Affirmations

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2026-31

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2026-31

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland

Committee Meetings

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9:00am Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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(a) Tuesday 1 September 2026—

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Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Oaths and Affirmations

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First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

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1. Angela Ross: To ask the Scottish Government whether the publication of the draft Curriculum Improvement Cycle, which introduces new concepts, big ideas and a Know-Do-Understand framework, reflects an assessment that the existing skilled-focused approach within Curriculum for Excellence has not achieved its intended outcomes for pupils. ([S7O-00136](#))

2. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the reported 17% increase in recorded hate crime charges in 2025-26, including rises in race, sexual orientation and disability-aggravated charges, alongside providing appropriate support to victims and affected communities. ([S7O-00137](#))

3. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to reform abortion law in 2026-27. ([S7O-00138](#))

4. David Barratt: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to prevent the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons into the environment, including whether it supports legislation prohibiting their sale, supply and release to reduce litter and protect wildlife, livestock and marine animals. ([S7O-00139](#))

5. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reason for the reported 13% increase in recorded crime since 2022. ([S7O-00140](#))

6. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding the scheduled replacement of the exterior façade and windows of Inverclyde Royal Hospital. ([S7O-00141](#))

7. Katie Hagmann: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing across the country to support and promote reading and literacy by ensuring that books and libraries are adequately resourced and available for everyone, including in rural areas such as Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley. ([S7O-00142](#))

8. Laura Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to review the wildfire strategy following the recent such incident in the Cairngorms National Park. ([S7O-00143](#))

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followed by Members' Business: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland

S7M-00878 Andrew Baxter: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland —That the Parliament shares its deep concern for the growing number of wildfires taking place, which, it considers is a result of both climate change and land management practices, and the increasingly significant threat that these fires pose for communities across rural Scotland, such as those in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch; understands that the Cairngorms wildfire in particular has had a devastating impact within the Cairngorms National Park, both on its natural environment and the businesses that were forced to close; further understands that more than 100 firefighters were required to tackle the blaze; commends the work of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and retained duty firefighters for all that they have done to tackle the wildfire in the Cairngorms, as well as other fires in Holyrood Park in Edinburgh and Hill of Tarvit in Fife; further commends communities in the Cairngorms and across the wider Highlands region for the support that they have provided alongside hard working firefighters as well as for the residents of Nethy Bridge when they were forced to evacuate; understands that the Scottish Government has published a Strategic Action Plan on Wildfires and the announcement of a £3 million fund to help those businesses which have been impacted; notes the belief that despite this action plan and fund, the Scottish Government response to the wildfire in the Cairngorms has fallen short; further notes the calls for a cross-party summit to be held to learn the lessons of the response to the Cairngorms wildfire, ensuring that there is a concrete action plan for any future wildfires, and notes the calls for better funding of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service as well so that it is better equipped to deal with these major incidents going forward.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 2

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Overview of Scotland's energy sector:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Dieter Helm, Professor of Economic Policy, New College, University of Oxford;
Dr Simon Gill, Director of Grid Innovation Strategy and Principal Knowledge Exchange Fellow, University of Strathclyde.
- 3. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 2nd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Scottish Government Priorities regarding Europe, External Affairs and International Development:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy, Simita Kumar, Minister for Equalities and International Development, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, International Relations, Population and Migration, Katherine White, Deputy Director, International Development, and Elliot Robertson, Head of EU Secretariat, Scottish Government.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 4

- 1. Declaration of interests:** Paul Sweeney will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 3. Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—[the Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/208\)](#), [the Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/212\)](#), [the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/213\)](#), [the Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#), [the Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/240\)](#).

4. **Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider—[the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/206 \(C.21\)\)](#), [the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/210 \(C.22\)\)](#)
5. **Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-1 and LCM-S7-1a.
6. **Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S6-74, LCM-S7-7 and LCM-S7-7a.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Subject to parliamentary approval of motion S7M-00983 business for Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September 2026 will be as follows:

Wednesday 2 September 2026

- 2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport
- followed by** Ministerial Statement: Raising Standards and Delivering Excellence for Every Child
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Improving Lives Through Delivering for Scotland
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:30 pm** Decision Time
- followed by** Members’ Business: Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland

Thursday 3 September 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: Cairngorms Wildfire
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- followed by** Members’ Business: AI Data Centres

Tuesday 8 September 2026

- 2:00 pm** Time for Reflection
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by** General Questions

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Criminal Justice Committee

2 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Ministerial briefing – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Catriona Dalrymple, Director for Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Director for Safer Communities, Scottish Government.
3. **Prison operations – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Mackie, Convener, Howard League Scotland;
Linda Pollock, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service;
Jim Watson, Chair, Prison Experts Group.
4. **Remand and bail – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Hannah Graham, Commissioner and Senior Lecturer in Criminology, The Independent Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission;
Dr Cara Jardine, Senior Lecturer at the University of Strathclyde, Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research;
Tracey McFall, Vice Chair, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum.
5. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.
6. **Review of evidence** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) - report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.

Proposed future business

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

Health, Care and Sport Committee

2 September 2026

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2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 4

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Overview of key issues in the health sector in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from —
 Caroline Hiscox, Chief Executive of NHS Lothian and Chair of the NHS Scotland Executive Group;
 Alison White, Chair of the Chief Officer Group, Health and Social Care Scotland;
 Professor Sir Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government;
 Paul Johnson, Chief Executive, Public Health Scotland.
 and then from—
 Lilian Macer, Scottish Secretary, UNISON;
 Dr Nóra Murray-Cavanagh, Chair-Elect of Scottish Council, British Medical Association;
 Eileen McKenna, Scotland Associate Director (Nursing, Policy and Professional Practice), Royal College of Nursing Scotland;
 Charlotte Waite, National Director, British Dental Association Scotland;
 Glenn Carter, Head of RCSLT Scotland, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.
 and then from—
 Sara Redmond, Chief Officer of Development, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
 Janet Sylvester, Trustee, #MEAction Scotland;
 Kirstin Laing, Chronic Pain Group;
 Jane Omerod, Chair and Stuart McIver, Trustee, Long Covid Scotland;
 Kenny Stewart, Head of Public Affairs and Communications, SAMH.

- Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence that it heard under item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Finance and Public Administration Committee

2 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 1

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Scottish Fiscal Commission's Fiscal Update 2026 and other recent publications:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Dr Eleanor Ryan, Commissioner, Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Spending, and David Stone, Head of Economy and Income Tax, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
- Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Rural Affairs Committee

2 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Emma Roddick will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
3. **Rural Support Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jonnie Hall, Deputy CEO and Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Martin Kennedy, Former President, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Professor Davy McCracken, Deputy Head of School of Natural & Social Sciences, Scotland's Rural College;
David McKay, Co-Director, Soil Association Scotland;
Professor Dave Reay, Co-chair, Just Transition Commission;
Donna Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation.
4. **Rural Support Plan – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 3.

Proposed future business

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

Transport Committee

2 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 3

1. **Scotland's bus services:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Chris Day, Secretary, Edinburgh Bus Users Group;
Ellie Harrison, Co-Founder and Chair, Get Glasgow Moving;
Colin Howden, Director, Transform Scotland;
Greig Mackay, Director for Scotland, Bus Users UK.
2. **Scotland's bus services – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Climate Action Committee

3 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 1

1. **Declaration of interests:** James Adams 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. **Climate Action – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on priorities within the Committee's remit from—
 Nick Halfhide, Chief Executive Officer, NatureScot;
 Wendy Kimpton, Director of Strategy and Regulation, Scottish Water;
 Ciaran McGuigan, Chief Executive Officer, Zero Waste Scotland;
 Dan Paris, Director of Policy and Engagement, Scottish Environment LINK;
 Nicole Paterson, Chief Executive, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).
 and then from—
 Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value, Audit Scotland;
 Dr Richard Dixon, Chair, Environmental Standards Scotland.
4. **Climate Action – consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 3.
5. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

3 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Civil Justice – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, on issues arising under the civil justice part of its remit from—
 Rachael Kelsey, Solicitor, SKO Family Law Specialists;
 Colin Lancaster, Chief Executive, Scottish Legal Aid Board;
 Paul McKinlay, Executive Director of Court Operations, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;
 Jennifer Paton, Head of Policy, Law Society of Scotland;
 Paul Reid, K.C., Faculty of Advocates;
 Kyle Scott, Policy Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland;

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Jamie Speirs, Principal Solicitor, Scottish Child Law Centre.

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

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee

3 September 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Auditor General for Scotland's work programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value, Audit Scotland.
3. **Auditor General for Scotland's work programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Public Service Reform Committee

3 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:15AM in Committee Room 4

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2, 3 and 5 in private.
2. **Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28:** The Committee will further consider its approach.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
4. **Delivering public service reform (Not before 11:30am):** The Committee will take evidence from —
Stephen Boyd, Director, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) Scotland;
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Dr Claire MacRae, Senior Lecturer, Public Policy, University of Glasgow.

5. **Delivering public service reform:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

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

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * 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

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Motions for debate

***[S7M-01003](#) Angela Constance: Improving Lives Through Delivering for Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, *Ambitious for Scotland*, which commits to renewing Scotland's public services through prevention, integration and reform; recognises the Programme for Government's focus on public service reform and commitment to ensuring that decision-making and service delivery sit at the level best placed to improve people's lives; agrees with the need to empower communities and regions to make the decisions that improve delivery; further agrees with the need to reduce NHS waiting times, support the shift of care from hospitals into communities through strengthened primary care, digital innovation and expanded community services; welcomes the need for action to tackle health inequalities, improve population health, and treat substance misuse as a public health priority, and agrees that public service reform must be shaped by and with the workforce, while delivering better outcomes for people and communities across Scotland.

Supported by: Ivan McKee*, Maree Todd*, Hannah Mary Goodlad*, Alison Thewliss*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01002](#) Steven Bonnar: No Wrong Door: Supporting People with Complex Needs** —That the Parliament considers that people experiencing homelessness alongside mental ill health and/or problematic substance use can face multiple barriers when trying to access health, social care, housing and support services, including in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency; notes the belief that people with complex needs can fall between the gaps when responsibility for their care moves between different services; welcomes the Scottish Government's work through the National Mental Health and Substance Use Protocol, the Discharge Without Delay approach and forthcoming homelessness prevention duties; notes the view that continued work is required to ensure that this guidance is consistently followed across Scotland and that people are not discharged from hospital or other healthcare settings without proper consideration of their mental health, substance use, housing situation, safety and ongoing support needs; further notes the view that closer working between NHS boards, Health and Social Care Partnerships, local authorities, housing and homelessness services, mental health and substance use services and the third sector is required to provide joined-up support, with clear arrangements for follow-up and continuity of care, and notes the belief that an approach is needed where people with complex needs are supported through services rather than passed between them because their circumstances do not fit neatly within one service.

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Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01006](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating Stonehaven's Men Shed on Being Named Scotland's Men Shed of the Year 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Stonehaven & District Men's Shed on being named Scotland's Men's Shed of the Year 2026; recognises the outstanding contribution that it makes to the local community through promoting friendship, wellbeing and skills-sharing; understands that it has grown from a small group of volunteers in 2016 into one of Stonehaven's most valued community organisations, with over 180 members, providing support for local events, environmental projects and community initiatives; commends its philanthropic endeavours through the Prosthetic Limbs for Africa project, which recovers reusable components from hospitals across Scotland, and wishes everyone involved continued success in the future.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01001](#) David Torrance: 10th Anniversary of Kirkcaldy Wizards Running Group**—That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkcaldy Wizards running group on its 10-year anniversary; recognises what it sees as the group's amazing achievements, including its recent participation in the annual Kirkcaldy Parks Running Festival; notes that its weekly training sessions, which include both hill- and track-based training, are led by a qualified Level 2 running coach and are open to people aged 16 and over of all levels of experience; acknowledges the time and dedication required to organise and run such a successful group; believes that its runners continue to impress by earning medals and other accolades, and hopes that the group continues its efforts in supporting people to develop as runners and making the town of Kirkcaldy proud.

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

***[S7M-01000](#) Mark Ruskell: Campaign to Ensure Walkers' Access to Glen Lyon**—That the Parliament recognises the campaign and petition, led by Ramblers Scotland, to uphold access rights to walking routes in Glen Lyon; understands the North Chesthill Estate has advised people to seek alternative routes for the whole of September and October 2026 during the deer stalking season; notes that while the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and associated guidance allow estates to advise walkers to vary nearby routes on specific days and in specific locations where stalking is taking place, it does not endorse such prolonged and blanket restrictions; understands that such restrictions are not used by other estates in Scotland; notes concerns that these restrictions prevent visitors and local people from exercising responsible access, with an impact on the visitor economy, especially given the popularity of the four Munros on the estate; believes that concerns regarding access management in Glen Lyon are a long-standing issue and that there is a consistent pattern of the estate being at odds with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, and calls on all relevant stakeholders to work together to ensure that Scotland's world-renowned access rights and the Code are upheld.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Laura Moodie*, Paul McLennan*

***[S7M-00999](#) Victor Currie: Community Heritage and Economic Development in South Harris**—That the Parliament welcomes the £1.2 million award from the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards the redevelopment of the Hebrides People Visitor Centre in Northton, South Harris, as part of an £8.25 million investment package; recognises the importance of the community-owned centre in preserving and celebrating the history, genealogy, Gaelic language and cultural heritage of the Outer Hebrides; notes the plans for expanded visitor facilities, interactive exhibitions, Gaelic classes and educational and community engagement programmes, with a particular focus on young people, families and those with limited access to transport; believes that community-led heritage projects can play an important role in strengthening local identity, supporting tourism, creating economic opportunities and encouraging young people to engage with their local heritage; recognises the potential benefits of the redevelopment for South Harris and the wider Outer Hebrides; congratulates the Northton Heritage Trust, its volunteers and partners on securing this significant investment, and calls for greater

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recognition and support for community-led heritage and cultural projects across the Highlands and Islands.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-00998](#) **David Barratt: BRAG Enterprises Shortlisted for Community Impact Award** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Julie MacDougall*, Colin Beattie*

[S7M-00997](#) **Liam McArthur: Celebrating 60 Years of Scientific Diving at Heriot-Watt University** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Andrew Baxter*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S7M-00996](#) **Victor Currie: Risk of Drugs to Young People** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Jamie Langan*, Julie MacDougall*, Helen McDade*, Senga Beresford*, David Smith*, Amanda Bland*, Duncan Massey*, Amanda Lindsay*, Angela Ross*

[S7M-00994](#) **Stephen Kerr: Condolences to the People of Norway on the Death of His Majesty King Harald V** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Liam McArthur*, Lloyd Melville*, Max Bannerman*, Angela Ross*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-00993](#) **Marie McNair: Baljaffray Parish Church Celebrates its 20th Anniversary** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00992](#) **Mark Simpson: Grand Theft Auto VI and Dundee's Gaming Origins** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: David Smith*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-00991](#) **Jack Middleton: University of Aberdeen Study to Transform Maternity Care** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Jackie Dunbar*, Laura Mitchell*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Patricia Gibson*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Karen Adam*

[S7M-00990](#) **Katie Hagmann: 'Part of the Job?' Recognising Women Councillors' Experiences of Gender-based Violence in Scotland** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill* **R**

[S7M-00982](#) **Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Michelle Campbell*, Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00981](#) **Bob Doris: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Michelle Campbell* **R**, Jackie Dunbar*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Patricia Gibson*, Katie Hagmann*, Gary Bouse*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

[S7M-00979](#) **Laura Moodie: Recognising NSPCC Scotland's Read, Write, Relationships Campaign** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Katie Hagmann*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

[S7M-00978](#) **Marie McNair: Champion Dance and Cheer Wins Best Gym - Europe at Cheer Awards** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Victor Currie*

[S7M-00977](#) **David Torrance: Beetle Drive in Aid of MacMillan Cancer Support** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00974](#) **Steven Bonnar: Child Maintenance, Protecting Children and Families in Scotland** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Katie Hagmann*

[S7M-00971](#) **Alyn Smith: Record Keeper of the Year 2026** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00970](#) **Alyn Smith: City of Stirling Football Hall of Fame** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Victor Currie*

[S7M-00969](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Southesk Primary School on Achieving OPAL Platinum Status** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00968](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Celebrating the Life and Work of Dolly Parton** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00967](#) **Michelle Campbell: Acknowledging the Remarkable Life of Dolly Parton** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00966](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Road Running Festival 2026** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00965](#) **Laura Mitchell: Burghead War Memorial Rededication Ceremony** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00963](#) **Mark Simpson: Supporting the Revival of Caird Park Golf Course** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Angela Ross*

[S7M-00962](#) **Colin Beattie: Samantha Gough Appointed an MBE** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00961](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Whyte Cargo on Being Selected as a Finalist in The Courier Business Awards** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00960](#) **Jenni Minto: Cllr Dougie Philand** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-00957](#) **Steven Bonnar: A Welcome to School for Every Child** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-00956](#) **Dawn Black: Celebrating the Success of Summer's End Angus 2026** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00955](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Montrose Community Trust on Being Selected as a Finalist in The Courier Business Awards** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00954](#) **Willie Rennie: HEART Fuel Poverty Programme** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S7M-00953](#) **Claire Baker: Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) reaches its 60th Anniversary** (lodged on 28 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Lloyd Melville*, Laura Mitchell*, Katie Hagmann*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-00950](#) **Patricia Gibson: 250th Anniversary of the Death of David Hume** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00949](#) **Clare Adamson: Celebrating 20 Years of the Scottish Storytelling Centre** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Katie Hagmann*

[S7M-00947](#) **Thomas Kerr: Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-00946](#) **Laura Mitchell: Celebrating the Spirit of the Cairngorms** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00945](#) **Laura Mitchell: The Launch of Moray Disability Sports Hub** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00943](#) **David Torrance: Celebrating the Life of Ian Norval, Distiller of Kirkcaldy's Own Whisky** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00931](#) **Patricia Gibson: Celebrating Marymass Festival 2026 in Irvine** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00927](#) **Colm Merrick: Ukrainian Independence Day** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Katie Hagmann*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Katie Hagmann*

[S7M-00925](#) **Heather Anderson: Angus Cycling Festival** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Victor Currie*

[S7M-00923](#) **Stephen Kerr: Supporting The Sunday Post It's Time Campaign to End Violence Against Women** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Adam Harley*

[S7M-00922](#) **Zen Ghani: Celebrating Nine Years of The Slated Teapot** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00917](#) **Keith Brown: Bridge of Allan Named Scotland's Prettiest Village or Small Town to Visit** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S7M-00916](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognition of Gordon Campbell's Service to the Coltness Community** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00915](#) **Martyn Day: Parliament Recognises the Success of the Grangemouth Kerse Road Gap Community Art Project** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00914](#) **Clare Haughey: A Royal Burgh in Felt and Stitch** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00912](#) **David Torrance: Fife Voluntary Action Awarded Carer Positive Engaged Accreditation** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00911](#) **David Torrance: The Perfect Scoop wins Dessert Outlet of the Year award** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00902](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Science Centre Appoints New Patron** (lodged on 21 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00901](#) **Tim Eagle: Recognising Michael Dawson's Contribution to Elgin and the wider Moray community** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00897](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy on Achieving UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00895](#) **Paul McLennan: Celebrating Dunbar Day Centre 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00894](#) **Pauline McNeill: Urgent Support for Palestinian Students Seeking to Study in Scotland** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Lorna Slater*, Daniel Johnson*

[S7M-00893](#) **Marie McNair: Gaelic Hearts Early Years Award** (lodged on 20 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00892](#) **Zen Ghani: Clair McDonald: Alasdair McKee Award 2026** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00891](#) **Marie McNair: Stepping Stones' 35th Anniversary** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00890](#) **Alex Kerr: Hareleeshill Community Hub Poppy Project** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00888](#) **Fulton MacGregor: North Lanarkshire Schools Pipe Band named Novice A World Pipe Band Champions** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00887](#) **David Barratt: Congratulating St Ninian's RC Primary School in Cardenden on its 100th anniversary** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00886](#) **Marie McNair: Allander Dental Care Take on Triple Charity Challenge** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00885](#) **Laura Mitchell: 30th Anniversary of Elgin's Biblical Garden** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00882](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen FC Community Trust - Centre Circle Whole Family Hub** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00881](#) **Jack Middleton: Denis Law Legacy Trust Impact Report** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00880](#) **Dawn Black: Recognising the Actions of Stonehaven RNLI Volunteer Keith Scott and the Contribution of the RNLI and Emergency Services** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00879](#) **Patricia Gibson: Celebrating 20 Years of Montenegro's Independence** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00874](#) **Stuart McMillan: 20 Years of the Energy Ombudsman** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00873](#) **Dawn Black: Brechin Cathedral Trust Takes Ownership of Brechin Cathedral** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00872](#) **David Torrance: Golden Jubilee of St Peters Episcopal Church in Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00868](#) **Heather Anderson: Maggie's: Thirtieth Anniversary and V&A Dundee Exhibition** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00865](#) **Clare Haughey: Welcoming Rutherglen's Inaugural Book Festival** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00864](#) **David Torrance: Celebrating the Kirkcaldy Lottery's Support of the Adam Smith Global Foundation and Local Artists** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00863](#) **Colm Merrick: Celebrating 21 Years of Yoker Community Campus Development Company** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00862](#) **Clare Haughey: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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Motions Glusadan				

[S7M-00859](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating the Stonehaven Fireballs on Reaching the Finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00858](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating The Harbour Bar in Gourdon on Reaching the Finals of the 2026 Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00857](#) **Michelle Campbell: Celebrating the Work of Turf Youth and Community Project** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00856](#) **Michelle Campbell: Celebrating the Work of Erskine Veterans Charity** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00855](#) **Laura Mitchell: Celebrating Alan Winchester's Contribution to Scotch Whisky** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00854](#) **Laura Mitchell: World Organ Donation Day 2026** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00850](#) **Clare Haughey: The Newton Arms Named Community Venue of the Year** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00849](#) **Colm Merrick: Celebrating 10 Years of Anyiso** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00847](#) **Martyn Day: Congratulations to Murdoch Kennedy** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00846](#) **Laura Mitchell: Moray Girls FC Receives ScottishPower Grassroots Football Funding** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00843](#) **David Linden: Baillieston Main Street Pavement Festival Raises Over £3,000 for Charity** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00840](#) **David Linden: Glasgow's Big Hearted Sandmyle Hotel** (lodged on 12 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00838](#) **Heather Anderson: Mark Stewart Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00834](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to Little Beehive Nursery Kirkcaldy on Achieving UNICEF UK Silver: Rights Aware Accreditation** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Adam Harley*

[S7M-00780](#) **Clare Adamson: Congratulations to Steven Bryce on Commonwealth Games Bronze Medal Success** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-00707](#) **Katy Clark: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*

Questions

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 9 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 2 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 3 September 2026.

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

1. Karen Adam
2. David Barratt
3. Senga Beresford
4. Kate Campbell
5. Jackie Dunbar
6. Steven Bonnar
7. Finlay Carson
8. Max Bannerman
9. Stuart McMillan
10. Alan Brown

Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

1. Jenni Minto
2. David Kirkwood
3. Daniel Johnson
4. Jenny Young
5. Gillian Mackay
6. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill
7. Calum Kerr
8. Dawn Black
9. Lorna Slater
10. David Torrance

Members selected for General Questions on 8 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 2 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 3 September 2026.

1. Kate Nevens
2. Patricia Gibson
3. Pauline Stafford
4. Katie Hagmann
5. Ariane Burgess
6. Tim Eagle
7. Gary Bouse

Members selected for General Questions on 10 September 2026

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Questions Ceistean				

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 2 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 3 September 2026.

1. Adam Harley
2. Julie MacDougall
3. Fulton MacGregor
4. Zen Ghani
5. Rachael Hamilton
6. Lloyd Melville
7. Laura Moodie
8. Laura Mitchell
9. David Linden
10. Collette Stevenson

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 31 August 2026

[S7W-02762](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its commitment to publish a Health and Care Improving Flow Plan within the first 100 days of the current parliamentary session.

[S7W-02765](#) **Alex Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in developing plans for a cap on the price of essential food items to help address food affordability, and what the proposed next steps are.

Written Questions lodged on 31 August 2026

[S7W-02741](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what public information it has published regarding the production, advertising, selling and consumption of herbal smoking products.

[S7W-02742](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding is available to assist community-led flood protection activities.

[S7W-02743](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has committed to flood defence schemes in 2026-27, and how much it plans to commit in each year of the current parliamentary session.

[S7W-02744](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to empower communities to engage in basic flood protection and flood preparedness activities.

[S7W-02745](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential sale of BP's UK North Sea oil and gas operations on the timely and full decommissioning of oil and gas infrastructure.

[S7W-02746](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland of any transfer of BP's decommissioning liabilities to another operator, including the financial resilience and capacity of potential purchasers to meet those liabilities in full.

[S7W-02747](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential economic impact on the North East Scotland parliamentary region, including on employment

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Questions Ceistean				

in decommissioning activities, if a change in ownership of BP's North Sea assets results in changes to the timing, scale or location of decommissioning activity.

[S7W-02748](#) Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of BP's proposed withdrawal from the North Sea on Scotland's energy transition workforce.

[S7W-02749](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government when Vessel Monitoring Systems will be rolled out to the under-12-metre inshore nephrops trawl fleet.

[S7W-02750](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government when Vessel Monitoring Systems will be rolled out to the under-12-metre inshore nephrops creel fleet.

[S7W-02751](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the "ask and act" homelessness prevention pilot programme.

[S7W-02752](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what evidence or guidance informed its decision to allow local authorities and relevant public bodies up to three years from Royal Assent of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026 to produce their Community Wealth Building Action Plans, and whether it considered a shorter timeframe before choosing three years.

[S7W-02753](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to collecting Gross National Income, or equivalent net financial flows, data for Scotland, presented within a sectoral balances framework, to evidence the impact of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026 in reducing financial outflows from households and businesses.

[S7W-02754](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware that no Local Government Pension Scheme administering authority reportedly publishes data on the proportion of its fund invested in Scotland and, if so, what estimate it has of current such pension scheme investment nationally, and what evidence informed its decision to include this as an indicator in the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026.

[S7W-02755](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what Modern Apprenticeship contribution rate will apply to the reintroduced Social Services (Children and Young People) qualification at SCQF Level 6, and how it will ensure that the rate reflects the cost of high-quality training, assessment and quality assurance.

[S7W-02756](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it has that apprentices in the 20 to 24 and 25+ age groups carrying out the same Social Services (Children and Young People) qualifications require substantially less training, assessment and provider support than 16 to 19-year-olds, and whether it will review age-related contribution differentials where these might not be justified by differences in actual delivery cost.

[S7W-02757](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that training providers receive sufficient SDS Modern Apprenticeship contract volume and value to recruit a new annual Level 6 cohort while simultaneously progressing successful apprentices from Level 6 to 7.

[S7W-02758](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether SDS funding and eligibility arrangements will allow employees who complete the Social Services (Children and Young People) Level 6 Modern Apprenticeship to progress to a separately funded Level 7 Modern Apprenticeship with the same employer, where Level 7 is the appropriate next stage of occupational development.

[S7W-02759](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review Foundation Apprenticeship commissioning arrangements to allow additional suitably experienced and quality-assured specialist training providers to competitively tender to deliver relevant Foundation Apprenticeships to school pupils.

[S7W-02760](#) Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will develop a coordinated Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) recruitment pathway that connects school-based vocational learning and meaningful workplace experience with employment, the Level 6 Modern Apprenticeship and subsequent progression to Level 7.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S7W-02761 Paul McLennan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the ongoing review of support for part-time study, including whether it plans to reform the £25,000 personal earnings eligibility threshold and the level of Part-Time Fee Grant support available for private training provider delivery, particularly for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) practitioners progressing to the revised Social Services (Children and Young People) Level 9 qualification.

[S7W-02763 Laura Moodie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish an update to the Ancient Woodland Inventory and what consideration it will give to updating the inventory on a rolling basis.

[S7W-02764 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the closure of the Emergency Heating Oil scheme on 30 September 2026, what support it will make available to households that currently rely on heating oil and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to retrofit their homes and transition to low-carbon and renewable heating systems.

[S7W-02766 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what equality impact assessment it has undertaken of the current eligibility criteria and waiting times for Tier 3 adult weight management services, including in relation to disabled people and individuals whose obesity is compounded by mobility-limiting conditions.

[S7W-02767 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will set out national targets and timelines for the continued rollout of insulin pumps and hybrid closed-loop systems as part of its plan to ensure person-centred treatment and equity of access for people with diabetes.

[S7W-02768 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people are currently waiting to access Tier 3 adult weight management services, and what the (a) median and (b) longest waiting time is.

[S7W-02769 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether referrals to Tier 3 adult weight management services are covered by the NHS Scotland 18-week referral-to-treatment standard and, if not, what national waiting time standard applies to those services.

[S7W-02770 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it centrally collects and publishes waiting time data for Tier 3 adult weight management services and, if not, what consideration it has given to introducing national performance monitoring for those services.

[S7W-02771 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the current eligibility and prioritisation criteria for Tier 3 adult weight management services and access to obesity medicines, including liraglutide, semaglutide and tirzepatide, result in patients receiving earlier access to treatment after developing Type 2 diabetes than patients with severe obesity who are seeking to prevent the onset of the condition.

[S7W-02772 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to NHS boards regarding the prioritisation of patients referred to Tier 3 adult weight management services, including what consideration boards are expected to give to disability, restricted mobility, chronic pain, musculoskeletal conditions, mental health, employment and the risk of further deterioration, in determining clinical priority.

[S7W-02773 Claire Baker:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the outcomes of the initial pilot phase of the HPV self-sampling kit programme, and what the next stages are for the national expansion of HPV self-sampling.

[S7W-02774 Claire Baker:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, following the introduction of the initial pilot phase of the HPV self-sampling kit programme, when it expects that the national expansion of HPV self-sampling will take place.

[S7W-02775 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the risks faced by workers carrying out litter-picking duties on trunk roads, including the A9, and what guidance and safety measures are in place to protect such workers from passing traffic.

[S7W-02776 Pauline McNeill:](#) To ask the Scottish Government (a) when it received a proposal from the Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) regarding the MWC undertaking reviews of all individuals who have committed homicide and who may have had mental health issues, pursuant to the undertaking given by the then Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health during the Stage 3 debate on the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015, and (b) when a decision on that proposal is expected.

[S7W-02777 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the (a) environmental, (b) economic and (c) social case for establishing a strategically designed network covering at least 30% of Scotland's inshore waters within which bottom-towed fishing is excluded and regulated static-gear fishing is permitted.

[S7W-02778 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Environmental Standards Scotland's finding that there is insufficient assurance that existing fisheries management measures and other work in the marine space will achieve Good Environmental Status, what consideration it is giving to a network of static-gear reserves covering at least 30% of Scotland's inshore waters as a new or additional measure under Regulation 14 of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010.

[S7W-02779 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether excluding bottom-towed fishing from at least 30% of Scotland's inshore waters would provide a means of giving practical effect to its commitments on (a) marine protection, (b) biodiversity recovery, (c) sustainable fisheries and (d) Good Environmental Status.

[S7W-02780 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any alternative spatial measures that would deliver an equivalent and measurable reduction in pressure on the inshore seabed to that which would be achieved through the exclusion of bottom-towed fishing from at least 30% of Scotland's inshore waters.

[S7W-02781 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the duty to achieve Good Environmental Status in Scotland's seas, what assessment it has made of which areas of the inshore seabed would benefit most from the exclusion of bottom-towed fishing.

[S7W-02782 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its duty to achieve Good Environmental Status in Scotland's seas, what assessment it has made of any link between the effectiveness of spatial fisheries measures and their (a) location, (b) scale and (c) management.

[S7W-02783 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact of the reallocation of access from mobile to static gear in parts of Scotland's inshore Nephrops fisheries on (a) fishing revenue, (b) gross value added, (c) employment and (d) the proportion of fisheries income retained in coastal communities.

[S7W-02784 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any contribution that the recovery of larger and more abundant inshore fish populations could make to the development of a recreational sea-angling strategy and to employment and tourism income in coastal communities.

[S7W-02785 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to consult on the establishment of a strategically designed network of static-gear reserves covering at least 30% of Scotland's inshore waters by 2030.

[S7W-02786 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to develop a funded transition plan for fishers and communities affected by any expansion of marine protected areas that are closed to bottom-towed fishing, including support for (a) adaptation, (b) gear conversion or (c) exit from the fishing industry where appropriate.

[S7W-02787 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding areas where the use of static fishing gear is permitted, what controls it considers are necessary to mitigate (a) excessive creel density, (b) cetacean and basking-shark entanglement, (c) gear conflict, (d) ghost fishing and (e) marine litter.

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Questions Ceistean				

[S7W-02788 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether Nephrops Functional Units could provide a usable and biologically meaningful model for integrated regional fisheries management, including the (a) spatial allocation of mobile and static gear, (b) management of displacement, and (c) assessment of environmental and socioeconomic outcomes.

[S7W-02789 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider the establishment of a pilot network of static-gear reserves in the Firth of Clyde Nephrops Functional Unit, including agreed environmental, fisheries, employment and community objectives, and independent monitoring.

[S7W-02790 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the view that spatial protection measures must be accompanied by the management of total mobile fishing effort in order to deliver a net reduction in pressure on the inshore seabed.

[S7W-02791 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, what assessment it has made of (a) whether establishing additional areas that are protected from bottom-towed fishing would displace trawling to other areas, (b) any impact that such a displacement could have on the environmental status of the seabed, and whether it will model and publish the net effect of any such displacement when appraising future spatial measures.

[S7W-02793 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the report by Environmental Standards Scotland, *Protecting Scotland's seafloor: an assessment of Scottish Ministers' implementation of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010*, whether it will make a statement to the Parliament when it publishes its formal response and remedial action plan.

[S7W-02794 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reasons why Good Environmental Status for seafloor integrity was not achieved by the statutory deadline of 2020, including any impact of (a) delays in implementing measures, (b) gaps in monitoring and (c) weaknesses in marine governance identified by Environmental Standards Scotland.

[S7W-02795 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the remedial action plan that it is seeking to agree with Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) will include the implementation timetable required by recommendation 3 in ESS' report, *Protecting Scotland's seafloor: an assessment of Scottish Ministers' implementation of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010*.

[S7W-02796 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its response to the report by Environmental Standards Scotland, *Protecting Scotland's seafloor: an assessment of Scottish Ministers' implementation of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010*, whether, it will undertake a quantified gap analysis to determine whether the measures contained in the 2025 UK Marine Strategy Programme of Measures are sufficient to deliver Scotland's contribution to Good Environmental Status for seafloor integrity, and, should such an analysis identify a shortfall, whether it will comparatively assess the potential of new or additional fisheries management measures to contribute to Good Environmental Status, including spatial restrictions on mobile bottom-contact fishing.

[S7W-02797 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding any proposals to transition digital terrestrial television services to internet-based television services, and what assessment it has made of the potential impact on households and businesses in Scotland that do not have reliable or affordable broadband.

[S7W-02798 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the increasing number of services moving online, what measures it is taking to ensure that people who cannot afford, or do not have reliable access to, the internet are not disadvantaged or left without access to essential services and emergency communications.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 31 August 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#).
Laid under the Employment Tribunals Act 1996, section 41(2)(a).

Progress of Legislation

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

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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.

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 2 September 2026

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

Lodged on 6 August 2026

Lead committee - Economy, Tourism and Energy

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill LCM-S6-70

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (3rd Report, 2026)

Financial Services and Markets Bill LCM-S7-8

Lodged on 25 June 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Health Bill LCM-S7-6

Lodged on 23 June 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

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

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-S7-7a

Lodged on 21 August 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 1 September 2026

Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1a

Lodged on 22 July 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 1 September 2026

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 September 2026

[Visitor Levy \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 June 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

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)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 23 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 21 September 2026

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/204\)](#) (11 June 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/208\)](#) (18 June 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026

Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

[Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/212\)](#) (26 June 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/213\)](#) (26 June 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026

Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

[Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#) (20 August 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/240\)](#) (24 August 2026) (Rural Affairs Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/245\)](#) (27 August 2026) (Health, Care and Sport Committee)

New Documents

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 31 August 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

South of Scotland Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/162) laid under section 16 of the South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019

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