

Thursday 3 September 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

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Cairngorms Wildfire

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Committee Meetings

9:30am Climate Action Committee

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10:15am Public Service Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

1. David Smith: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the increase in reported and attempted rapes throughout Scotland. ([S7O-00164](#))

2. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether, when briefed by officials on the full business case for the Monklands Replacement Project in March 2026, the then Minister for Public Health considered the £2.1 billion proposal to be at risk of rejection. ([S7O-00165](#))

3. Steven Bonnar: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people with complex needs, including mental ill health and problematic substance use, receive joined-up support and continuity of care. ([S7O-00166](#))

4. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support access to link workers and social prescribing in areas of Glasgow where SIMD data may mask levels of poverty. ([S7O-00167](#))

5. Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in response to the joint statement from all local authority chief social work officers declaring an emergency in the social care system, particularly in relation to the shortage of homes and social care for vulnerable children. ([S7O-00168](#))

6. Amanda Lindsay: To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to churches following the closure of the UK-wide Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. ([S7O-00169](#))

7. Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Scotland regarding the provision of focal therapy treatment for prostate cancer patients within NHS Forth Valley. ([S7O-00170](#))

8. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to further update planning guidance in relation to the development of hyperscale data centres, following the new data centre planning direction issued on 17 August 2026. ([S7O-00171](#))

9. Calum Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the debrief report on the Green Cleugh wildfire that impacted 17 hectares of land in the Pentland Hills in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency earlier in 2026. ([S7O-00172](#))

10. Heather Anderson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with senior leadership at the University of Dundee regarding the university's ongoing programme of organisational change. ([S7O-00173](#))

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

1. Malcolm Offord: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00026](#))

2. Jackie Baillie: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00027](#))

3. Ross Greer: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00028](#))

4. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00029](#))

5. Alex Cole-Hamilton: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00030](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cairngorms Wildfire

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission

[S7M-01022 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission](#)—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, *Ambitious for Scotland*, and its actions aimed at eradicating child poverty and supporting families with the cost of living; recognises the ambition to go further by transforming the childcare offer for families, delivering a £2 bus fare cap across all of Scotland, and investing record public sector funding in affordable housing; welcomes the focus on ensuring support for families is integrated, person-centred and accessible, including through delivery of the £20 million Whole Family Support Third Sector Fund; supports the commitment to build on action set out in the *Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan for 2026-31*, which is estimated to keep 100,000 children out of relative poverty this year, and to going further and faster so that every child has the chance to succeed regardless of their circumstances, and commits to working together to drive continued progress toward the eradication of child poverty in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01022.5 Julie MacDougall: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission](#)—As an amendment to S7M-01022, in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission), leave out from "recognises" to end, and insert "notes that, by the Scottish Government's own admission, child poverty is above its 2023-24 interim target of 18%, meaning that approximately 210,000 children are still living in poverty; expresses its disappointment that, despite the buzzwords and branding of its title, *Bringing Hope, Building Futures*, the Scottish Government's tackling child poverty delivery plan for 2026-2031 will not reach the 18% target until 2031; acknowledges that child poverty cannot be tackled in isolation, but rather by the totality of Scottish Government's policies; believes, that, in particular, the combination of Scottish Government policies on taxation and business regulation as well as lagging educational attainment have a detrimental impact on the economy and, as a result, the incomes and job opportunities for families, which undermine the positive impacts of policies designed to reduce child poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to commission an independent review into whether its taxation, business regulation and education policies have led to the higher than expected levels of child poverty."

[S7M-01022.1 Mark Griffin: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01022 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission), leave out from "supports" to end and insert "regrets that, while eradicating child poverty has been a defining mission for the Scottish Government for nearly a decade, too many children remain trapped in poverty, record numbers are living in temporary accommodation and key anti-poverty measures have not been delivered; reaffirms the commitment to meet the targets set out in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017; believes that a new approach is clearly needed with a focus on both delivery and tackling the root causes of poverty; further believes that tackling child poverty requires action across housing, homelessness, childcare, employment and family support as well as finally closing the attainment gap, and believes that if ministers are serious about delivery, they should engage in cross-party working to achieve the statutory targets and improve outcomes for children and families across Scotland."

[S7M-01022.2 Holly Bruce: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01022 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission), insert at end "; calls for decisive and committed action to disrupt financial inequality between women and men, and recognises the need for targeted action to confront women's poverty as a vital part of realising its mission to eradicate child poverty; supports the progressive increase to the Scottish Child Payment to

£40 per week for all children, not just those under one year old, with the goal of increasing this to £55 per week by the end of the current Parliamentary session, and believes that an increase to the Scottish Child Payment for young parents must be made to compensate for the UK Government’s Young Parent Penalty."

[S7M-01022.4 Morven-May MacCallum: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government’s Defining Mission](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01022 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government’s Defining Mission), insert at end“; calls for action to ensure that families, particularly in rural communities, do not face challenges in accessing childcare services with parents and guardians having real choice and flexibility over how to organise their lives and fewer barriers to work; acknowledges that, by providing a choice, parents are enabled to return to work if they want, boosting family incomes, tackling child poverty and growing the economy; believes that access to early learning and childcare (ELC) would be enhanced by introducing fairer rates for private, voluntary and independent providers of ELC to cover the actual costs of delivering high-quality ELC; further believes that the Scottish Government commitment in its Programme for Government to invest in independent providers does not go far enough, and calls on it to fully close the funding gap between independent and local government providers of ELC and to ensure that parents have sufficient access to childcare provision wherever they are in Scotland.”

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: AI Data Centres

[S7M-00428 Graham Simpson: AI Data Centres](#)—That the Parliament notes with concern proposals for hyperscale AI data centres across the Central Scotland and Lothian West region, including at Ravenscraig, Larbert, Newhouse and West Calder, and near communities affected by the proposed AI Growth Zone at Chapelhall; understands that such developments may rely on diesel generators to support 24/7 operation; further understands that there are concerns over potential nitrogen oxide emissions; recognises that there are community concerns about the cumulative impact on air quality, emissions, green space and energy costs; regrets that National Planning Framework 4 does not define “green data centres”, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to issue urgent guidance on the term, including in relation to the use of gas and diesel power and the air quality standards that should apply.

Committee Meetings

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

Climate Action Committee 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.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 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;
 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.

Public Audit Committee 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.

Public Service Reform Committee 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.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 September 2026

Tuesday 8 September 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 Debate: Programme for Government – An Economy Fit for the Future

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review

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 Debate: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Walking Scotland's 30th Anniversary

Thursday 10 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Energy Opportunity

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Save Queen's Park Glasshouse

Tuesday 15 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 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

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

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Motions

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Motions for debate

[S7M-01022](#) **Shirley-Anne Somerville: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, *Ambitious for Scotland*, and its actions aimed at eradicating child poverty and supporting families with the cost of living; recognises the ambition to go further by transforming the childcare offer for families, delivering a £2 bus fare cap across all of Scotland, and investing record public sector funding in affordable housing; welcomes the focus on ensuring support for families is integrated, person-centred and accessible, including through delivery of the £20 million Whole Family Support Third Sector Fund; supports the commitment to build on action set out in the *Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan for 2026-31*, which is estimated to keep 100,000 children out of relative poverty this year, and to going further and faster so that every child has the chance to succeed regardless of their circumstances, and commits to working together to drive continued progress toward the eradication of child poverty in Scotland.

Supported by: Siobhian Brown, Màiri McAllan, Simita Kumar

*[S7M-01022.5](#) **Julie MacDougall: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission**—As an amendment to S7M-01022, in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission), leave out from "recognises" to end, and insert "notes that, by the Scottish Government's own admission, child poverty is above its 2023-24 interim target of 18%, meaning that approximately 210,000 children are still living in poverty; expresses its disappointment that, despite the buzzwords and branding of its title, *Bringing Hope, Building Futures*, the Scottish Government's tackling child poverty delivery plan for 2026-2031 will not reach the 18% target until 2031; acknowledges that child poverty cannot be tackled in isolation, but rather by the totality of Scottish Government's policies; believes, that, in particular, the combination of Scottish Government policies on taxation and business regulation as well as lagging educational attainment have a detrimental impact on the economy and, as a result, the incomes and job opportunities for families, which undermine the positive impacts of policies designed to reduce child poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to commission an independent review into whether its taxation, business regulation and education policies have led to the higher than expected levels of child poverty."

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***[S7M-01022.3](#) James Adams: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01022 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises that child poverty remains a persistent challenge in Scotland; regrets that the Scottish Government missed its statutory interim child poverty target and remains on course to miss its 2030 target; believes that increasing welfare spending alone will not eradicate child poverty and must be accompanied by action to grow the economy, make work pay and support parents into secure employment; further believes that affordable childcare, high-quality education and secure housing are essential to improving children's life chances; criticises the Scottish Government for failing to deliver previous commitments to close the attainment gap and provide free school meals to all primary pupils, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with other political parties to create a new credible plan to tackle child poverty and enhance opportunities for young people."

***[S7M-01022.2](#) Holly Bruce: Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01022 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Eradicating Child Poverty, the Scottish Government's Defining Mission), insert at end "; calls for decisive and committed action to disrupt financial inequality between women and men, and recognises the need for targeted action to confront women's poverty as a vital part of realising its mission to eradicate child poverty; supports the progressive increase to the Scottish Child Payment to £40 per week for all children, not just those under one year old, with the goal of increasing this to £55 per week by the end of the current Parliamentary session, and believes that an increase to the Scottish Child Payment for young parents must be made to compensate for the UK Government's Young Parent Penalty."

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01023](#) Katy Clark: Opposing the Proposed Reduction in Funding for the No Knives, Better Lives Programme**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that knife crime has reached its highest level in eight years; recognises what it sees as growing public concern regarding knife crime, particularly after recent high-profile incidents involving young people; notes the work of

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the No Knives, Better Lives programme, which has reached over 100,000 young people across Scotland, including in the West Scotland Region, and has been credited with an 85% reduction in the number of young people convicted of handling an offensive weapon since 2008-09; expresses its concern that the No Knives, Better Lives programme has been subject to a reported 32% reduction in its funding in the 2026-27 financial year; understands that this is on top of a previously reported real-terms reduction of 10% in funding for the programme since 2022-23, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to increase funding for the No Knives, Better Lives programme, in light of its previous success in helping to reduce knife crime among young people across Scotland.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01037](#) David Torrance: Annual Motorcycle Rally Parade in Kirkcaldy**—That the Parliament welcomes the annual motorbike parade, which will take place in Kirkcaldy on 6 September from 12pm for its fourth year, and is believed to be the biggest in Fife; understands that there will be over two hundred motorcyclists joining the parade coming from all over Scotland and England for the people of Kirkcaldy to watch and take photos while they pass through the streets; notes that the parade will start at the town house and finish at the Polish Club where there will be live music by Kel & Ka Hulas, which everyone is welcome to enjoy; celebrates what it sees as this wonderful spectacle where the streets will reverberate to the roar of hundreds of motorbikes of all types, which will be enjoyed not only by bike enthusiasts, but the general public in the community.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Marie McNair*, Gary Bouse*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01036](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Auction Mart Celebrates 30th Anniversary** —That the Parliament congratulates the Orkney Auction Mart on recently celebrating its 30th year in operation; understands that the mart opened as a result of a merger between the Kirkwall Auction Mart and the West Mainland Mart, which saw a new purpose-built facility constructed across five acres at the Hatston Industrial Estate; recognises that, in addition to supporting the local livestock market, the mart has served the wider Orkney community as a central hub for farmers and crofters across Orkney to meet with each other, and as a venue for local voluntary and charitable organisations to host events; notes that in August 2026, the mart hosted the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society National Breed Show, a prestigious annual event, which saw 270 ponies from across the UK convene for an exciting day of competition and marked the largest equestrian event hosted in Orkney to date; understands that the mart has also been an invaluable resource for Orkney's Young Farmers Clubs, often serving as the site for stock judging and other competitions that are essential to building agricultural skills and experience for young people; thanks the staff of the Orkney Auction Mart for all that they do to support Orkney's thriving agricultural sector, congratulates them on this important milestone, and wishes them continued success throughout the years to come.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01035](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Chippy Boat Recognised as Best Fish N' Chips Establishment at Food Awards Scotland 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates McMonagles Restaurant, in Clydebank, on being named Best Fish N' Chips Establishment at the Food Awards Scotland 2026; recognises the infamous boat on the canal as a beloved local restaurant with a unique "sail-thru" serving window; understands that the 12th Food Awards Scotland 2026 was held in Glasgow on August 17 at the Double Tree by Hilton Glasgow Central; further understands that the awards recognise dedication, innovation and excellence across Scotland's culinary industry, and celebrates local business being celebrated in this way.

***[S7M-01034](#) Marie McNair: Helmi's in Baljaffray Wins Dessert Outlet of the Year at Food Awards Scotland 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Helmi's in Baljaffray for winning Dessert Outlet of the Year at the recent Food Awards Scotland; understands that the Oceanic Awards cover the UK, Ireland, Canada and the USA and was celebrating its 12th Award ceremony in 2026; recognises the

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significant achievement for Helmi's on receiving this prestigious award; wishes the beloved bakery all the best, and hopes it continues to deliver delicious desserts to the local community and beyond.

***[S7M-01033](#) Thomas Kerr: Closure of The Original Loudon Tavern and Protecting Scotland's Pubs**—That the Parliament notes with regret the closure of "The Original Loudon Tavern" on Duke Street in Glasgow's east end; recognises the establishment's longstanding place in the community and its particular significance to generations of Rangers F.C. supporters, having served as a meeting place for supporters before and after matches, a venue for social occasions and a familiar part of the East End; further recognises the contribution made by independent and traditional pubs to Scotland's hospitality sector, local economies and community life; notes reports that declining trade and rising energy costs and business rates contributed to the decision to close; believes that the closure of a longstanding local institution should serve as a warning regarding the mounting pressures facing Scotland's traditional pubs and hospitality businesses; condemns the failure of successive SNP administrations to create an environment in which small businesses, public houses and community institutions can thrive; believes that Scotland's traditional pub culture forms an important part of Scotland's social fabric and should not be sacrificed through excessive taxation, regulation and rising operating costs, and calls on the Scottish Government to take urgent action to support Scotland's hospitality sector, reduce the burden placed upon small businesses and ensure that communities do not continue to lose valued local institutions.

Supported by: Mark Simpson*, Kim Schmulian*, Murdo Fraser*, David Smith*, Duncan Massey*, Julie MacDougall*, Max Bannerman*, Amanda Bland*, Senga Beresford*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-01032](#) Clare Adamson: Five Station Challenge 2.0 Raises Funds in Memory of 9/11 Firefighters**—That the Parliament commends more than 30 firefighters from Lanarkshire and Ayrshire who completed the 34.3 mile Five Station Challenge 2.0 on 1 September 2026, walking from Kilmarnock Fire Station to Motherwell Community Fire Station via Clarkston, East Kilbride and Hamilton; recognises that the challenge was held to honour the 343 firefighters who tragically lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks in New York City 25 years ago in 2001; acknowledges the physical commitment that is required to complete the challenge and the significance of the event as a tribute to those who dedicated their lives to helping others; welcomes that the crews have raised more than £6,000 through donations and Gift Aid, exceeding their original £1,500 fundraising target by more than 400%; commends the firefighters for their dedication and fundraising efforts in support of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Family Support Trust, Fire Fighters Charity and Cash for Kids, and encourages members of the public to continue supporting this important cause.

Supported by: Marie McNair*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Patricia Gibson*, David Torrance*, Amanda Bland*, Senga Beresford*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01031](#) Finlay Carson: Border Television Celebrates 65th Birthday**—That the Parliament congratulates Border Television on celebrating its 65th birthday, having first broadcast on 1 September 1961 from its studios in the Great Border City of Carlisle; notes that the station had initially planned to go on air in February 1961 but construction problems with both transmitters resulted in the date being pushed back; recognises that it managed to achieve a profit in its first year of broadcasting, having attracted a regional audience share of 60% in its first two years in business; acknowledges that it relaunched its southern Scotland service with the news magazine programme, *Representing Border*, which remains a firm media service to date, as well as hosting the popular shows, *Mr and Mrs*, *Lookaround* and *Borders Life*, and wishes all its broadcasting staff members continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Dunlop*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Langan*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01030](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating Tuko Baby from Stonehaven on Securing £70,000 through Scottish EDGE**—That the Parliament congratulates Tuko Baby, based in Stonehaven, on being awarded £70,000 through Round 27 of the Scottish EDGE awards; notes that the company has developed what it describes as the world's first baby carrier precision-engineered for fathers,

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combining innovative design with sustainability, comfort and practicality; recognises the important role that Scottish EDGE plays in supporting entrepreneurship and innovation across Scotland; notes that it is the UK's largest funding competition for high-growth businesses, having supported hundreds of enterprises since its inception; commends Tuko Baby on this significant achievement, and wishes the company every success as it continues to grow and bring its products to new markets.

Supported by: Marie McNair*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01029](#) Rachael Hamilton: Real-E-Racing Ltd Receives Creative EDGE Award—**That the Parliament congratulates Kristien Wendt and Real-E-Racing Ltd, based in Kelso, on receiving an £80,000 Creative EDGE Award through the Scottish EDGE programme; recognises the innovative work of Real-E-Racing in turning live motorsport data into interactive digital experiences, allowing audiences to play, train and watch motorsport in real time; welcomes the recognition of a Borders-based business at the Scottish EDGE awards; notes the contribution that the award will make to supporting the development and growth of Real-E-Racing in the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency; recognises the ambition and innovation demonstrated by the business in combining motorsport, technology and interactive entertainment, and wishes Kristien Wendt and the whole Real-E-Racing team every success as the business continues to grow.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-01028](#) Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating Borders Competitions' Award-Winning Success—**That the Parliament congratulates Borders Competitions on being named Berwickshire's Favourite Business at the 2026 Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards; recognises the achievement of founder Jack Crowe and his team in building the business since its launch in 2023; acknowledges the support that Borders Competitions has provided to local schools, charities, clubs and community organisations, including, it understands, more than £220,000 in donations; recognises the company's sponsorship of events, including the Jim Clark Rally and its wider contribution to supporting communities across Berwickshire; welcomes the recognition given to the business through the award and the support of the local community, and wishes Jack Crowe and everyone at Borders Competitions every success as the business continues to grow and support the local community.

***[S7M-01027](#) Rachael Hamilton: YouthBorders – £1,500 Donation from Oregon Timber Frame—**That the Parliament congratulates YouthBorders on receiving a £1,500 donation from Oregon Timber Frame Limited through its Community Fund; recognises the important work of YouthBorders in supporting young people across the Scottish Borders; acknowledges the contribution of Oregon Timber Frame, which is based in Selkirk, in supporting local charitable organisations and projects; recognises what it sees as the importance of local businesses supporting organisations that provide opportunities for young people; welcomes the donation and the support that it will provide for YouthBorders' work, and wishes YouthBorders and Oregon Timber Frame every success for the future.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Senga Beresford*, Jamie Langan*

***[S7M-01026](#) Rachael Hamilton: Heymouth Tae Hill & Back – Third Annual Charity Sportive—**That the Parliament congratulates the Rotary Club of Eyemouth and District on the third annual Heymouth Tae Hill & Back charity sportive; recognises the hard work of organisers, volunteers, participants and supporters in bringing the event to Eyemouth and the surrounding Scottish Borders; acknowledges the partnership with Malawi Fruits and the fundraising contribution made by the event; understands that the sportive gives cyclists the opportunity to enjoy the Scottish Borders while raising money for charity; welcomes the continued growth of the event and its contribution to community life in Eyemouth, and wishes everyone involved in Heymouth Tae Hill & Back every success for the future.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*

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***[S7M-01025](#) Rachael Hamilton: 22nd Steve Hislop Memorial Run**—That the Parliament recognises the 22nd Steve Hislop Memorial Run, which continues to honour the memory and sporting legacy of Hawick-born motorcycle racing champion, Steve Hislop; recognises the commitment of the organisers, volunteers, participants and supporters who have kept the memorial run going for more than two decades; acknowledges Steve Hislop's outstanding achievements in motorcycle racing, including two British Superbike Championship titles and 11 Isle of Man TT victories; notes the strong connection between the event and the Hawick and Denholm communities; recognises that the 2026 run takes participants on a 135-mile route through the Scottish Borders while raising funds for prostate cancer support; welcomes the continued support for an event, which celebrates Steve Hislop's contribution to motorcycle sport while raising money for charity, and wishes everyone involved in the 22nd Steve Hislop Memorial Run every success.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Langan*

***[S7M-01024](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders College – Honorary Fellowship for Suzanne Mulholland**—That the Parliament congratulates Borders College on its decision to award Suzanne Mulholland, known as The Batch Lady, an Honorary Fellowship at its 2026 Graduation Ceremony; recognises the College's commitment to celebrating achievement, entrepreneurship and the contribution that individuals make to the Scottish Borders community; welcomes the College's recognition of Suzanne's achievements and the inspiration that her journey provides to its students and the wider community; acknowledges Borders College Principal and CEO Pete Smith's comments that Suzanne has transformed an everyday challenge into a successful business reaching families across the world while remaining connected to the Scottish Borders; recognises the importance of the College using its Graduation Ceremony to celebrate individuals whose achievements can inspire others; notes Suzanne's comments that the Scottish Borders is home and that it means a great deal to have her work recognised by an organisation that plays such an important role in the local community, and congratulates Borders College and Suzanne Mulholland on this well-deserved recognition, wishing them every success for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Murdo Fraser*, Craig Hoy*, David Torrance*, Jamie Langan*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01021](#) Tim Eagle: Celebrating Support for Armed Forces Children in Moray**—That the Parliament welcomes Moray Council's endorsement of the Forces Children's Rights Charter and its support for the Dandelion Project; notes that Moray hosts Scotland's largest population of Armed Forces children, with 1,619 military background pupils; recognises the vital contributions of service personnel, veterans and their families; understands that the Dandelion Project, which was launched in 2024 with Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust support, enhances educational experiences, wellbeing and community connection for serving, reservist and veteran families; welcomes this work as national best practice reflecting strong partnerships between schools, families, local authorities, Forces Children Scotland and the wider military community; acknowledges the unique challenges that forces children face, including deployment, separation and frequent school transitions; welcomes the charter's commitment to recognising the voice and needs in policy of forces children; commends all involved in supporting Moray's military families; welcomes Moray's commitment to securing future funding to sustain these efforts, and wishes the Dandelion Project, Forces Children Scotland and Moray's Forces families continued success.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Max Bannerman*, Murdo Fraser*, David Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Kim Schmulian*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Angela Ross*, Amanda Bland*

***[S7M-01019](#) Tom Arthur: Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Stephen Flynn

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01018](#) **Steven Bonnar: Absolutely Everybody: Bringing Inclusive Theatre to Bellshill** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01017](#) **Liam McArthur: The Peedie Retreat Breaks Ground at Inganess Beach** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01016](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Remembering Kieran McDade and His Lasting Legacy** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01015](#) **Fulton MacGregor: Condolences on the Passing of Alistair Doyle** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01013](#) **Clare Adamson: Congratulations to William Thomson on World Disability Billiards and Snooker Success** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01012](#) **Alex Kerr: Ups and Downs Theatre Group Receives Standing Ovation** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01011](#) **Alex Kerr: Hamilton Optometry Student to Support Eye Care in South Africa** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01010](#) **Amanda Lindsay: September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Duncan Massey*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01009](#) **Clare Haughey: The Froglife Trust's Coalface to Wildspace Project** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Gary Bouse*, Monica Lennon*

[S7M-01007](#) **Maggie Chapman: Southesk Primary School, First OPAL School in Angus** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01006](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Stonehaven's Men Shed on Being Named Scotland's Men Shed of the Year 2026** (lodged on 31 August 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01003.5](#) **Helen McDade: Improving Lives Through Delivering for Scotland** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-01003.1](#) **Jackie Baillie: Improving Lives Through Delivering for Scotland** (lodged on 1 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01000](#) **Mark Ruskell: Campaign to Ensure Walkers' Access to Glen Lyon** (lodged on 31 August 2026)

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New Support: Holly Bruce*, Ariane Burgess*, Q Manivannan*, Lorna Slater*, Ross Greer*, Patrick Harvie*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*, Holly Bruce*

[S7M-00976](#) **Ariane Burgess: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[S7M-00973](#) **Laura Moodie: Congratulating The Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn, Scotland's CAMRA Scotland Pub of the Year** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*, Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-00964](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Hate Crime in Scotland 2026** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Holly Bruce*

[S7M-00952](#) **Jackie Baillie: Hermitage Park** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-00930](#) **Ross Greer: Millport Pride** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*

[S7M-00929](#) **Kate Nevens: Commending the Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Lorna Slater*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*, David Torrance*, Dawn Black*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

[S7M-00878](#) **Andrew Baxter: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

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New Support: Katy Clark*

[S7M-00870](#) **Murdo Fraser: Seen and Known: Rebuilding Belonging in Modern Scotland** (lodged on 18 August 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Monica Lennon*

[S7M-00832](#) **Keith Brown: Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-00822](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Protecting the Safety of Women by Condemning the Use of Misleading Language by Elected Members that Undermines the Severity of Sexual Violence** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Murdo Fraser*

[S7M-00796](#) **Clare Haughey: 30th Anniversary of the Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

[S7M-00778](#) **Katherine Sangster: Establishment of a Scottish Local News Fund** (lodged on 3 August 2026)

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*

[S7M-00272](#) **Daniel Johnson: Izzy Pickard's Life Through a Volunteer's Eyes video for Volunteers Week 2026** (lodged on 11 June 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 9 September 2026

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

- 1. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it expects to receive from the UK Government's Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund, broken down by financial year. ([S7O-00182](#))
- 2. David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the publication of the Programme for Government, how it is planning to assist local authorities with regenerating town centres and strengthening local economies. ([S7O-00183](#))
- 3. Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of ministerial comments regarding concerns about the discharge of licensing functions by Highland Council, whether it plans to review the governance arrangements under which local authorities discharge civic licensing functions. ([S7O-00184](#))
- 4. Kate Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with local authorities regarding its Programme for Government, to ensure alignment on shared objectives. ([S7O-00185](#))
- 5. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the funding it has made available to local authorities to expand and enhance breakfast club provision. ([S7O-00186](#))
- 6. Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address delays in the provision of Remedial Service Statements to NHS pension scheme members affected by the McCloud/Sargeant remedy, including measures to prevent financial detriment to members, in light of reports that some former NHS employees have been waiting almost four years to receive their statements. ([S7O-00187](#))
- 7. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that local authorities have sufficient resources to support town centres. ([S7O-00188](#))
- 8. David Kirkwood:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding provision it plans to make in its upcoming budget to support the implementation of the initial findings of the Future Framework for Universities. ([S7O-00189](#))
- 9. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to allow local authorities to introduce a cruise ship levy. ([S7O-00190](#))
- 10. Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding the latest assessment it has made of the impact of PFI payments on public sector finances. ([S7O-00191](#))

Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

- 1. Jenni Minto:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that communities hosting energy infrastructure receive direct benefits from it. ([S7O-00192](#))

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- 2. Max Bannerman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its plans for public service reform will include improvements to public infrastructure. ([S7O-00193](#))
- 3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its public service reform efforts and intent to empower regions and communities stated in the Programme for Government, what responsibilities and competences it would consider transferring from the Scottish Government and its agencies to regions and communities. ([S7O-00194](#))
- 4. Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its proposal to reduce the number of NHS boards as part of its public service reform programme, what assurances it can provide that staffing and support for mental health and neurodevelopmental services will not be adversely affected. ([S7O-00195](#))
- 5. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it has carried out following the Parliament's vote to boycott, divest and sanction Israel. ([S7O-00196](#))
- 6. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how the proposed reform of NHS boards will contribute to its public service reform agenda, including by reducing administrative costs and enabling resources to be directed towards frontline services. ([S7O-00197](#))
- 7. Calum Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that its programme of public service reform strengthens rural areas, including the Scottish Borders, and empowers communities. ([S7O-00198](#))
- 8. Dawn Black:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is engaging with the National Energy System Operator to ensure that the development of Regional Energy Strategic Plans support democratic decision-making and meaningful local engagement in energy planning. ([S7O-00199](#))
- 9. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce legislation to grant the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman own-initiative investigation powers to identify systemic public service failures and improve outcomes for service users. ([S7O-00200](#))
- 10. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that planned reforms to the public sector deliver better outcomes for communities across Scotland. ([S7O-00201](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 8 September 2026

- 1. Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its apology on the matter, what its position is on the recommendation of the Scottish Human Rights Commission to provide compensation to victims and families affected by forced assimilation, displacement and other historic wrongs perpetrated by the state in connection with the "Tinker experiment", which sought to assimilate Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller communities. ([S7O-00174](#))
- 2. Patricia Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to embed the teaching of the Scottish Enlightenment in the school curriculum. ([S7O-00175](#))
- 3. Pauline Stafford:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Police Scotland regarding efforts to deal with antisocial and criminal behaviour involving illegal e-bikes, e-scooters and off-road motorbikes in West Lothian and across Scotland. ([S7O-00177](#))
- 4. Katie Hagmann:** To ask the Scottish Government how the actions set out in Scotland's Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2026-2029 will be delivered in rural areas such as the Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley constituency, including what measures will be used to assess their local impact. ([S7O-00178](#))
- 5. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking following Environmental Standards Scotland's finding that Scottish Ministers have failed to fulfil their legal duties to protect and restore Scotland's seafloor. ([S7O-00179](#))

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6. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce delayed discharge at Raigmore Hospital, in light of the reported reduction in nursing home and community beds in the Highlands. ([S7O-00180](#))

7. Gary Bouse: To ask the Scottish Government what progress there has been with NHS Forth Valley due to it being in special measures. **R** ([S7O-00181](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 10 September 2026

1. Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Police Scotland to help reduce incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour. ([S7O-00202](#))

2. Senga Beresford: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its commitment to provide an update on the availability of maternity services in Stranraer and Wigtownshire after the summer recess, when will it provide such an update. ([S7O-00203](#))

3. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to lower waiting times for CAMHS and ensure that all children and young people are getting access to treatment at the right time. ([S7O-00204](#))

4. Zen Ghani: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership regarding the delivery of bus priority measures on Pollokshaws Road, including any assessment it has made of the potential economic benefits for communities and businesses in the southside of Glasgow. ([S7O-00205](#))

5. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its ongoing work to deal with rural crime. ([S7O-00206](#))

6. Lloyd Melville: To ask the Scottish Government what role it envisages for Angus in its proposed East Coast Arc between Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews. ([S7O-00207](#))

7. Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government what support it can provide to bus service operators, including Borders Buses, to improve evening services between Edinburgh, Peebles and Galashiels. ([S7O-00208](#))

8. Laura Mitchell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to deal with housing shortages in rural communities, including in Moray. ([S7O-00209](#))

9. David Linden: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that sufficient adapted housing is available to meet medical needs through local authorities and registered social landlords. ([S7O-00210](#))

10. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the actions it has taken since May 2026 to support people with the cost of living, including in relation to measures to tackle poverty. ([S7O-00211](#))

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 2 September 2026

[S7W-02835](#) **Amanda Lindsay:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02244 by Maree Todd on 31 August 2026, whether the Minister will publish statistics, including how many babies in West Lothian are admitted to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for intensive care each year, what it anticipates the impact will be on the Simpson Neonatal Intensive Care Unit once other NHS boards stop providing a critical care unit at Level 3, and what travel and accommodation support parents in West Lothian will receive in cases where the mother and baby are receiving care on different sites.

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[S7W-02836](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has undertaken with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and relevant stakeholders regarding the establishment of specialist sexual offences courts since the introduction of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025, and what issues have been raised during that engagement.

[S7W-02837](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to work proactively with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to address any systemic delays in the prosecution of sexual offences and to improve support for survivors of sexual violence.

[S7W-02838](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what formal mechanisms are in place to ensure that the Scottish Ministers maintain active oversight of, and provide appropriate support for, the implementation of recommendations arising from any independent or internal reviews into the prosecution of sexual offences, and how frequently progress is jointly assessed with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

[S7W-02839](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it has taken to implement the recommendations in the Competition and Market Authority's 2024 market study into housebuilding and maintenance.

[S7W-02840](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to amend the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 to require property factors to receive formal qualifications in order to bring them in line with letting agents.

[S7W-02841](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it has considered to support the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) in addressing the reported backlog of cases, and what its position is on whether the requirement for property factors to hold formal qualifications would prevent some cases from reaching this stage.

[S7W-02842](#) Zen Ghani: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership regarding the delivery of bus priority measures on Pollokshaws Road, and what assessment it has made of any potential economic benefits of these measures for communities and businesses in Glasgow's south side.

[S7W-02843](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government when the Lord Advocate will publish the code of practice on investigative functions as set out in section 57 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.

[S7W-02844](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the terms of reference for the recently announced feasibility study into the use of tram-trains on Edinburgh's South Suburban line.

[S7W-02845](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what the timescale is for the completion of the recently announced feasibility study into the use of tram-trains on Edinburgh's South Suburban line.

[S7W-02846](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of Glasgow City Council's new pay and grading structure on the delivery of outcomes funded through the Equally Safe fund.

[S7W-02847](#) Irshad Ahmed: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to supporting the provision of shore power at major ports, including the Port of Leith, to reduce the environmental impact of ships and cruise liners that rely on onboard engines when berthed.

[S7W-02848](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether all the public funding required for the deployment of artificial intelligence technology proposed to support thrombectomy services has been approved, and, if not, what funding remains to be approved.

[S7W-02849](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what financial approvals remain outstanding in order for the artificial intelligence technology proposed to support thrombectomy services to be deployed, and what the expected timescale is for each such approval.

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[S7W-02850](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government who has responsibility for providing the final financial approval required for the deployment of artificial intelligence technology proposed to support thrombectomy services.

[S7W-02851](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that every resident in (a) Glasgow and (b) South Lanarkshire has a safe, secure and affordable home.

[S7W-02852](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce an automatic uprating mechanism for Minimum Unit Pricing.

[S7W-02853](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to bringing forward an alcohol harm prevention plan, including action to restrict marketing and availability of alcohol.

[S7W-02854](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to use social impact investment across government departments.

[S7W-02855](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the time taken to diagnose Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS), in light of reports that diagnosis can take five to seven years from the onset of symptoms.

[S7W-02856](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that all patients with suspected or diagnosed Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS) have access to a specialist-led secondary care service supported by a clear care pathway.

[S7W-02874](#) **David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the preferred funding approach for the Lochgelly Medical Centre.

New Subordinate Legislation

Documents subject to parliamentary control

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2026 and is subject to parliamentary control—

[Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice \(Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Notice 2026 \(SG/2026/193\)](#)
laid under section 37(7)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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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.

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

Meeting (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

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

Lead committee - Finance and Public Administration

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-S7-1b

Lodged on 2 September 2026

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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)

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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)

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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

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 2 September 2026—

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 2 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

CSAE national review (HMICS/2026/08) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

General Pharmaceutical Council Annual report, Annual fitness to practise report and Annual Accounts 2025/26 (SG/2026/185) laid under Paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2025-2026 (SG/2026/180) laid under Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013

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