



Election of Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee – Nomination process

The nomination period for the election of the Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee is now open. Nomination forms can be obtained from T1.03 (Parliamentary Business Team located in the Chamber Office at the top of the Garden Lobby steps). Hard copies of nomination forms must be returned to the Business Team by 1.00pm on Wednesday 9 September.

Only Members of the SNP are eligible to be nominated for convenership of the committee. For a candidate to be eligible they must be nominated by a member of the SNP and seconded by a member of another party. If a vote is required, it will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 9 September. It will be conducted by secret ballot and so Members need to attend in person in order to vote.

Election of Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee – Election process

As announced by the Presiding Officer, the election of convener will take place at the start of business on Wednesday afternoon. The Presiding Officer will announce the names of all valid nominations received. Members should be present in the chamber in order to participate in this process. Where a single nomination has been received, the election of that Member as Convener of the Committee will be confirmed if no other Member objects to their election. Where an objection is made or more than one nomination for Convener of a Committee has been received, elections will be conducted by secret ballot. The elections will take place in **Committee Room 5** located outside the chamber on the first floor. The polling station will be open from **2.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday**. The count will take place on Thursday at **9.30am in P1.02**. Candidates and their scrutineers may monitor the count if they wish. The results will be announced in the Chamber at the start of business on Thursday afternoon. To note: As voting does not take place at a meeting of the Parliament, that part of the process will not be broadcast. However, some filming and photograph will be undertaken in P1.02, for public awareness.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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 Ministerial Statement: Response to the Detection of Bluetongue Virus Serotype 3 (BTV3) in the South-West of Scotland

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

Committee Meetings

9:15am Rural Affairs Committee

9:15am Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

9:15am Transport Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

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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](#))
- 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](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to the Detection of Bluetongue Virus Serotype 3 (BTV3) in the South-West of Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together

[S7M-01084](#) Simita Kumar: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—That the Parliament agrees that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect and able to feel safe in their communities; supports robust criminal justice responses to violence, intimidation, hatred and disorder that harm individuals, and damage community relations; rejects attempts by the small minority of people who create fear, division and hostility within Scotland's communities in person and online, and supports efforts to build trust, strengthen cohesion and ensure that everyone can live safely free from prejudice, hatred and discrimination.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01084.4](#) Pauline McNeill: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—As an amendment to S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), insert at end, “; recognises that Scotland will only build safe and inclusive communities by fundamentally tackling inequality and delivering better opportunities and living standards for everyone, and calls on the Scottish Government to restore policing at a local level, while addressing the needs of communities across the country, including by reversing declining Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) scores, reforming the skills system and improving access to good local health and social care.”

S7M-01084.1 Thomas Kerr: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—As an amendment to S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), leave out from first “supports” to end, and insert “believes, however that many people do not feel safe in their communities and that the Scottish Government is ignoring the genuine issues created by a lack of integration and assimilation by previous generations of immigrants to Scotland; highlights the example of the Scottish Government withdrawing the funding of one year English lessons for child asylum seekers, prior to mainstream school, as an example of direct policy choices which, it believes, have driven division and destroyed cohesion in communities across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the undue pressure put on Scotland's working-class communities as well as the genuine concerns raised by communities regarding the impacts of its policy decisions and not to dismiss them.”

S7M-01084.3 Kate Nevens: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—As an amendment to motion S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), insert at end “recognises the disproportionate harms to marginalised groups, and condemns the far right's deliberate incitement of violence against migrants, asylum-seekers, Muslims and people of colour; further recognises the need to work with community groups to co-design strategies for community safety, ensuring that any response is shaped by those most impacted by violence and discrimination; and calls on the Scottish Government to increase investment in community-led safe spaces, culturally appropriate mental health and wellbeing services, crisis support as well as the safety and security of frontline charities and community organisations that are facing threats and abuse.”

S7M-01084.2 Meghan Gallacher: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—As an amendment to S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), leave out from first “supports” to end and insert “believes that the first duty of government is to protect the public and that public safety must never be compromised by political choices, financial pressures or a lack of capacity within the justice system; further believes that there must be consequences for committing crime and that those who commit acts of violence, intimidation, hatred, disorder and other offences must face swift and meaningful punishment; notes concerns that the scale and pace of asylum and immigration arrivals in some communities has placed pressure on local services and community cohesion, and calls on the Scottish Government to review the housing rules which have contributed to that pressure; gives its full support to the police and other law enforcement agencies in taking firm action against those who openly flout the law; rejects early release policies that put dangerous offenders back into communities because of pressure on the prison estate; calls for bail laws to be reviewed so that the protection of victims, particularly women and girls, is given greater weight; condemns unacceptable court delays that leave victims waiting years for justice and undermine confidence in the system; calls for sufficient police numbers and resources to maintain visible, effective frontline policing, and believes that safe and cohesive communities depend on upholding the rule of law and ensuring that criminal behaviour has consequences.”

followed by Business Motions

S7M-01100 Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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>
Chamber Seòmar				

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland

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 Debate

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 Debate: Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine: Planned Investment and Future Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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>
Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 22 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 23 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

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>
Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 September 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S7M-01101](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill.

5:30 pm Decision Time

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

[S7M-00762](#) Paul McLennan: Walking Scotland's 30th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates Walking Scotland on its 30th anniversary; notes the charity's significant contribution since its inception to developing and improving Scotland's path network and supporting and promoting walking for all through activities, grants and guidance; welcomes the Scottish Government's continued commitment to walking and wheeling; notes that 86% of people in Scotland already walk or wheel regularly and that many want to do so more often; believes that investment in walking and wheeling delivers exceptional value, returning around £6 for every £1 spent and preventing thousands of serious health conditions; notes the view that walking is one of the easiest and most accessible ways to improve the nation's health and wellbeing, one of the best ways to tackle the climate-nature emergency, increase social interactions and connectedness in communities across Scotland, including in the East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs area, as well as generate economic benefits; notes the call for the Scottish Government to bring forward its proposed national walking framework as soon as practical and launch a path fund, and wishes Walking Scotland continued success over the coming years.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs Committee

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/240)

3. **Rural Support Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tim Bailey, Chief Executive, Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society;
Ed Barker, Head of Policy, Agricultural Industries Confederation Scotland;
Kevin Cumming, Deputy Convenor, Scottish Rewilding Alliance;
Eleanor Kay, Senior Policy Adviser for Agriculture and Climate Change, Scottish Land and Estates;
Nim Kibbler, Country Manager for Scotland, Nature Friendly Farming Network;
Vicki Swales, Head of Land Use Policy, RSPB Scotland.
4. **Rural Support Plan – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 3.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 5

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5, and future consideration of evidence heard in relation to its remit in private.
2. **Scottish Government Priorities:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Hannah Mary Goodlad, Minister for Public Finance, Andy Kinnaird, Head of Transforming Planning, Catriona MacKean, Deputy Director for Local Government, and Ian Storrie, Head of Local Government Finance, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Visitor Levy \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#) from—
Hannah Mary Goodlad, Minister for Public Finance, Fiona Campbell, Visitor Levy and Cruise Ship Levy Team Leader, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Hannah Mary Goodlad (Minister for Public Finance) to move—S7M-00407—That the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
5. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
6. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Transport Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Scottish Government Programme for Government:** The Committee will take evidence from—Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport, Scottish Government; Fiona Brown, Director of Strategy, Performance & Analysis, Mary Docherty, Director, Bus, Concessionary and Active Travel, and Chris Wilcock, Director, Ferries, Transport Scotland.
2. **Scottish Government Programme for Government – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 1.

Criminal Justice Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Courts, delays and user experience – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—John Good, Member of the Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland; Malcolm Graham, Chief Executive, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service; Yvette Greener, Chief Operating Officer, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; Tony Lenehan KC, Vice Dean, Faculty of Advocates.
3. **Courts and court users – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—Debbie Adams, Director of Development and External Affairs, Victim Support Scotland; Anna O'Reilly, Assistant Director, Children First; Rhona Willder, Deputy CEO, Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance.
4. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda items 2 and 3 and the evidence heard at its meeting on 2 September.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny - approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027 to 2028.
6. **Review of correspondence:** The Committee will review correspondence and consider any matters arising.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private and also take future items to consider evidence heard during pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 in private at future meetings.
2. **Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling;
Dr João Sousa, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
and then from—
Stephen Boyd, Director, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) Scotland;
Professor Jim Gallagher, RSE Trustee and Chair of the RSE Audit and Risk Committee,
Royal Society of Edinburgh;
Alison Payne, Research Director, Enlighten.
3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Care and Sport Committee 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take consideration of its approach to Pre-Budget scrutiny in private and all future consideration of its work programme and reviews of evidence in private.
2. **Overview of key issues in the social care sector in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jill Laspa, Policy Manager, COSLA;
Donald McAskill, Chief Executive, Scottish Care;
Rachel Cackett, Chief Executive, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS);
Paul Traynor, Head of External Affairs (Scotland), Carers Trust;
Donald Macleod, Chief Executive, Self-Directed Support Scotland;
Gareth Adam-Hammond, Chief Inspector for registration and complaints, Care Inspectorate.
3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to Pre-Budget scrutiny.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 2 September 2026

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 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

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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

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Chamber Seòmar				

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

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

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

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 10 September 2026 2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:10AM in Committee Room 3

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology, and take evidence from—

Clare Adamson MSP, Proposed Convener of the CPG on Science and Technology.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 10 September 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Equalities – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, on issues arising under the equalities part of its remit from—

Heather Fiskien, Chief Executive Officer, Inclusion Scotland;
John Kirkpatrick, Chief Executive and Jennifer Laughland, Head of Scotland Legal, Equality and Human Rights Commission;
Susan McKellar, Manager, The Scottish Women's Convention;
Susan Smith, Director, For Women Scotland;
Adam Stachura, Director of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland;
Vic Valentine, Scottish Trans Manager, Equality Network;
Carol Young, Deputy Director, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights.

3. **Equalities – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee 10 September 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Future Business:** The Committee will consider its future business.
3. **Criminal Courts backlog follow-up:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director and Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Criminal Courts backlog follow-up** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director and Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Criminal Courts backlog follow-up review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Public Service Reform Committee 10 September 2026 4th Meeting, 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>
Committees Comataidhean				

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Delivering public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Gabrielle Cahen, Team Leader for Public Service Reform Strategy and Evidence, Simon Mair, Deputy Director for Place Based Service Change and Reform, and Ruth Meyer, Head of Public Service Reform Strategy and Governance Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Delivering public service reform:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Public Petitions Committee 10 September 2026 2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 5

1. **Declarations of interests:** Julie MacDougall and David Torrance will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1370: Justice for Megrahi;

PE1458: Register of Interests for members of Scotland's judiciary;

PE2136: Make non-fatal strangulation a standalone criminal offence in Scotland;

PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme;

PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer;

PE2099: Stop the proposed centralisation of specialist neonatal units in NHS Scotland;

PE2161: Extend the time period for complaints through the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

for neurodivergent people to two years; and

PE2202: Stop the Guga Hunt.

4. Consideration of new petitions: The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE2212: Conduct a national review of local authority safeguarding and equality compliance frameworks;

PE2213: Introduce the Small Animal road signs in Scotland;

PE2215: Introduce a Statutory National Anti-Bullying Policy and Strengthen Consequences for Bullying in Scottish Schools;

PE2216: Extend Young Persons' Free Bus Travel to include all under-26s;

PE2219: Review the Mandatory Minimum Five-Year Prison Sentence for Firearms Offences; and

PE2220: Support Retrofit Training for a Greener Scotland and Just Transition.

5. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

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-01114](#) Stephen Gethins: Scotland's Energy Opportunity**—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland's energy transformation provides a generational opportunity to grow the economy, create more high-quality jobs, strengthen communities across Scotland, and place Scotland at the heart of the solution to Europe's energy security challenge; calls on the UK Government to deliver a stable, transparent policy, regulatory and investment environment to enable timely energy deployment in Scotland at scale, and to deepen Scotland's relationship with the rest of Europe on energy, and agrees to work together to accelerate energy deployment and ensure that the full benefits of Scotland's energy transformation are realised for the people of Scotland.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Jamie Hepburn*

***[S7M-01088](#) John Swinney: Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister**—That the Parliament agrees that Alyn Smith be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

[S7M-01084](#) Simita Kumar: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—That the Parliament agrees that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect and able to feel safe in their communities; supports robust criminal justice responses to violence, intimidation, hatred and disorder that harm individuals, and damage community relations; rejects attempts by the small minority of people who create fear, division and hostility within Scotland's communities in person and online, and supports efforts to build trust, strengthen cohesion and ensure that everyone can live safely free from prejudice, hatred and discrimination.

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville, Neil Gray, Kirsten Oswald

***[S7M-01084.4](#) Pauline McNeill: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together**—As an amendment to S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), insert at end, “; recognises that Scotland will only build safe and inclusive communities by fundamentally tackling inequality and delivering better opportunities and living standards for everyone, and calls on the Scottish Government to restore policing at a local level, while addressing the needs of communities across the country, including by reversing declining Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) scores, reforming the skills system and improving access to good local health and social care.”

Supported by: Carol Mochan*

***[S7M-01084.3](#) Kate Nevens: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and

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Inclusive Communities, Together), insert at end "recognises the disproportionate harms to marginalised groups, and condemns the far right's deliberate incitement of violence against migrants, asylum-seekers, Muslims and people of colour; further recognises the need to work with community groups to co-design strategies for community safety, ensuring that any response is shaped by those most impacted by violence and discrimination; and calls on the Scottish Government to increase investment in community-led safe spaces, culturally appropriate mental health and wellbeing services, crisis support as well as the safety and security of frontline charities and community organisations that are facing threats and abuse."

Supported by: Maggie Chapman*

[*S7M-01084.2](#) Meghan Gallacher: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—As an amendment to S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), leave out from first "supports" to end and insert "believes that the first duty of government is to protect the public and that public safety must never be compromised by political choices, financial pressures or a lack of capacity within the justice system; further believes that there must be consequences for committing crime and that those who commit acts of violence, intimidation, hatred, disorder and other offences must face swift and meaningful punishment; notes concerns that the scale and pace of asylum and immigration arrivals in some communities has placed pressure on local services and community cohesion, and calls on the Scottish Government to review the housing rules which have contributed to that pressure; gives its full support to the police and other law enforcement agencies in taking firm action against those who openly flout the law; rejects early release policies that put dangerous offenders back into communities because of pressure on the prison estate; calls for bail laws to be reviewed so that the protection of victims, particularly women and girls, is given greater weight; condemns unacceptable court delays that leave victims waiting years for justice and undermine confidence in the system; calls for sufficient police numbers and resources to maintain visible, effective frontline policing, and believes that safe and cohesive communities depend on upholding the rule of law and ensuring that criminal behaviour has consequences."

[*S7M-01084.1](#) Thomas Kerr: Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together—As an amendment to S7M-01084 in the name of Simita Kumar (Building Stronger, Safer and Inclusive Communities, Together), leave out from first "supports" to end, and insert "believes, however that many people do not feel safe in their communities and that the Scottish Government is ignoring the genuine issues created by a lack of integration and assimilation by previous generations of immigrants to Scotland; highlights the example of the Scottish Government withdrawing the funding of one year English lessons for child asylum seekers, prior to mainstream school, as an example of direct policy choices which, it believes, have driven division and destroyed cohesion in communities across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the undue pressure put on Scotland's working-class communities as well as the genuine concerns raised by communities regarding the impacts of its policy decisions and not to dismiss them."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

[*S7M-01112](#) Helen McDade: Supporting the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland—That the Parliament congratulates the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland on its recent concert marking the culmination of its Summer School; notes that, while it receives Creative Scotland Youth Music Initiative funding, its core staffing costs are not covered by this funding, unlike some other national youth music bodies, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider further support for the organisation.

[*S7M-01111](#) Jackie Dunbar: Craig Stirrat Retires from Grampian Housing Association—That the Parliament notes the retirement of Craig Stirrat, chief executive of Grampian Housing Association; recognises that Craig has played what it considers to be a pivotal role in strengthening Grampian Housing Association's position as one of the north east's most trusted and forward-thinking housing providers; understands that, since joining Grampian Housing Association in 2014 following senior

roles with Fife Housing Group, Built Environment Scotland, Aberdeen City Council and Kirkcaldy District Council, Craig has been instrumental in shaping the organisation's strategic direction and expanding its impact; believes that under Craig's leadership, Grampian Housing Association has achieved several major milestones, including being recognised as one of the country's best companies to work for and securing the Customer Service Excellence Standard through its flagship Grampian Deal; considers that Craig has also made a significant contribution nationally through his current role on the Board of the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations and through previous roles, including as chair of the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland, where he served for more than a decade; recognises Craig's hard work, dedication and commitment, and wishes him a well-deserved and well-earned retirement.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01110](#) Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen-led Team to Trial New Drug for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that researchers from the University of Aberdeen and University of Edinburgh have been awarded almost £2 million to lead a major clinical trial to investigate a promising new treatment for heavy menstrual bleeding (HMB); understands that HMB affects one in three women and can have a major impact on their lives, with over half of those living with HMB unable to carry out their daily activities and 43% missing work due to their symptoms, which can include bleeding and cramps; notes that current treatment options for HMB include tablets and the hormonal coil but that these are ineffective for many women or come with side effects such as irregular bleeding; understands that researchers will be testing relugolix combination therapy (relugolix-CT) to see if it improves HMB in comparison with existing treatment options; commends the efforts of those involved in leading the study as well as participants in the trial, and wishes them every success.

***[S7M-01109](#) Jackie Dunbar: Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed Celebrates 10 years**—That the Parliament congratulates Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed on its 10-year-anniversary; understands that the men's shed aims to create a place where local residents and the wider community are able to come together and feel part of a larger group, meet new people and further their social interaction; recognises what it considers to be the important role that Men's Shed organisations play in tackling social isolation and the positive impact that they have on men's mental health across Scotland; commends the continuing work of the Bridge of Don's Men Shed in supporting men's mental health through community-based initiatives, such as its monthly Producers' Market, which is held at the Gordon Barracks; recognises the work of the organisation's dedicated volunteers in providing an open space for the benefit of the community, and wishes Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed all the best for the future.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01108](#) Jackie Dunbar: Kingswells Community Centre Celebrates 35 Years**—That the Parliament celebrates the 35th anniversary of Kingswells Community Centre; understands that the Aberdeen Donside based community centre first opened its doors to residents in 1991, following a rapid growth in house building around the Kingswells village; notes that the centre, which is situated at the heart of the community, features a large sports hall and café facility, and provides an extensive programme of activities for people of all ages; understands that the community centre also has a second facility, Webster Park, which is situated on the outskirts of Kingswells and provides a smaller studio facility, a full-size football pitch and a multi-use games area; acknowledges that the community centre strives to provide a welcoming, inclusive and community-focused hub where people of all ages can connect, learn, participate and thrive, whilst also remaining committed to keeping services, activities and facilities affordable and accessible, ensuring that cost is never a barrier to community involvement; congratulates all staff and volunteers at Kingswells Community Centre, and wishes them all the best going forward.

***[S7M-01107](#) Jackie Dunbar: Robert Gordon University Recognised Nationally for High-Skilled Graduate Employment Outcomes**—That the Parliament congratulates Robert Gordon University

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(RGU), which is amongst the UK's leading universities for graduate employability and subject excellence according to the *Daily Mail* University Guide 2027; notes that RGU ranked 11th in the UK for Careers On-Track and 19th in the UK for high-skilled jobs, placing it among the best-performing institutions in the UK for graduate outcomes; believes that the university also performed strongly across several subject areas, with four disciplines ranking in the UK's top 10 and a further five placing in the UK's top 20; understands that the *Daily Mail* University Guide evaluates universities across a range of measures including graduate outcomes, student support, teaching quality and subject-level performance; commends all staff at RGU whose hard work and dedication has made these latest achievements possible, and wishes them all the best for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Collette Stevenson*, Dawn Black*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Liam McArthur*, Heather Anderson*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Jack Middleton*

***[S7M-01106](#) Clare Adamson: Lynda Murray Raises Over £4,200 for Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation**—That the Parliament congratulates Lynda Murray, from Wishaw, on raising more than £4,200 for the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation through a sponsored skydive from 10,000 feet at St Andrews Airfield in Glenrothes; recognises that the foundation works to make dreams come true for children and young people living with life-shortening or life-threatening conditions, creating special experiences and lasting memories for them and their families; notes that Lynda was inspired by the memory of her late sister Irene, who encouraged her to live life to the full, to take on the challenge; recognises Lynda's longstanding contribution to the Wishaw community as a familiar and much-loved lollipop lady at Wishaw Academy and St Ignatius Primary School, and commends Lynda, her family, friends and everyone who supported her remarkable fundraising effort.

Supported by: Carol Mochan*, Collette Stevenson*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*

***[S7M-01105](#) Tim Eagle: Moray Pathways Success in 2025-2026**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that 851 people across Moray received employability support through the Moray Pathways Local Employability Partnership in 2025-26; understands that Moray Pathways is supported through £2.16 million of investment from Moray Council, the Scottish Government, and the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, which was introduced by the previous UK Conservative administration; notes that, of the total number of people who received support, 166 people entered employment or progressed within work, 95 people moved into further or higher education, 148 gained training and connections with local employers, and 57 people secured qualifications or training awards, among other achievements; believes that initiatives such as Moray Pathways are a great way of helping people into the workplace, which in turn helps to grow the local economy and reduce local unemployment; thanks the many organisations involved in Moray Pathways, and wishes the programme and its participants success in the future.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Laura Mitchell*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01104](#) Clare Adamson: The Last Foundations Exhibition 30 Years On from Demolition of Ravenscraig**—That the Parliament welcomes Chris Leslie's exhibition, *The Last Foundations*, within Motherwell's Heritage Centre, which brings together photography, archive material and community stories to preserve Ravenscraig's legacy; recognises that it has been 30 years since the demolition of Ravenscraig's iconic cooling towers and gas holders; remembers Ravenscraig as a place of work, pride and community that shaped Motherwell, Wishaw and Lanarkshire; notes that the steelworks employed more than 13,000 people at its peak and was once the largest hot strip steel mill in Western Europe; pays tribute to generations of steelworkers and their families, and believes that the lessons of deindustrialisation must inform efforts to rebuild manufacturing, secure good jobs and deliver a fairer future for Scotland's industrial communities.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Monica Lennon*, Carol Mochan*, Collette Stevenson*, Heather Anderson*, Helen McDade*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*

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***[S7M-01103](#) Steven Bonnar: Consistency and Equity in Primary Care**—That the Parliament recognises the Scottish Government's commitment, through its Programme for Government 2026-31, to simplify the NHS by replacing the current 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic NHS boards and to strengthen primary and community care; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to improving patient access and delivering more joined-up care; understands that patients can experience differences in access to services and approaches to care between GP practices, and welcomes the opportunity presented by NHS reform to consider how greater consistency and equity in primary care can be supported across Scotland.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Dawn Black*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01102](#) Jackie Dunbar: Restart a Heart 2026**—That the Parliament recognises Restart a Heart 2026, which is taking place in October and aims to improve CPR confidence and awareness of how to respond to an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; understands that the campaign includes Restart a Heart Live, led by Save a Life for Scotland, which provides CPR training through a public awareness livestream; recognises the importance of ensuring that people across Scotland have the skills and confidence to perform CPR and use a defibrillator; welcomes the work of Resuscitation Council UK and Scottish partners in supporting communities to become ResusReady; acknowledges the role of schools, sports clubs, voluntary groups and local organisations in helping to reduce health inequalities, and encourages communities across Scotland to take part in Restart a Heart activities to help save lives.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Collette Stevenson*, Helen McDade*, Laura Mitchell*, Colin Beattie*, Victor Currie*, Monica Lennon*, Heather Anderson*, Michelle Campbell* **R**, Amanda Bland*

***[S7M-01101](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill.

***[S7M-01100](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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Wednesday 16 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate

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 Debate: Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine: Planned Investment and Future Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 22 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

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 September 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

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***[S7M-01099](#) Fulton MacGregor: 67th Anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining Disaster**—That the Parliament marks with deep sympathy and solemn reflection the 67th anniversary of the Auchengeich mining disaster, which occurred on 18 September 1959; acknowledges the disaster as one of the darkest tragedies in Scotland’s industrial history; remembers with profound respect the 47 men who lost their lives underground at Auchengeich Colliery, each of whom left home that morning to earn a living for their families and never returned; recognises the devastating consequences of the disaster, which left 41 women widowed and 76 children without their fathers; acknowledges the lasting impact of that loss on families and generations across Moodiesburn and the surrounding communities; pays tribute to the men who died, remembering them as fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, relatives, friends and colleagues, whose lives and contributions remain an important part of Scotland’s mining heritage; acknowledges the courage, dignity and solidarity shown by the Moodiesburn community in the aftermath of the disaster and throughout the 67 years since; commends the Auchengeich Memorial Committee and all those who continue to ensure that the memory of the 47 men is preserved through annual acts of remembrance; recognises the importance of the Auchengeich memorial and annual commemorative service as places and occasions where families, friends and the wider community can come together to remember those lost, and affirms that the stories of Auchengeich and Scotland’s mining communities must continue to be remembered and passed to future generations, so that the human cost of Scotland’s industrial heritage is never forgotten.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Gillian Mackay*, Jamie Langan*, David Torrance*, Mark Griffin*, Heather Anderson*, Marie McNair*, David Barratt*, Carol Mochan*, Bob Doris*, Keith Brown*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Paul McLennan*, Helen McDade*, Jenni Minto*

***[S7M-01098](#) Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Ben Macpherson be appointed to replace Steven Bonnar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

***[S7M-01097](#) Jamie Hepburn: Committee Membership** —That the Parliament agrees that—

Ben Macpherson be appointed to replace Alyn Smith as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee

Steven Bonnar be appointed to replace David Linden as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

***[S7M-01096](#) Jamie Hepburn: Election of Committee Convener**—That the Parliament agrees, under Rule 12.1.2C, that:

(a) election of convener of the Criminal Justice Committee will take place on Wednesday 9 September 2026;

(b) that the location of the election will be Committee Room 5 (the Smith Room); and

(c) that the voting period of the election will commence at 2.30pm and conclude at 7pm.

***[S7M-01095](#) Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 8 September 2026—

after

First Minister’s Questions (Backbench Members)

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insert

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

(b) Wednesday 9 September 2026—

after

Portfolio Questions: Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to the Detection of Bluetongue Virus Serotype 3 (BTV3) in the South-West of Scotland

***[S7M-01094](#) Lloyd Melville: Angus War Memorial Success**—That the Parliament congratulates Panbride and Carmyllie on their success in Legion Scotland’s 2026 Best Kept War Memorial Competition; understands that Panbride War Memorial, near Carnoustie, was named national winner of the Satellite Memorial without Gardens category, while Carmyllie won in the Satellite Memorial with Gardens category; recognises Angus’s proud record in the competition and the dedication of those who care for the county’s war memorials; notes that the competition celebrates the upkeep of memorials and helps to ensure that the sacrifices that they commemorate are not forgotten; commends the volunteers, community groups, Legion Scotland members and council staff whose work keeps these important places of remembrance in fitting condition, and congratulates everyone involved in securing further national recognition for Angus.

***[S7M-01093](#) Lloyd Melville: Arbikie’s First Single Malt**—That the Parliament congratulates Arbikie Highland Estate Distillery, at Lunan Bay in Angus, on the release of The Signature, its inaugural Single Estate Single Malt Scotch Whisky; understands that it was made using Odyssey barley grown on the Arbikie estate, distilled in 2016 and matured for 10 years in ex-bourbon casks; notes that just 1,000 bottles have been produced; recognises that the release brings together a decade of whisky-making with more than 400 years of Stirling family farming in Angus; celebrates Arbikie’s field-to-bottle approach, with the barley grown and the whisky distilled, matured and bottled on the family estate; congratulates the Stirling family and the whole Arbikie team on this milestone for Angus food and drink, and wishes them every success.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Tim Eagle*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Clare Haughey*, Victor Currie*, Gary Bouse*, Keith Brown*, Liam Kerr*, Collette Stevenson*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Angela Ross*

***[S7M-01092](#) Katie Hagmann: Celebrating the Life of Robert Higgins**—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the sudden passing of Robert Higgins, a retired SNP councillor and deputy leader of Dumfries and Galloway Council; acknowledges the significant contribution that Robert made to public and community life in the region, but particularly in his home and ward area in the Rhins of Galloway; notes that, right up until his death, Robert continued to serve people and his community as a trustee of Stranraer Credit Union and of the Academy of the Rhins Educational Trust, and recognises that through his willingness to work across parties and with all councillors, he made a difference to people, businesses, nature and communities, including by securing natural gas supplies to Stranraer, the full refurbishment of Stranraer Academy with a hydrotherapy pool, by-passes for Glenluce and Dunragit, improvements to the A75 and A77, new affordable housing and home modernisations for hundreds of families, protecting indigenous birds, animals and local natural habitats and working nationally and locally to create the Kirkcudbright Galleries. **R**

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*

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***[S7M-01091](#) Katie Hagmann: Recognising Suicide Prevention Week**—That the Parliament recognises National Suicide Prevention Week, which runs from 6 to 12 September 2026 and includes World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September, as an important opportunity to raise awareness of suicide prevention, challenge stigma and encourage open conversations about mental health and wellbeing; acknowledges that suicide has a devastating impact on individuals, families, friends and communities across Scotland; commends the work of United to Prevent Suicide, Scotland's social movement for suicide prevention, which brings together people from all walks of life with a shared belief that everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide; notes its efforts to promote compassion, connection and hope, encourage greater public understanding of suicide and empower people to have potentially life-saving conversations; welcomes the contribution of volunteers, campaigners, organisations and those with lived and living experience who continue to drive this work forward; supports the aims of Scotland's suicide prevention strategy, *Creating Hope Together*, and encourages people across Scotland to engage with suicide prevention initiatives, learn more about how to support those who may be struggling and help create communities where anyone affected by suicidal thoughts feels able to seek support without fear of stigma or judgement.

***[S7M-01090](#) Alex Kerr: Zipslide Challenge Raises Vital Funds for SMILE Children's Charity** — That the Parliament recognises the fundraising efforts of nine supporters of SMILE Children's Charity, based in Stonehouse, who took part in a 1,000-foot zip slide challenge over Strathclyde Loch; commends the brave residents from Larkhall and Stonehouse who joined team members from SMILE on the challenge and, together, raised an incredible £6,500 to support the charity's amazing work; notes that the funds raised will help to support the charity's annual Christmas party for the children and families it supports, and recognises the valuable support that it provides all year round to disabled young people and those with serious illnesses, and their families.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Helen McDade*, Jamie Langan*, Karen Adam*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Dawn Black*, Lloyd Melville*

***[S7M-01089](#) Finlay Carson: Sterling Work of Optometry Scotland Recognised**—That the Parliament recognises the sterling work of Optometry Scotland as the representative body for optometrists and dispensing opticians in Scotland; understands that the organisation was first established in 2002 and now represents more than 370 members across all NHS board areas; acknowledges that it serves as the main point of contact for Scottish Government and other stakeholders on matters relating to general ophthalmic services and community eyecare; recognises its core values of integrity, transparency, collaboration and respect; acknowledges that Optometry Scotland provides extensive guidance and several training pathways for practitioners to ensure regulatory and mandatory compliance as well as professional development opportunities; understands that it advocates on behalf of the profession, provides information and guidance to its members and works collaboratively with stakeholders to influence policy and support the development of community eyecare services, and wishes Optometry Scotland and its members continued success in improving community eyecare delivery.

Supported by: Victor Currie*, Craig Hoy*, Liam McArthur*, Miles Briggs*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Alex Kerr*

***[S7M-01087](#) Jim Fairlie: Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 [draft]**—That the Rural Affairs Committee recommends that the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Gillian Martin*

***[S7M-01086](#) Jamie Hepburn: Scottish Local Government Elections (Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Scottish Local Government Elections (Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

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Supported by: John Swinney*, Stephen Gethins*

[*S7M-01085](#) Jamie Hepburn: Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: John Swinney*, Stephen Gethins*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01083](#) Heather Anderson: Dundee's Hope Point (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Clare Haughey*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Victor Currie*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01082](#) Dawn Black: Congratulating Forfar Community Football Trust on Winning Best Community Football for All Award (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Helen McDade*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Victor Currie*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01081](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating 20 Years of BBC Radio Scotland's Get It On (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01079](#) David Green: Congratulating and Celebrating Award-Winning Businesses for their Contribution to Caithness and Sutherland (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01078](#) Jack Middleton: Denis Law Legacy Trust Opens Kacey's Legacy Youth Hub (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01077](#) Kim Schmulian: Recognising the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01076](#) Jackie Baillie: Day of Universal Access to Information 28 September 2026 (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: David Smith*, Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01075](#) Kate Nevens: Recognising the Humanitarian Crisis Following Nepal's 2026 Floods (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Paul Sweeney*, Gillian Mackay*, Cara McKee*, Q Manivannan*, Liam McArthur*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Ariane Burgess*, Monica Lennon*, Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01074](#) Irshad Ahmed: Congratulations to Workers' Observatory on Research on Fair Work and Pay in Gig Economy (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01073](#) Stephen Kerr: Remembering the Life, Courage and Sacrifice of Jane Haining (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Helen McDade*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Collette Stevenson*, David Torrance*, Murdo Fraser*

[S7M-01072](#) Kate Nevens: Supporting the People of Venezuela Following the June Earthquakes (lodged on 7 September 2026)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01071](#) **Stuart McMillan: Cassie O'Neill, Joint Winner of The Herald Saroj Lal Award 2026** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01070.1](#) **Daniel Johnson: Programme for Government, An Economy Fit for the Future** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01069](#) **Monica Lennon: Solidarity with the Women Against the Far-Right Scotland Campaign** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01068](#) **Laura Moodie: Welcoming New Early Learning and Childcare Provision at Heriot Primary School** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01067](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Portletico FC on its Ongoing Fundraising** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Victor Currie*, David Torrance*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01066](#) **Kate Nevens: Inclusion Scotland's 25th Anniversary** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Maggie Chapman*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Greer*, Q Manivannan*, Cara McKee*, Ariane Burgess*, Holly Bruce*, David Torrance*, Dawn Black*, Monica Lennon*

[S7M-01065](#) **Dawn Black: Welcoming the Opening of OaKley ASN's Multi-Million-Pound Specialist Facility Near Stonehaven** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01064](#) **Paul Sweeney: Challenge Poverty Week 2026** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Holly Bruce*

[S7M-01063](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Robert Gordon University on Being Shortlisted for University of the Year** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01062](#) **Jack Middleton: Mrs Murray's Big Build Campaign** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Patricia Gibson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01061](#) **David Torrance: Donation to Maintain Fife Coastal Path** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01060](#) **David Torrance: Gillian Parsons Memorial Golf Day** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01059](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Sobr on its Success at the 2026 Scottish Bar and Pub Awards** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01058](#) **Jack Middleton: Reform UK Donations** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Colm Merrick*, David Torrance*, Patricia Gibson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01057](#) **Paul Sweeney: Merchant Navy Day 2026** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Victor Currie*

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[S7M-01056](#) **Heather Anderson: Condolences on the Passing of Catherine Lawson** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*

[S7M-01055](#) **Colin Beattie: Holodomor Memorial Day 2026** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: David Torrance*, Patricia Gibson*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01054](#) **Craig Hoy: Farmers Arms in Thornhill Wins Hewson Salver for Best Commercial Flower Display** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01052](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Installation of the Knife Angel in Leith** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, David Barratt*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01051](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: 21st Abbeyhill Colony of Artists Festival** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01050](#) **Russell Findlay: Scottish Bar and Pub Awards 2026** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-01047](#) **Tim Eagle: Merchant Navy Day 2026** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01046](#) **Amanda Bland: A Safer, Stronger Future for Scotland's High Streets** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-01045](#) **Stephen Kerr: 500th Anniversary of William Tyndale's New Testament** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01039](#) **Stephen Kerr: Policing, Crime Prevention and the Response to Mental Health Crisis in Mid Scotland and Fife** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-01036](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Auction Mart Celebrates 30th Anniversary** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01035](#) **Marie McNair: Clydebank Chippy Boat Recognised as Best Fish N' Chips Establishment at Food Awards Scotland 2026** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01034](#) **Marie McNair: Helmi's in Baljaffray Wins Dessert Outlet of the Year at Food Awards Scotland 2026** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01031](#) **Finlay Carson: Border Television Celebrates 65th Birthday** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01028](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating Borders Competitions' Award-Winning Success** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, David Torrance*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S7M-01027](#) **Rachael Hamilton: YouthBorders – £1,500 Donation from Oregon Timber Frame**
(lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*

[S7M-01026](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Heymooth Tae Hill & Back – Third Annual Charity Sportive**
(lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01025](#) **Rachael Hamilton: 22nd Steve Hislop Memorial Run** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01024](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Borders College – Honorary Fellowship for Suzanne Mulholland**
(lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01023](#) **Katy Clark: Opposing the Proposed Reduction in Funding for the No Knives, Better Lives Programme** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Mark Griffin*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01021](#) **Tim Eagle: Celebrating Support for Armed Forces Children in Moray** (lodged on 2 September 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01020](#) **Neil Bibby: Banyan Tree Network** (lodged on 7 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Carol Mochan*, Colin Beattie*

[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: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-00933](#) **Rachael Hamilton: T.N. Crosby Chemist – 75 Years of Serving Hawick** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-00932](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Think Fitness 4 Less – 25 Years in Hawick** (lodged on 25 August 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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[S7M-00924](#) **Finlay Carson: Norman Makes Athletic History With Fourth Ultra Race Success** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-00921](#) **James Adams: Nooks & Crannies win Café/Bistro of the Year at The Food Awards Scotland 2026** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

[S7M-00821](#) **Patricia Gibson: Impact of Changes to Public Service Pension Scheme Commutation Factors** (lodged on 10 August 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*

[S7M-00586](#) **Rachael Hamilton: World Arthritis Day** (lodged on 7 July 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto*

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Questions Ceistean				

Questions

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

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 10 September 2026

1. **Jackie Baillie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00036](#))
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00037](#))
3. **Gillian Mackay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00038](#))
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00039](#))
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00040](#))

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 8 September 2026

[S7W-03015](#) **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (a) resource and (b) capital budget, how much has been allocated, and how much would have been allocated had budgets increased in line with the inflation measure used by the Scottish Government, in each year since its creation.

[S7W-03018](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding GP walk-in clinics across Scotland, whether it will provide information on (a) the maximum capacity for patient consultations and (b) the funding awarded for financial year 2026-27, broken down by location.

[S7W-03019](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how the National Trust for Scotland is (a) monitoring and (b) maintaining the welfare of sheep on St Kilda. **R**

[S7W-03020](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission's review into the welfare of sheep on St Kilda, and whether the Commission has indicated when it expects to conclude the review. **R**

[S7W-03021](#) **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on the 10 transport infrastructure projects for which it has incurred the highest consultancy costs.

[S7W-03022](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what volume of fishing gear has been (a) reported and (b) recorded as being missing at sea in each year since 2021.

[S7W-03023](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reducing permitted gill net fishery soak times from 72 hours to 36 hours.

[S7W-03024](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on restricting the deployment of gill nets to depths of less than 200 metres in order to protect deep-sea ecosystems.

[S7W-03025](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what volume of ghost gear has been recovered from Scottish waters in each year since 2021.

[S7W-03026](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7O-00157 by Stephen Flynn on 2 September 2026, what assessment it has made of the risk of distortion of competition between Aberdeen International Airport and Inverness Airport arising from the proposed Highlands and Islands exemption from Air Departure Tax, including any impact on competing domestic air routes.

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[S7W-03027](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what passenger and aviation data it relied on when it concluded that the proposed Air Departure Tax exemption for domestic flights from Highlands and Islands airports, including Inverness Airport, is necessary to support connectivity, including (a) the source, (b) year of the most recent data considered and (c) any equivalent evidence relating to Aberdeen International Airport.

[S7W-03028](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs has decided not to appoint a replacement for Calum MacLeod following his resignation from the Scottish Land Commission, resulting in the Commission having four commissioners rather than the five provided for in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.

[S7W-03029](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what provisions it has made to support all families with twins or other multiple births, regardless of benefit status, including in relation to childcare funding.

[S7W-03030](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will support calls to introduce 1,140 hours of funded childcare from the age of two for families with twins and other multiple births.

[S7W-03031](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to improve the availability and coordination of both online and offline access to information regarding carer support services, short break opportunities and support for disabled children and young people and their families, in light of research by Family Fund indicating that only 7% of surveyed families raising disabled children met the criteria for digital inclusion.

[S7W-03032](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to research by Family Fund indicating that 56% of surveyed families raising disabled children experienced digital exclusion due to a lack of internet access, device access and/or digital skills and confidence.

[S7W-03033](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider introducing a duty on statutory services to identify and respond to digital exclusion among priority family groups, including families raising disabled children.

[S7W-03034](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government how future *Digital Strategy for Scotland* delivery plans will address digital exclusion among families raising disabled children, in light of research by Family Fund indicating that only 7% of surveyed families met the criteria for digital inclusion.

[S7W-03035](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the digital skills of unpaid carers, including those caring for disabled children, in order to support their online safety and accessibility needs.

[S7W-03036](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether Social Security Scotland benefit levels enable low-income families and parent carers to achieve a minimum digital standard of living, in light of research by Family Fund indicating that only 7% of responding families raising disabled children met the criteria for digital inclusion and that 89% reported at least one financial vulnerability related to digital access.

[S7W-03037](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prepare for any increase in redundancies across all sectors that may result from the growing use of artificial intelligence, and what discussions it has had with the UK government regarding the mitigation of such consequences.

[S7W-03038](#) **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on public funds being used to subsidise tourists and business travellers in local authority areas that have introduced, or are planning to introduce, a Visitor Levy, including Glasgow City Council.

[S7W-03039](#) **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what subsidy it is providing to First Bus for each passenger journey on the Glasgow Airport Express service.

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[S7W-03040](#) **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to limiting eligibility for subsidised bus fares to people who are resident in Scotland.

[S7W-03041](#) **Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how many passenger journeys it estimates are taken on average on the Glasgow Airport Express service in a year.

[S7W-03042](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government which ministers have met with representatives of the Scottish Youth Parliament over the last 12 months.

[S7W-03043](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how much money has been paid to the Scottish Youth Parliament in each of the last three financial years.

[S7W-03044](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many staff employed by the Scottish Government are engaged in activity related to the Scottish Youth Parliament.

[S7W-03045](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02737 by Simita Kumar on 7 September 2026, how many people are employed at the Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub.

[S7W-03046](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02737 by Simita Kumar on 7 September 2026, whether it will provide a detailed breakdown of how the £400,000 provided to the Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub has been spent.

[S7W-03047](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what processes exist within the Scottish Government for monitoring of reports published by Audit Scotland and for taking action in response to their findings.

[S7W-03048](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children from Gaza have been transported to Scotland for NHS treatment in the last four years.

[S7W-03049](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02737 by Simita Kumar on 7 September 2026, how many patients have been treated at the Gaza HOPES Field Readiness Hub to date.

[S7W-03050](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific statutory powers it would rely upon to prevent the construction of a small modular reactor (SMR) or advanced modular reactor (AMR) with a generating capacity of less than 50MW, in light of such installations not requiring consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 from Scottish Ministers and being ordinarily determined by the local planning authority.

[S7W-03051](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what legal assessment it has made of its ability to direct SEPA to refuse environmental permits for a small modular reactor (SMR) development, where the relevant reactor design has successfully completed the UK Office for Nuclear Regulation's Generic Design Assessment (GDA) process and been deemed safe at a UK level.

[S7W-03052](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its policy presumption against new nuclear power generation extends to private-wire micro-reactors constructed entirely on private commercial land to directly power data centres without connecting to the national grid, and what devolved powers it could use to intervene in such developments.

[S7W-03053](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the potential use of critical national infrastructure designations to facilitate the siting of small modular reactors at established civil nuclear sites, including Hunterston, Torness, Chapelcross and Dounreay, and what assessment it has made of how such designations might interact with or supersede devolved powers.

[S7W-03054](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the Independent Commission on the Criminalisation of the Purchase of Sex will commence its work, and by what date all its members will be appointed.

[S7W-03055](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the consistency with which digital literacy and online safety expectations are being delivered across

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Scotland's schools and local authorities, and what measures it uses to assess whether children and young people are acquiring the skills intended through that provision.

[S7W-03056](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to identify and address variations between schools and local authorities in the delivery of digital literacy and online safety education.

[S7W-03057](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to assess whether online safety training for educators is improving their confidence and ability to recognise, respond to and appropriately escalate digital safeguarding concerns.

[S7W-03058](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it plans to collect to determine whether online safety training results in more consistent safeguarding practice across schools and local authorities.

[S7W-03059](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether its current online safety information and support for parents and carers is effectively reaching families across Scotland, and what evidence it has that such information and support is influencing parental behaviour.

[S7W-03060](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government how it measures the effectiveness of online safety resources that it provides to parents and carers, beyond the number of resources produced or distributed.

[S7W-03061](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take in the current parliamentary session to deliver on its ambition to end the need for food banks.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
Laid under Section 99, Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
Laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

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

Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill LCM-S7-11

Lodged on 3 September 2026

Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

Lodged on 6 August 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 8 September 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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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[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)

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

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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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

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

Documents subject to parliamentary control

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 September 2026 \(SP Paper 4\)](#), publication date: 8 September 2026

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Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 1 September 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Dundee City Council Annual Low Emission Zone Report (DCC/2026/01) laid under Section 19 of Part 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Commissioner for Children and Young People Investigation: Police use of force against children (CCYP/2026/02) laid under Section 11(4) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

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