

Monday 14 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 9 September 2026

Tuesday 15 September 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Hafiz Muhammad Imtiaz Ali, Iman, Hillview Islamic and Education Centre

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: Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland's Soft Fruit Sector

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: Economy

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: External Affairs

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Scotland's Rainforest

Thursday 17 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: 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: Policing, Crime Prevention and the Response to Mental Health Crisis in Mid Scotland and Fife

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

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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

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>

Education and Gaelic Committee

15 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive, The Promise Scotland;
Kay McKerrell, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland;
Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland.

Proposed future business

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

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

15 September 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Declaration of interests:** Heather Anderson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- 3. Update on Independent Review of Creative Scotland – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Iain Munro, Chief Executive, Isabel Davis, Executive Director of Screen Scotland, and Alastair Evans, Director of Strategy, Creative Scotland.
- 4. Update on Independent Review of Creative Scotland – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 3.
- 5. Representation on External Bodies:** The Committee will consider representation on the following external bodies:
 - UK/EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA);
 - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (CLRAE) of the Council of Europe;
 - Committee of the Regions (CoR)-UK Contact Group; and,

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- Interparliamentary Forum.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

15 September 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- 2. Draft instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider—

[The draft Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#)
[The draft Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)
[The draft Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026](#)
[The draft Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026](#)
[The draft The Maximum Number of Judges \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#)
[The draft Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2026](#)
[The draft SSI Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026](#)

- 3. Document subject to parliamentary approval:** The Committee will consider the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 (SG/2026/193)

- 4. Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—

[The Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/249\)](#)
[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/252\)](#)
[The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/254\)](#)

- 5. Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider [Act of Sederunt \(Summary Cause Rules 2002 Amendment\) \(Domestic Abuse \(Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/253\)](#).
- 6. Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in the Bill (as introduced).

7. **Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the response from the Scottish Government, with reference to LCM-S7-1 and LCM-S7-1a. The Committee will also consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-1b.
8. **Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S6-66, LCM-S6-66a and LCM-S7-10.

Proposed future business

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

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

15 September 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Data centres in Scotland: energy use:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Matt Magill, Director of Engineering & Customer Solutions, National Energy System Operator (NESO);
Dr Wei Sun, Chancellor's Fellow, University of Edinburgh;
Dr Callum MacIver, Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft].

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Criminal Justice Committee

16 September 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private. The Committee will also decide whether consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a new Deputy Convener.
3. **Frontline policing and non-criminal demands – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Derek Cree, Chief Superintendent and Catriona Paton, Assistant Chief Constable, Policing Together, Police Scotland;
Alasdair Hay, Chair, Scottish Police Authority.

4. Health and inter-agency responses to people in distress – evidence: The Committee will take evidence from—

Brian McNulty, Assistant Inspector of Constabulary, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland;
Kevin O'Neill, Programme Manager, National Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) Programme Board.

5. Review of evidence: The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda items 3 and 4.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on
CriminalJustice.committee@Parliament.Scot

Rural Affairs Committee
16 September 2026
4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. Rural Support Plan: The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Vera Eory, Reader in Sustainable Agriculture and Professor Steven Thomson, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Policy, Scotland's Rural College;
Michael Halliday, Managing Director, Scottish Tenant Farmers Association;
Artemis Pana, National Coordinator, Scottish Rural Action;
Pete Ritchie, Director, Nourish Scotland;
Dr Mike Robinson, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish Geographical Society;
Kate Rowell, Chair, Quality Meat Scotland.

3. Rural Support Plan – review of evidence: The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
16 September 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026

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

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- 1. Scottish Government priorities:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing, Julie Humphries, Director, Tackling Child Poverty, Steve Lea-Ross, Director, Building Safety and Standards, Annabel Turpie, Director for Housing, and David Wallace, Chief Executive, Social Security Scotland, Scottish Government.
- 2. Scottish Government priorities:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Ellen Leaver, Acting Director - Local Government and Communities., and Ruth Meyer, Head of Public Service Reform Strategy and Governance Unit, Scottish Government.
- 3. Evidence session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 1 and 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Finance and Public Administration Committee 16 September 2026 5th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sandy Begbie, Chief Executive, Scottish Financial Enterprise;
Colin Borland, Scotland Director, Federation of Small Businesses.
and then from—
Juan-Pedro Castro, Economist, Future Economy Scotland;
Sara Cowan, Member, Tax Justice Scotland;
Joanne Walker, Technical Officer, Low Incomes Tax Reform Group, Chartered Institute of Taxation.
- 2. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

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

Health, Care and Sport Committee 16 September 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Priorities of the Scottish Government for session 7 in health, social care and sport :** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, Alison Thewliss, Minister for Community Care, and Maree Todd, Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport,

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Alcohol and Drugs, Scottish Government.

2. **Review of Evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence that it heard under item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Transport Committee

16 September 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Scotland's rail services:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Graeme Cook, Director of Rail Delivery, Transport Scotland;
Joanne Maguire, Managing Director, Scotrail;
Hannah Ross, Chief Executive, Scottish Rail Holdings Ltd;
Liam Sumpter, Managing Director, Network Rail Scotland.
2. **Scotland's rail services – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for debate

***[S7M-01163](#) John Swinney: Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland—**

That the Parliament condemns violence against women and girls in all its forms, noting that this includes physical, psychological and online abuse; acknowledges the significant damage and harm that such violence causes to women, girls and wider society; recognises that eradicating such violence requires a focus on prevention and on challenging the attitudes and behaviours that fundamentally underpin violence against women and girls, and agrees to demonstrate collective leadership in challenging and changing sexist and misogynistic attitudes among boys, men and those who seek to influence and stoke such damaging behaviour.

Supported by: Shirley-Anne Somerville*, Jamie Hepburn*, Stephen Gethins*, Simita Kumar*, Ross Greer*, Gillian Mackay*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01158](#) Clare Adamson: Scottish Storytelling Centre's 20th Anniversary —**That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Storytelling Centre on reaching its 20th anniversary in 2026; acknowledges it as the world's first purpose-built centre for live storytelling and as a vibrant cultural venue in Edinburgh's Old Town; notes that, since opening in 2006, it has provided a welcoming space for communities, families and visitors to experience and participate in storytelling and the traditional arts; recognises the Centre's year-round programme of live storytelling, theatre, music, exhibitions, workshops, family events and festivals, alongside its specially curated Edinburgh Festival Fringe programme showcasing storytelling, music, theatre, spoken word and family performances from Scotland and around the world; acknowledges what it sees as the important role it plays in preserving, celebrating and passing on Scotland's rich storytelling traditions and cultural heritage to future generations; recognises its ownership by the Church of Scotland and partnership with Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland (TRACS), including its role as a home for the Scottish International Storytelling Festival and as a base for TRACS's work across Scotland and beyond; welcomes the upcoming Scottish International Storytelling Festival, one of the 11 major Edinburgh festivals; notes that this will take place from 21 to 31 October 2026 and bring together storytellers, artists, musicians and audiences from Scotland and around the world to celebrate the rich tradition and enduring power of oral storytelling; believes the Centre's ethos of openness, inclusion and shared creativity is reflected in the Scottish Traveller proverb, "The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart"; welcomes the contribution made by the Centre, TRACS, performers, artists, staff, volunteers and

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partners over the past 20 years, and wishes the Scottish Storytelling Centre continued success as it celebrates this significant milestone, as well as every success for the forthcoming Scottish International Storytelling Festival and its ongoing contribution to Scotland's cultural life for many years to come. **R**

Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, David Torrance*, Collette Stevenson*, Miles Briggs*, Julie MacDougall*, Angela Ross*, Heather Anderson*, David Barratt*, Colin Beattie*, Liam McArthur*, Q Manivannan*, Stephen Kerr*, Ben Macpherson*

***[S7M-01157](#) David Torrance: Honouring the Volunteers of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)**—That the Parliament commends the selfless dedication, bravery and humanitarian service of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) across Scotland and the UK; recognises that the RNLI operates in accordance with international maritime law and the humanitarian duty to save lives at sea without judgment, distinction or political bias; highlights what it sees as the indispensable role played by local RNLI crews, many of whom are volunteers, in safeguarding coastal communities throughout Scotland, including the RNLI Kinghorn Lifeboat Station, which serves the Kirkcaldy constituency; condemns in the strongest terms reports of RNLI volunteers being harassed and vilified by far right activists; considers that targeting emergency service workers and volunteers carrying out life-saving duties undermines basic human decency and degrades public discourse, and notes the calls on all political parties to reject the politicisation of life-saving charities, to condemn abuse directed at lifeboat crews and to offer their full, unequivocal support to the RNLI.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Paul McLennan*, Clare Haughey*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01165](#) Donald MacKinnon: Congratulating Cnoc Soilleir**—That the Parliament congratulates Cnoc Soilleir, the Gaelic cultural, educational and community centre in Daliburgh, South Uist, on the completion of its major extension, which was marked by a community open day on 28 August 2026; recognises that the development completes the vision for a dedicated centre for Gaelic language, culture, music, dance, education and community life in South Uist; welcomes the addition of a new 200-seat auditorium and specialist dance studio, which will expand opportunities for local learning, performance, creativity and cultural participation; commends the partnership between Ceòlas Uibhist and UHI North, West and Hebrides in creating and developing what it considers to be a nationally significant facility; notes the support provided by national, regional and local partners; acknowledges the role that Cnoc Soilleir has played since opening in 2022 as a hub for Gaelic and traditional arts, education, research and community engagement; recognises its importance in supporting the vitality and sustainability of Gaelic-speaking communities in South Uist and across the Highlands and Islands, and wishes everyone involved continued success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-01164](#) Q Manivannan: The Closure of The Skinny Magazine**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the announcement that *The Skinny*, Scotland's longest-running independent cultural magazine, is to close after 20 years, with its September 2026 issue being its last; recognises what it sees as the vital role that the Edinburgh-based title, published by Radge Media C.I.C. since its founding in 2005, has played in covering music, art, film, theatre, comedy and literature, with up to 35,000 free copies distributed monthly across Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and beyond; considers that *The Skinny* gave a genuine platform to countless emerging and established artists, musicians, writers, DJs, filmmakers and theatre-makers who might otherwise have gone unheard; notes that *The Skinny* also published *Fest Magazine*, which it believes was the essential guide to the Edinburgh and Adelaide festivals, and *GNAW*, its food and drink title, further embedding itself in Scotland's cultural fabric; understands that the closure has been attributed to rising costs, funding pressures across the

arts sector and the wider economic difficulties facing independent publishing in Scotland; expresses its gratitude to the writers, editors, photographers, illustrators, designers and all staff, past and present, who built its 20-year legacy; believes that this closure represents a significant loss, not only to Scotland's cultural journalism but to the independent creative economy that relies on such platforms for visibility, critique and community; is concerned that this is not an isolated incident but part of a wider pattern of financial precarity facing independent cultural media and grassroots arts organisations across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to engage urgently with the cultural and independent media sector on sustainable, long-term funding models that reflect the true value of independent cultural journalism to Scotland's creative life.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Roddick*, Laura Moodie*, Kate Nevens*

[*S7M-01162](#) Paul McLennan: Global Impacts of El Niño and Other Extreme Weather Events—

That the Parliament notes with concern reports highlighted by the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) regarding the accelerating impacts of climate change and the growing risks posed to communities across the globe; further notes the warning by the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, that the world has entered a “danger zone of extreme weather” as the impacts of El Niño are increasingly felt worldwide; recognises the WMO's assessment that the current El Niño event could be among the strongest experienced in more than 70 years and persist until at least February 2027; understands that El Niño is altering weather patterns across the globe, contributing to drought in some regions while increasing the likelihood and severity of flooding, storms and other extreme weather events in others, and that these impacts are occurring alongside and amplifying the effects of human-induced climate change; further understands that recent catastrophic flooding in Himalayan countries, devastating flooding and extreme weather events in the Atlas Mountains region of North Africa, and a recent hurricane affecting Hawaii are part of a wider pattern of increasingly frequent and severe climate-related disasters; acknowledges that the internationally agreed target of limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is now expected to be surpassed; believes that those communities that have contributed least to global greenhouse gas emissions are often those suffering the gravest impacts of climate breakdown; further believes that industrialised western nations, whose historic emissions have played a significant role in driving climate change, have a moral responsibility to provide meaningful financial support, compensation and climate adaptation funding to countries and communities experiencing loss and damage; supports efforts to strengthen international climate justice, resilience and disaster recovery mechanisms, and calls on governments at all levels to pursue ambitious emissions reductions while ensuring that support reaches those most affected by the climate emergency.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*

[*S7M-01161](#) Paul McLennan: Condemning Ongoing Violations of International Humanitarian Law Against Palestinians—

That the Parliament notes the recent announcement by the UK Government of sanctions and trade restrictions targeting illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank; further notes the statement by Ed Miliband that the UK Government believes that there is “ethnic cleansing of Palestinians” occurring in parts of the West Bank, and that this has been perpetrated by settler violence and supported through policies of displacement; considers that this represents a significant acknowledgement by the UK of the gravity of the situation facing Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories; believes, however, that economic sanctions alone do not go far enough in the face of what many international legal experts, human rights organisations and political leaders have described as genocide and grave breaches of international humanitarian law; considers that meaningful consequences must include accountability, justice and adherence to international law; calls on the UK Government to provide international leadership in pursuing an immediate and permanent end of violations of international law, supporting the work of international courts and mechanisms of accountability, and ensuring the protection of Palestinian civilians; further calls for renewed efforts to secure just and lasting peace based on human rights, dignity, self-determination and equality for all peoples in the region, and urges all governments to match words with action in

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responding to what it views as the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the continued displacement and persecution of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

Supported by: Dawn Black*

***[S7M-01160](#) Paul McLennan: Recognising East Lothian RNLI Volunteers and Condemning Abuse Directed at Lifesaving Crews**—That the Parliament recognises the exceptional commitment and dedication shown by RNLI volunteers serving communities across East Lothian, including at North Berwick and Dunbar lifeboat stations; understands that the summer period has seen lifeboat crews respond to numerous incidents along the East Lothian coastline, often in challenging conditions and at significant personal sacrifice; pays tribute to the volunteers, their families and support teams who give their time freely to protect lives at sea and assist those in difficulty on the coast; believes that their work represents the very best of public service and community spirit; condemns the protests, abuse and intimidation directed towards some RNLI volunteers elsewhere in the UK, which it considers to be wholly unacceptable; reaffirms that those who carry out humanitarian and lifesaving duties should be able to do so free from harassment or threats; expresses its gratitude to all RNLI personnel for their courage, professionalism and commitment to saving lives regardless of circumstance, and thanks East Lothian's RNLI volunteers for their outstanding service throughout a particularly busy summer season.

***[S7M-01159](#) Paul McLennan: 25th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks** —That the Parliament marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001, in which almost 3,000 people lost their lives in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania; remembers with profound sadness all those who were killed, injured or bereaved by these atrocities; pays tribute to the courage and sacrifice of first responders, emergency service personnel and ordinary citizens who acted in the face of unimaginable tragedy; recognises the enduring bonds of friendship between Scotland and the United States, and the shared commitment to democracy, freedom and tolerance which, it believes, emerged in response to the attacks; notes with concern reports regarding attempts to exclude New York City Mayor, Zohran Mamdani, from official 25th anniversary commemorations as well as comments reportedly made by former Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, concerning Mayor Mamdani's attendance; believes that memorial events should be occasions for remembrance, unity and reflection rather than division or exclusion; condemns what it sees as attempts to use religious identity as grounds for preventing participation in acts of public remembrance; believes that collective remembrance of terrorism must reject prejudice, discrimination and Islamophobia in all their forms, while remaining steadfast in opposition to violent extremism, and hopes that events commemorating the anniversary will honour the memory of those who were lost, support survivors and families, and demonstrate the values of inclusion, mutual respect and solidarity that terrorism seeks to undermine.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Stephen Kerr*

***[S7M-01156](#) Jack Middleton: Congratulating Hydrasun in Aberdeen on New Clean Technology Jobs**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Hydrasun will establish Scotland's first clean technology manufacturing facility dedicated to electrolyser assembly and integration in Aberdeen; understands that this project, which will create a dozen new jobs, is being developed with the support of £1.9 million from the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, which aims to support Scotland's transition from oil and gas to renewable energy; notes reported comments by the First Minister that "oil and gas is declining at a faster rate than any of us envisaged" and that "renewables are not developing as fast as we would like to see them be the case"; believes that these concerns are a direct result of UK Government energy policy, and calls on the tax revenues from Scotland's oil and gas receipts to be ringfenced and reinvested directly into renewable energy projects in Scotland, to stop the deindustrialisation of the north east of Scotland and support the transition to renewables.

Supported by: Clare Adamson*

***[S7M-01155](#) Angela Ross: Marking 25 Years Since 9/11**—That the Parliament marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001; remembers those who lost their lives in

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New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania; honours the courage and sacrifice of the emergency responders and rescue workers who responded to the attacks; expresses solidarity with survivors and bereaved families, and reaffirms the importance of defending democracy, freedom and the rule of law against terrorism and violent extremism.

Supported by: Kim Schmulian*, Duncan Massey*, Jamie Langan*, Mark Simpson*, Senga Beresford*, David Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Lindsay*, Victor Currie*, Julie MacDougall*, Amanda Bland*, Max Bannerman*, Murdo Fraser*, Stephen Kerr*

***[S7M-01154](#) Angela Ross: Phasing Out Testing on Dogs, Pigs and Non-human Primates in East Lothian**—That the Parliament notes with serious concern the continued use of live animals, including dogs, pigs and non-human primates, in scientific testing and research in East Lothian; believes that scientific research should move away from the use of such animals wherever credible alternatives exist; considers that reliance on animal testing should not continue simply because it has become established practice; recognises the rapid development of modern alternatives, including human cell-based testing, organ-on-a-chip technology, advanced computer modelling and AI; believes that Scotland should be at the forefront of developing and adopting these technologies rather than remaining dependent on practices that involve highly sentient mammals and non-human primates; further believes that public funding should support modern, effective and humane scientific research and should not be used to perpetuate unnecessary animal experimentation where credible alternatives are available; calls for greater transparency regarding the use of animals in scientific procedures, and urges the Scottish Government to use the funding, research, innovation and economic development powers available to it to support the development, validation and adoption of credible non-animal alternatives.

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***[S7M-01153](#) Angela Ross: Recognising the Work of Donkeyfield Community Orchard**—That the Parliament recognises the work of Donkeyfield Community Orchard in Portobello; commends the volunteers who give their time to maintain and improve this valued community asset; notes the orchard's contribution to local food production and the creation of locally made goods that can be sold within the community; believes that community orchards can strengthen local self-reliance, encourage practical skills and rural education, support biodiversity and bring people together; recognises the wider potential for community-led orchards to support small-scale food and drink production, local enterprise and stronger neighbourhoods; believes that community groups are often best placed to understand and improve their own areas, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider how to provide proportionate support to enable more locally led community orchard projects to develop across Scotland.

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***[S7M-01152](#) Gillian Mackay: 50 Years of the Sanam Tandoori**—That the Parliament congratulates the Sanam Tandoori, which was named Best Asian Restaurant of the Year at the Scotland Asian Restaurant Awards, on reaching 50 years of serving quality authentic Indian cuisine to the people of Falkirk; understands that, due to the hard work and dedication put in by Mohammad Anwar, his sons Nadeem, Waseem, Naeem, and Azeem, and everyone who has worked at the Sanam since 1976, the restaurant is not only popular with locals but with many who travel from further afield to try its dishes, and wishes all the staff at the Sanam the very best wishes for the next 50 years and more.

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***[S7M-01151](#) Thomas Kerr: Remembering the Assassination of Charlie Kirk**—That the Parliament remembers what it considers to be the martyrdom of Charlie Kirk on 10 September 2025 in Utah, United States; believes that Charlie was a proud Christian, a defender of freedom of speech in the

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west and a protector of the right to love your country and your family, and further believes that Charlie's legacy lives on in local Scots who share his values.

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***[S7M-01150](#) Heather Anderson: Dundee Stroke Exercise Club**—That the Parliament acknowledges the outstanding work of the Dundee Stroke Exercise Club which supports people living with the effects of stroke to continue their rehabilitation and regain confidence, independence and quality of life; understands that Dundee Stroke Exercise was established in 2011 to provide specialised classes in community settings after people with lived experience of stroke indicated that they did not want to go back to a hospital environment; further understands that the club provides physical, emotional, psychological and social support to stroke survivors, as well as support and connection for their carers and families; thanks the 30 volunteers who support 132 members in a welcoming and supportive environment; notes that the club work aligns with the Scottish Government's Stroke Improvement Programme, and commends the hard work, dedication and determination of Margaret Mitchell MBE, Chair of the Dundee Stroke Exercise Club.

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***[S7M-01148](#) Jackie Baillie: NHS Golden Jubilee Becomes UK's Largest Single-site Cataract Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Golden Jubilee on becoming the largest single-site provider of cataract surgery in the UK, having carried out a record 13,581 procedures during 2025-26; recognises the significant contribution that the hospital, which is based in Clydebank, makes to reducing waiting times and improving access to planned care for patients across Scotland; notes that cataract activity at the hospital has increased by more than 70% since 2019-20 and has more than tripled over the last decade; acknowledges the positive impact that cataract surgery can have on patients' independence and quality of life, and wishes everyone at NHS Golden Jubilee continued success in providing high-quality care to patients from every NHS board area in Scotland.

Supported by: Clare Adamson*

***[S7M-01147](#) Jackie Baillie: European Doctors' Orchestra Fundraising Concert in Aid of CHAS**—That the Parliament congratulates the clinicians from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde who are taking part in the European Doctors' Orchestra fundraising concert in support of Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS); notes that doctors and medical professionals from across Europe will perform at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on 27 September 2026, showcasing their musical talents while raising funds for children who have life-shortening conditions and their families; recognises the contribution of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde staff in helping to organise and participate in the event; acknowledges the invaluable work carried out by CHAS in providing expert care, respite and support to children and families across Scotland, and wishes everyone involved every success with the concert and fundraising efforts.

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***[S7M-01146](#) Alex Kerr: Scottish Children's Health Week 2026 and 50 Years of Children's Health Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises Scottish Children's Health Week 2026, which runs from 7 to 13 September; celebrates the 50th anniversary of Children's Health Scotland and its longstanding contribution to promoting and protecting the health rights of children and young people; acknowledges the charity's work in supporting children, young people and families across Scotland through information, participation, self-management support and advocacy; welcomes the contribution of the charity's Health Rights Defenders in ensuring that children and young people's views, voices and experiences help shape policy and services; congratulates all the finalists and winners of the Scottish Children's Health Awards 2026, which celebrate the individuals, teams and organisations making an outstanding difference to the health, wellbeing and experiences of children and young people across

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Scotland; recognises the vital contribution of those working across health, social care, education and the third sector to improve outcomes for children and families; notes the importance of partnership working between charities, healthcare organisations, schools, communities and decision-makers in improving outcomes for children and young people; recognises the theme of Scottish Children's Health Week 2026, which highlights connection, kindness and partnership in supporting health and wellbeing; commends all those working to ensure that every child in Scotland can realise their right to the best possible health, and notes that Children's Health Scotland will bring together children, young people, families, professionals and decision-makers at its My Health, My Rights Conference on 2 October 2026 to discuss the future of children's health rights in Scotland.

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***[S7M-01145](#) Neil Bibby: Johnstone Burgh FC's 70th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Johnstone Burgh FC on the 70th anniversary of its foundation; recognises the significant contribution that it has made to Johnstone over the years as the town's local club; understands that, in addition to the many achievements of the men's senior team, including winning the Scottish Junior Cup 2024-25, the club launched a women's team in 2025 and is home to multiple youth teams involving over 300 young players; notes that the club's positive impact extends beyond football, including by running fitness classes for the wider community and working with the local foodbank and other charities; thanks all the players, staff, volunteers and fans for making the club such a success, and wishes them all the best for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Clare Adamson*, Bob Doris*, Stephen Kerr*

***[S7M-01144](#) Kate Campbell: Celebrating 150 Years of Portobello High School**—That the Parliament acknowledges the 150th anniversary of Portobello High School in Edinburgh and pays tribute to teachers and pupils, past and present, who have contributed to the vibrant school community throughout its long history; congratulates the school's journalist students who have produced special features and interviews examining how the school has changed over the last century and a half; notes the ongoing programme of events exploring the heritage and history of Portobello High School in this time, and commends the Head Teacher, Mr McDowall, for continuing the school's proud tradition of innovative programmes to encourage girls into sport and outdoor education with the launch of the new girls' cycling programme involving over 70 young women.

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***[S7M-01143](#) Liam McArthur: Celebrating the Success of the 36th Orkney International Science Festival**—That the Parliament congratulates the entire team behind the Orkney International Science Festival on staging another successful and engaging programme of events, which ran from 3 to 9 September 2026 across Orkney; understands that this festival, which was launched in 1991, is one of the world's longest established science festivals, following on the earlier success of the Edinburgh Science Festival, which was first held in 1989; notes that the 2026 festival kicked off with an event celebrating the 60th anniversary of Heriot-Watt University's Scientific Diving Team, and included stories of the team's underwater surveys studying sea life in Scapa Flow, as well as historic photos from its earlier years; understands that the festival also featured a talk on the future of the Orcadian dialect, led by Dr Tom Rendall and Dr Sarah Jane Gibbon, a screening of *People's Emergency Briefing*, a new film that sets out the urgent action that the makers believe is required to respond to nature loss and climate change, and discussions on local ecology, nature-based food solutions, AI, mental health and more; considers that Orkney has a rich tradition of cultivating vibrant community-driven events, festivals and shows, all of which have helped to promote local culture, music, history, and sectors in the islands over the years; believes that the annual Science Festival is an integral part of this tradition; congratulates all involved with the organisation and delivery of the 2026 festival on another fascinating week of programming, with special thanks to the festival's incredible director,

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Howie Firth; looks forward to what the festival has in store for 2027's programme, and wishes the festival team continued success in the years to come.

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***[S7M-01142](#) Alex Kerr: Spark Connections Creates Work Opportunities for Young People.**—That the Parliament commends Spark Connections in Larkhall on creating work opportunities for young people with additional support needs through its new pop-up café; believes that the young people will gain valuable work experience, build confidence and learn new skills to prepare for employment or volunteering roles in the future; notes that those involved have worked hard receiving training on the barista machine, the till and getting the café ready for business; commends Spark Connections on its dedication to providing a safe and supportive environment for young people to learn and grow; believes that it provides a vital support network through projects and community groups that are vital to the young people involved and their families, and wishes the café and all the new employees every success in the future.

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***[S7M-01141](#) Rachael Hamilton: Roddy Clark Retains Denholm Tattie Challenge Title**—That the Parliament congratulates Roddy Clark on retaining the Denholm Tattie Challenge title for a second consecutive year; understands that the annual community competition culminated in the potato shaws being weighed on Denholm Green; recognises what it sees as the important role that traditional community events and friendly competitions play in bringing people together and maintaining the distinctive character of villages such as Denholm; congratulates everyone who took part in the challenge and those involved in organising and supporting the event, and wishes Roddy every success in defending his title in the future.

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***[S7M-01140](#) Rachael Hamilton: Eloise Butterworth Wins Roberton Show Poster Competition**—That the Parliament congratulates Wilton Primary School P7 pupil, Eloise Butterworth, on winning the annual Roberton Show poster competition; understands that the competition attracted 53 entries from schools across Hawick; recognises the creativity and effort demonstrated by Eloise in producing the winning design; recognises the important role that the Roberton Show plays in bringing together the local rural community and providing opportunities for children and young people to become involved; congratulates all of the pupils who entered the competition and the schools that encouraged their participation, and wishes Eloise every success in the future.

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***[S7M-01139](#) Rachael Hamilton: Eildon Learning Disability Service Receives Very Good Care Inspectorate Ratings**—That the Parliament congratulates the staff of Eildon Housing Association's Learning Disability Service following what it considers to be an excellent outcome from an unannounced Care Inspectorate inspection; understands that the service, which operates at Station Avenue in Duns and Poynder Gardens in Kelso, received Grade 5, Very Good, evaluations for both how well it supports people's wellbeing and the quality of its leadership; notes that the inspection highlighted positive and trusting relationships between staff and the people whom they support, as well as the service's work to promote independence, choice and active and fulfilling lives; understands that all areas for improvement identified at the previous inspection were found to have been fully met and that no new areas for improvement were identified; recognises the important role that high-quality learning disability services play in supporting people to live independently and participate fully in their communities; commends the local leadership team and staff for their compassion, professionalism and commitment, and wishes everyone involved with the service continued success.

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***[S7M-01138](#) Rachael Hamilton: Voices o' the Borders Celebrates First Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Voices o' the Borders on celebrating its first anniversary; understands that the Selkirk-based community choir aims to entertain, educate and contribute to the local community while promoting fun, friendship and wellbeing through singing; notes that the inclusive choir welcomes adults from Selkirk and surrounding communities regardless of previous singing experience and does not hold auditions; understands that members themselves help to choose the choir's repertoire, which includes music from the 1960s through to the present day; notes that the choir gave its first public performance at Selkirk Farmers' Market in August 2025 and has since established itself as part of Selkirk's community and musical life; welcomes its plans to mark its first anniversary with a community singing challenge; commends everyone involved in establishing and developing Voices o' the Borders, including choir lead AmyBeth Beel, and wishes the choir and all of its members continued success.

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***[S7M-01137](#) Rachael Hamilton: Children First Selkirk Action Group Celebrates 70 Years—**That the Parliament recognises the remarkable contribution of the Children First Selkirk Action Group as its members retire after 70 years of fundraising; understands that, since the 1950s, the group has raised £73,200 to support the work of Scotland's national children's charity, Children First; notes that its fundraising activities over the decades have included events, raffles and operating a thrift shop; recognises the contribution of current members, Cliff Ellershaw, Shenagh Ellershaw, Gillian Inglis, Doris Kellet, Marion Oxnard and Liz Thomson, who together represent almost 200 years of fundraising experience; understands that chair Gillian Inglis first became involved with the group as a child alongside her mother and has been involved for almost 70 years, while treasurer Cliff Ellershaw joined in the 1970s; believes that the group represents an outstanding example of long-term volunteering and community spirit in Selkirk; thanks all current and former members, as well as the wider Selkirk community, for their support over seven decades, and wishes the members of the group well following their retirement from fundraising.

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***[S7M-01136](#) Rachael Hamilton: Eildon Housing Association Wins Environmental Impact Award 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Eildon Housing Association on winning the Environmental Impact Award at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards 2026, which were held at Peebles Hydro on 28 August 2026; understands that the Selkirk-headquartered housing and care organisation operates across communities throughout the Scottish Borders; recognises that Eildon has placed sustainability at the centre of its corporate and operational decision-making and has set out an ambition to contribute to a just transition to a net zero-carbon economy; understands that its sustainability strategy aims to reduce emissions associated with both its homes and business operations while providing quality, affordable and environmentally lower-impact homes for future generations; notes that Eildon has previously been recognised for its environmental work, including winning the Net Zero Business of the Year category at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards in 2024; recognises the importance of improving the energy efficiency and environmental sustainability of housing while continuing to meet the needs of tenants and communities; commends the staff and board of Eildon Housing Association on receiving the 2026 Environmental Impact Award, and wishes the organisation continued success in its work across the Scottish Borders.

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***[S7M-01134](#) Rachael Hamilton: Emtelle Wins Innovation in Business Award 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Emtelle on winning the Innovation in Business Award at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards 2026, which were held at Peebles Hydro on 28 August 2026; further congratulates the company on being Highly Commended in the Manufacturing Business of the Year

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category; understands that Emtelle was founded in the Scottish Borders and continues to operate a major manufacturing facility in Hawick while supplying fibre optic and connectivity infrastructure to customers and projects around the world; notes that the company describes innovation as central to its work in developing solutions for the telecommunications sector; further notes that, in 2026, Emtelle was shortlisted in the Access Innovation category of the Connected Britain Awards for its Rapid Customer Connect solution; recognises what it sees as the importance of advanced manufacturing, engineering skills and innovation to Hawick and the wider Scottish Borders economy; commends Emtelle's employees on what the company described as the hard work, creativity and commitment behind its 2026 awards success, and wishes the company continued success at home and internationally.

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***[S7M-01133](#) Rachael Hamilton: Farne Salmon & Trout Named Large Business of the Year 2026**

—That the Parliament congratulates Farne Salmon & Trout Ltd on winning Large Business of the Year at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards 2026, which were held at Peebles Hydro on 28 August 2026; understands that Farne began production in Duns in 1982 with a workforce of just six people and has since grown to employ more than 700 people; notes that the company describes itself as the largest private sector employer in the Scottish Borders and that its purpose-built Duns factory is the largest salmon processing facility in the UK; understands that the business produces fresh, cold-smoked, hot-smoked and ready-to-eat salmon products, as well as mackerel products; recognises Farne's more than four decades of investment and employment in Duns and the wider Borders; further recognises its work to reduce its environmental impact through decarbonisation projects and its recognition as Employer of the Year at the Scotland Food & Drink Excellence Awards in 2025; believes that the Large Business of the Year award recognises both the scale of Farne's growth and the important role that it plays in the local economy, and wishes its workforce and management continued success.

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***[S7M-01132](#) Rachael Hamilton: The Homestead Café & Farm Shop Wins Food & Drink Producer of the Year 2026**

—That the Parliament congratulates The Homestead Café & Farm Shop at The Hirsell, Coldstream, on winning Food and Drink Producer of the Year at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards 2026, which were held at Peebles Hydro on 28 August 2026; understands that The Homestead showcases produce from the Hirsell Estate, the Tweed Valley and the wider local area through its café and farm shop; notes that beef and lamb used by the business are produced on the estate, alongside seasonal game, fruit and vegetables, while jams and chutneys are made in-house; understands that the business seeks to use locally grown and foraged ingredients wherever possible and places reducing food miles and sustainability at the heart of its approach; recognises what it sees as the importance of businesses such as The Homestead in connecting agriculture, food production, hospitality and tourism in rural communities; commends Ann and the team for championing local and seasonal produce and for securing this recognition, and wishes The Homestead continued success.

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***[S7M-01131](#) Rachael Hamilton: Pearsons of Duns Wins Family Business of the Year 2026**

—That the Parliament congratulates Pearsons of Duns on winning Family Business of the Year at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards 2026, held at Peebles Hydro on 28 August 2026; understands that the business has served Duns and the surrounding area for more than a century, having begun in 1920 when Robert Hogg Pearson established a small coal merchant business at Duns Railway Station; notes that successive generations of the Pearson family have developed and diversified the company and that its activities now include builders' merchant and DIY services, garden retail, kitchens, stoves, van hire and self-storage; recognises what it sees as the resilience required for a

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family business to continue developing over more than 100 years; notes Pearsons' longstanding support for local clubs, organisations and community activities; believes that being named Family Business of the Year is a fitting recognition of the Pearson family's contribution to business and community life in Berwickshire over several generations, and wishes the family and the entire Pearsons team every success for the future.

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***S7M-01130 Rachael Hamilton: Borders Competitions Crowned Borders Favourite Business 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Borders Competitions, founded by Jack Crowe, on being crowned the overall Borders Favourite Business 2026 at the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards, which were held at Peebles Hydro on 28 August 2026; understands that the Duns-based company secured the overall title after first being named Berwickshire's Favourite Business and going forward against the district winners from Ettrick and Lauderdale, Roxburghshire and Tweeddale; notes that the Borders Favourite Business Award is decided by public vote and that more than 1,400 people across the Scottish Borders voted in 2026; understands that Jack founded Borders Competitions at the age of 24 following service in the RAF and that, in just over three years, the company has awarded around £20 million in prizes; further understands that the business has donated more than £220,000 to local schools, charities, clubs and community groups and has supported events, including the Jim Clark Rally; believes that winning the overall Borders Favourite Business title demonstrates the strength of public support for the company; commends Jack and the Borders Competitions team for what it sees as their entrepreneurial success and commitment to giving back to the Scottish Borders, and wishes them continued success.

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***S7M-01129 Paul McLennan: Scotland's Constitutional Future**—That the Parliament welcomes the Prime Minister's recently reported indication that the UK Government's opposition to a further referendum on Scottish independence is conditional rather than permanent, and his indication that majority support for a referendum means that one could take place; notes his comparison with the arrangements established under the Good Friday Agreement for a border poll in Northern Ireland; considers that any democratic test for determining whether the people of Scotland wish to reconsider their constitutional future should be clear, objective and capable of being met; believes that such a test should not be subject to the subjective judgement of successive UK administrations, and calls on the UK Government to set out the evidence that it would regard as sufficient to demonstrate that the democratic threshold has been met.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*, Clare Adamson*

***S7M-01128 Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Perth Airport on its 90th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Perth Airport on its 90th anniversary; appreciates that the airfield has been in continued use for nine decades and, in that time, has seen thousands of personnel, from pilots to engineers, play a part in its story; understands that today the airport is home to numerous businesses and organisations, including the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance, and wishes the airport many more years of success.

Supported by: Stephen Kerr*

***S7M-01127 Thomas Kerr: Local Authorities to Follow the Law** —That the Parliament notes with deep concern the motion tabled at Glasgow City Council by Councillor Dan Hutchison, a Your Party councillor and a former Scottish Green councillor, which proposes to consider measures that "can legally be taken to stop or limit any information sharing which could aid the Home Offices efforts for deportations"; regrets any attempt by local authorities to selectively refuse cooperation with statutory UK Government bodies; reminds all elected members and local government officers that public bodies are bound by statutory duties under the Immigration Act 2016; strongly emphasises that a deliberate, politically motivated decision to conceal, block or destroy records requested under lawful authority can

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constitute a serious criminal offence, including breaches of section 77 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and urges the UK Government to closely monitor developments in Glasgow to ensure full compliance with the law, and to make it clear that any unlawful obstruction of central government duties will face immediate accountability and potential criminal prosecution.

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01126](#) **Jack Middleton: Back-to-back Ballon D'Or Nominations for Scotland Star Caroline Weir** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Gary Bouse*, Clare Adamson*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01125](#) **Kate Campbell: Celebrating the Relaunch of Bridges** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Paul Sweeney*, Emma Roddick*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01124](#) **David Barratt: Pauline's Law: Expanding Access to Emergency First Aid Education for Young People** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Amanda Bland*, Victor Currie*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01121](#) **Steven Bonnar: Turning Lucky Into Normal, Preventing Homelessness in Scotland** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: David Barratt*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01120](#) **Colin Beattie: Release of the Movie, Pressure** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Mark Simpson*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01119](#) **David Torrance: The Auld Hoose Wins Community Fundraising Hero Scotland Award** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01118](#) **Steven Bonnar: Building a Greener Lanarkshire Together** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01117](#) **Amanda Bland: Congratulations to St Stephen's Primary School, Coatbridge** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01116](#) **Jamie Langan: New Tennis and Padel Centre at Galashiels Academy** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Carol Mochan*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Bland*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Victor Currie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Max Bannerman*, David Smith*, Thomas Kerr*, Kim Schmulian*, Amanda Lindsay*

[S7M-01115](#) **Katie Hagmann: Dundonald Castle and Visitors Centre wins TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Awards** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Heather Anderson*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01114.3](#) **Daniel Johnson: Scotland's Energy Opportunity** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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[S7M-01113](#) **Colin Beattie: Congratulating Woodburn Primary School for Euroquiz Achievement** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Paul Sweeney*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01112](#) **Helen McDade: Supporting the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: David Smith*, Miles Briggs*, Amanda Bland*, Senga Beresford*, Amanda Lindsay*, Max Bannerman*, Colin Beattie*, Victor Currie*, Julie MacDougall*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01111](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Craig Stirrat Retires from Grampian Housing Association** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01110](#) **Jackie Dunbar: University of Aberdeen-led Team to Trial New Drug for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Mark Simpson*, Gary Bouse*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01109](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Bridge of Don and District Men's Shed Celebrates 10 years** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Mark Simpson*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01108](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Kingswells Community Centre Celebrates 35 Years** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Mark Simpson*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01107](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Robert Gordon University Recognised Nationally for High-Skilled Graduate Employment Outcomes** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01105](#) **Tim Eagle: Moray Pathways Success in 2025-2026** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01102](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Restart a Heart 2026** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Patricia Gibson*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01099](#) **Fulton MacGregor: 67th Anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining Disaster** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Emma Roddick*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01094](#) **Lloyd Melville: Angus War Memorial Success** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, George Adam*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Heather Anderson*, Clare Adamson*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01093](#) **Lloyd Melville: Arbikie's First Single Malt** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*, Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01092](#) **Katie Hagmann: Celebrating the Life of Robert Higgins** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*, David Torrance*, Bob Doris*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01091](#) **Katie Hagmann: Recognising Suicide Prevention Week** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Laura Mitchell*, James Adams*, Laura Moodie*, Amanda Bland*, Dawn Black*, Heather Anderson*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Iris Duane*, Alex Kerr*, Clare Adamson*, Liam McArthur*, Clare Haughey*, R, Pauline Stafford*, Jackie Baillie*, Steven Bonnar*, Stuart McMillan*, Julie MacDougall*, David Torrance*, Colm Merrick*, Paul McLennan*, Kate Nevens*

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[S7M-01090](#) **Alex Kerr: Zipslide Challenge Raises Vital Funds for SMILE Children's Charity** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Clare Adamson*

[S7M-01089](#) **Finlay Carson: Sterling Work of Optometry Scotland Recognised** (lodged on 8 September 2026)

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Clare Adamson*, Stephen Kerr*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Clare Adamson*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

[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: Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Q Manivannan*, Monica Lennon*

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

New Support: Mark Simpson*, Amanda Bland*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Max Bannerman*

[S7M-01044](#) **Gillian Mackay: Recognition of Lisa Hosie's Contribution to Dalmatian Welfare in Scotland** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

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New Support: Kate Nevens*, Emma Roddick*

[S7M-01043](#) **Colin Beattie: Congratulating Richmond's Hope on Opening its Midlothian Base and Playroom** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*

[S7M-01041](#) **Colin Beattie: Coalface to Wildspace Conservation Project Awarded National Lottery Heritage Funding** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*

[S7M-01040](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Young Patients Family Fund** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Emma Roddick*

[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: Iris Duane*

[S7M-00899.1](#) **Kim Schmulian: Save Queen's Park Glasshouse** (lodged on 9 September 2026)

New Support: Jamie Langan*, Amanda Bland*, Max Bannerman*

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Questions

Written Questions

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 10 September 2026

[S7W-03189](#) **Laura Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action being taken to further increase protection for Marine Protected Areas and Priority Marine Features.

Written Questions lodged on 10 September 2026

[S7W-03124](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the evidence given by the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 14 January 2025 regarding the 52-week target timescale for determining section 36 applications for offshore wind projects under the Electricity Act 1989, how many live applications currently exceed that timescale, broken down by the number for which all statutory consultee responses have been received and how long each such application has been awaiting determination since the final response was received.

[S7W-03125](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the evidence given by the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 14 January 2025 regarding the 52-week target timescale for determining section 36 applications for offshore wind projects under the Electricity Act 1989, how many applications have been determined in that timescale, and what the average determination time was for applications that exceeded it.

[S7W-03126](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the evidence given by the Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 14 January 2025 regarding the 52-week target timescale for determining section 36 applications for offshore wind projects under the Electricity Act 1989, how many live applications remain on track to be determined within that timescale.

[S7W-03160](#) **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Scotland Assure has received, reviewed or approved any technical derogations from, or deviations to, the ventilation standards set out in SHTM 03-01 in relation to the open-plan treatment spaces within the ANCHOR Centre or the Baird Family Hospital and, if so, whether they were based on historical environmental data from older NHS facilities.

[S7W-03161](#) **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish all risk assessments, clinical review notes and comparative benchmarking documentation in which Aberdeen Maternity Hospital and older oncology units were used as baseline metrics for the ANCHOR Centre or the Baird Family Hospital during NHS Scotland Assure Key Stage Assurance Reviews (KSARs).

[S7W-03162](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has provided to Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RSABI) since the outbreak of bluetongue disease in August 2026, including how much of that funding has been specifically allocated to supporting farmers and farming families in south west Scotland.

[S7W-03163](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has abandoned the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill despite the significant work

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undertaken by various stakeholders and organisations to develop the Bill.

[S7W-03164](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to provide support to Palestinian students who have been offered places at universities in Scotland, ahead of the implementation of the Scottish Gaza Scholarship Programme.

[S7W-03165](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the approval of the EndoSure and Endotest rapid diagnostic tests for use within NHS England and NHS Wales earlier in 2026, whether it supports the roll-out of these tests within NHS Scotland for the diagnosis of endometriosis.

[S7W-03166](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government what provisions are in place for terminally ill victims of assault who are deemed to be vulnerable witnesses but are unable to testify at trial.

[S7W-03167](#) Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding witnesses who are deemed to be vulnerable under the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004, what plans it has to (a) provide all such witnesses with the same presumption that their evidence may be taken by a commissioner, (b) expand the scope of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 so that in cases involving any form of assault they are afforded the same presumption that their evidence may be taken by a commissioner, and (c) ensure that those whose vulnerability arises from a mental disorder are provided with the same protections and special measures as those afforded under the 2019 Act.

[S7W-03168](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the national literacy strategy to ensure that evidence-based teaching methods, including systematic synthetic phonics (SSP), are embedded as the foundational approach to the teaching of reading in all primary schools.

[S7W-03169](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic has had with Education Scotland and local authority directors of education regarding the standardisation and prominence of systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) within the Curriculum for Excellence Early Level Literacy framework.

[S7W-03170](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what specific financial and training resources are available to local authorities to support primary school educators in adopting and delivering systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) as a primary method of reading instruction.

[S7W-03171](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the effectiveness of systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) instruction in closing the poverty-related attainment gap in early years literacy.

[S7W-03172](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) reading programmes currently being utilised in Glasgow primary schools, including at John Paul II Primary School, and whether it plans to evaluate this approach with a view to a potential national roll-out.

[S7W-03173](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to commission a feasibility study on the restoration of Holyrood Abbey as a national memorial chapel to the late Queen Elizabeth II, and whether it will submit the findings of any such study to the Scotland Legacy Group to inform its recommendations for a permanent memorial in Scotland.

[S7W-03174](#) Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what mechanism is in place for heritage restoration proposals, including the restoration of Holyrood Abbey, to be formally assessed and submitted to the Scotland Legacy Group for consideration.

[S7W-03175](#) Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government, for each financial year since 2019-20, which 10 suppliers received the highest value of payments from Forestry and Land Scotland, and what the total amount paid to each supplier was in each year.

[S7W-03176](#) Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to Forestry and Land Scotland, which internal audit reports since 1 April 2019 have received limited assurance, qualified

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assurance, or any equivalent rating below substantial assurance, and what recommendations for corrective action were made in each report.

[S7W-03177](#) Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding Forestry and Land Scotland, how many internal and external audit recommendations are outstanding beyond their agreed implementation date, broken down by risk rating and length of delay.

[S7W-03178](#) Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government how many procurement waivers have been approved by Forestry and Land Scotland in each financial year since 2019-20, including the number, total value and reason for each waiver.

[S7W-03179](#) Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Government how many contracts awarded by Forestry and Land Scotland since 1 April 2019 have subsequently been varied to increase either their value or duration and, in each case, by what percentage the contract value or duration was increased.

[S7W-03180](#) Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) permanent staff and (b) contractors are employed by (i) NatureScot, (ii) SEPA and (iii) Zero Waste Scotland.

[S7W-03181](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that protected sites are being effectively protected, in light of NatureScot data indicating a decline in the proportion of protected sites being monitored annually, from 97 sites (5.27%) in 2021 to 54 sites (2.94%) in 2025.

[S7W-03182](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that it meets its commitment to protect 30% of land for nature by 2030, in light of NatureScot data indicating that the proportion of land contributing towards the target increased by only 0.34 percentage points between 2025 and 2026.

[S7W-03183](#) Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the issues raised in Scottish Environment LINK's Nature Protection Scorecard.

[S7W-03184](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the fishing industry regarding compensation for the impacts of offshore wind developments, and what the outcomes of any such discussions were.

[S7W-03185](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in developing a framework for compensation for fishermen affected by offshore wind developments, and by what date this work will be completed.

[S7W-03186](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reported proposals to replace the current fleet of Pendolino trains that operate on services between Scotland and London with new tilting trains capable of running on the HS2 line, including any implications for passengers travelling to and from Scotland.

[S7W-03187](#) Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding the procurement of trains for future services between Scotland and London once HS2 is operational.

[S7W-03188](#) Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Convener of the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 24 June 2026, in which the cabinet secretary stated "I recognise the importance of ensuring that Parliament has timely and relevant information to support pre-Budget scrutiny. To support this, I intend to deliver a fiscal statement to Parliament in September, aligned with the Programme for Government, setting out the current fiscal context and the key issues and choices facing the Scottish Budget", whether it will confirm by what date this statement will be delivered.

[S7W-03190](#) Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on passengers of changes to the ScotRail ticketing app, whereby tickets purchased after a train has departed a station will be invalid.

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[S7W-03191](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken any consultation with interested stakeholders regarding the introduction of a positive permitted list for exotic animals.

[S7W-03192](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is considering introducing a positive list of permitted exotic animals, and if so, whether it has considered any potential risks, including legal cases and the creation of underground markets, as experienced in other European countries that have pursued a similar scheme.

[S7W-03193](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to prioritise investment in the timely development of Local Area Coordination.

[S7W-03194](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of Scottish-domiciled applicants who (a) meet the entry requirements for dentistry but are not offered a place, and (b) subsequently study dentistry elsewhere in the UK at their own expense.

[S7W-03195](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many funded dentistry intake places at the University of Glasgow and the University of Dundee were assumed to be for Scottish-domiciled students by the Scottish Funding Council, and how many for students domiciled in the rest of the UK and the Republic of Ireland, in each of the last three academic years.

[S7W-03196](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many students domiciled in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were admitted to dentistry at each Scottish institution, in each of the last three academic years.

[S7W-03197](#) **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish, on an annual basis and alongside existing widening access reporting, a breakdown of funded intake targets for controlled subjects by student domicile.

[S7W-03198](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce gender-neutral designation options for both parents when registering births and stillbirths.

[S7W-03199](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted a Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment on the potential impact of its £2 bus fare cap policy on ScotRail.

[S7W-03200](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to S7W-00376 by Jenny Gilruth on 9 June 2026, whether it will provide an update on when it will establish a Better Surfaces Fund, and for what reason it was not mentioned in the latest Programme for Government.

[S7W-03201](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the First Minister's Programme for Government statement on 1 September 2026, what criteria a local community, and the businesses within it, would be required to meet to qualify for support from the proposed Last Provider Fund.

[S7W-03202](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that a move to two mainland NHS boards, as announced in the Programme for Government, will help accelerate the delivery of its commitment to deliver a 24/7 national thrombectomy service.

[S7W-03203](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of waiting times for specialist support services for survivors of sexual violence in Moray, and what action it is taking to ensure that survivors are able to access support in an appropriate timeframe.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/259\)](#)
laid under Local Government Finance Act 1992, section 113(3)

Not subject to any parliamentary procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2026 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/257 \(C. 24\)\)](#)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

[Children \(Care, Care Experience and Services Planning\) \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/258 \(C. 25\)\)](#)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Introduced, 9 September 2026

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 15 September 2026

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

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

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 Supplementary LCM-S7-12

Lodged on 10 September 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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 15 September 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-S7-7b

Lodged on 10 September 2026

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1b

Lodged on 2 September 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 15 September 2026

Lead committee - Economy, Energy and Tourism

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Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 23 September 2026

Lead Committee report due by 21 September 2026

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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
Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/259\)](#) (10 September 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2026

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

New Documents

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on 10 September 2026—

Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-7b)

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-12)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2025-2026 (SG/2026/176) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the Management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 for the Year Ending 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/207) laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

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