

Tuesday 15 September 2026

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 16 September: Justice - Questions 3 and 4, and also Questions 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Hafiz Muhammad Imtiaz Ali, Imam, 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

Committee Meetings

9:30am Education and Gaelic Committee

9:30am Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

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1. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what additional powers it considers local authorities require to enforce legislation relating to the sale of vaping products effectively. ([S7O-00212](#))

2. Julie MacDougall: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will assess the potential economic impact on Scotland's labour market of recent updates to the UK Register of licensed sponsors. ([S7O-00213](#))

3. Pauline Stafford: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to strengthen regulations relating to vape retailers and the sale of vaping products. ([S7O-00214](#)) **R**

4. Jamie Langan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it recognises that the provision for real-time adaptability in its proposed cap on the price of essential food items could lead retailers to withdraw entire product ranges. ([S7O-00215](#))

5. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to compensating businesses in Fochabers and Mosstodloch in light of delays to the completion of works at the A96 Fochabers Bridge. ([S7O-00216](#))

6. Jenny Young: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the 2026 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) statistics. ([S7O-00217](#))

7. David Green: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce sewage spills across the Highlands. ([S7O-00218](#))

8. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work with partners regarding the delivery of the *Capercaillie Emergency Plan 2025-2030*. ([S7O-00219](#))

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

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

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followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-01186 Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 17 September 2026—

after

2.00 pm First Minister’s Questions (Party Leaders)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2025

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

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followed by Members’ Business: Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland’s Soft Fruit Sector

[S7M-00788](#) Lloyd Melville: Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland’s Soft Fruit Sector—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland’s soft fruit sector and its important contribution to the rural economy, food and drink industry and the country’s reputation for high-quality produce; recognises Angus as one of Scotland’s leading berry-growing areas and applauds the growers, seasonal workers, packers, processors and retailers who bring Scottish strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries to consumers; notes that almost 2,000 hectares of land in Scotland are devoted to soft fruit production, including around 1,000 hectares for strawberries; welcomes the contribution of Angus Growers, the Arbroath-based grower-owned producer organisation, and its members; commends the family-run Balhungie Berry Farm, near Monifieth, which Lloyd Melville MSP recently visited, for growing and selling fresh local berries and connecting people with Angus agriculture; welcomes initiatives such as the Angus Berry Trail, which link berry production with farm shops, hospitality and tourism; acknowledges what it sees as the challenges facing growers, including rising costs, unpredictable weather and access to seasonal labour; notes the belief that more should be done to promote the quality, provenance and nutritional benefits of Scottish berries; further notes the calls for governments, tourism bodies, retailers and public sector caterers to work with growers to promote Scottish berries at home and abroad, including through greater use of seasonal berries in public sector menus, and wishes everyone involved in Scotland’s berry sector continued success.

Committee Meetings

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

Education and Gaelic Committee 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.

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 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,
 - Interparliamentary Forum.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 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—

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[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.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 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].

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 9 September 2026

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: Hyperscale Data Centres
- followed by** Scottish Green Party Debate: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions
- 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)
- 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)

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 September 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Criminal Justice Committee

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

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

- 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

- 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, Maree Todd, Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs, Donna Bell, Director of Social Care, Claire Renton, Deputy Director, Performance & Delivery, and Gillian Russell, Director of Health Workforce, 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. **Declaration of interests:** Martyn Day MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **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.
3. **Scotland's rail services – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

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Committees Comataidhean				

4. Work programme (In Private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Climate Action Committee 17 September 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 1

- 1. Declaration of interests:** Donald MacKinnon 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 and whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting.
- 3. Climate Action – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, Phil Raines, Joint Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change Division, DECC, Anne Aitken, Deputy Director, Environmental Quality & Resilience Division, ENFOR, and Elizabeth Burgess, Head of Biodiversity Unit, Nature Division, ENFOR, Scottish Government.
- 4. Climate Action – consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 3.
- 5. Inquiry into the environmental impacts of AI data centres – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 17 September 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- 2. Human Rights – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Lorraine Barrie, Interim Director, Making Rights Real;
Jennifer Cannon, Head of Legal and Policy, and Jan Savage, Executive Director, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
Juliet Harris, Director, Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights);
Charlie McMillan, Director, Human Rights Consortium Scotland;

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Committees Comataidhean				

Cat Murphy, Executive Director, Engender.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/208\)](#)

[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/252\)](#).

4. **Human Rights – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Public Audit Committee 17 September 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Future Business:** The Committee will consider its future business.
3. **Post-school education and skills reform:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value and Claire Tennyson, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Post-school education and skills reform:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value and Claire Tennyson, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Post-school education and skills reform – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

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Public Service Reform Committee 17 September 2026

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Committees Comataidhean				

5th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 2. Pre-budget scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Victoria Carson, Engagement and Influence Director, The Wise Group;
Jayne Jones, Chief Executive, Scottish Food Commission;
David Phillips, Head of Devolved and Local Government Finance, Institute for Fiscal Studies;
Dr Spencer Thompson, Senior Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Scottish Health Equity Research Unit (SHERU), University of Strathclyde.
and then from—
Liam Davenport, Industrial Officer, PCS Union;
Carmen Martinez, Policy and Engagement Lead, Scottish Women's Budget Group;
Dr Chris Williams, Vice Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland.
- 3. Pre-budget scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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Motions Glusadan				

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-01178](#) Gillian Mackay: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions—**That the Parliament believes that a company's involvement in illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian Territories constitutes grave professional misconduct and should, as a result, automatically disqualify that company, together with any parent company or subsidiary, from eligibility for public procurement and all forms of support from the Scottish Government.

***[S7M-01177](#) Patrick Harvie: Hyperscale Data Centres—**That the Parliament agrees to the introduction of a moratorium on planning applications for new hyperscale data centres until a national strategy and updated planning guidance are produced, which takes into account the cumulative impacts on energy demand and the environment.

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Motions Gluasadan				

government's failure to build sufficient prison capacity in order to keep the public safe; further considers that sentencing guidelines, which recommend non-custodial sentences for criminals aged under 25, are unjust and detrimental to women who have suffered violence or sexual violence by adult males aged under 25, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that women and girls are protected by the justice system by reinstating safeguards for bail and remand, treating bail breaches seriously, abandoning its plans for automatic early release for all long-term prisoners and scrapping the under 25 sentencing guidelines."

***[S7M-01163.2](#) Amanda Lindsay: Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland**—As an amendment to S7M-01163 in the name of John Swinney (Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert, "regrets that private citizens were required to take legal action against the Scottish Government before it was able to define what a woman is; recognises that policy to tackle violence against women and girls has to combine multiple angles, however, believes that tarring all men and boys with the same brush as the few who hold such attitudes and commit violent acts risks creating further division and unfairly attributes harm to those who are not responsible for it; believes that the views that some male immigrants have are incompatible with the Scottish Government's previously expressed desire to tackle misogyny; highlights statistics which, it believes, indicate a connection between immigrants from certain countries and a marked increase in violent crimes, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish statistics on violent crime by immigration status and nationality, in order to ensure that all relevant evidence is available to inform action to bring an end to violence against women and girls."

***[S7M-01163.1](#) Jackie Baillie: Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01163 in the name of John Swinney (Preventing Violence Against Women for an Equally Safe Scotland), insert at end "; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce a pilot of GPS monitoring for suspected domestic abusers released on bail, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline urgently a timetable for its implementation and wider roll-out."

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01170](#) Jenni Minto: Brain Tumour Tissue Preservation and Patient Choice in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes concerns raised by the Campaign for Owain's Law regarding what it sees as substantial variation in the fresh-freezing of brain tumour tissue following surgery across NHS Scotland; notes research by the campaign indicating that around a quarter (23%) of specimens reported across Scotland's four main neuro-oncology NHS boards in 2025 were fresh-frozen, with significant variation between centres; understands that, once sufficient tissue for diagnosis has been secured, fresh-freezing suitable remaining tumour tissue can preserve future opportunities for advanced testing, personalised treatments, clinical trials and research; notes the view that diagnosis must always come first and that not every specimen will be suitable for freezing; considers that substantial variation in practice risks creating a postcode lottery in whether potentially valuable tissue is preserved; notes the belief that patients should receive clear and consistent information and meaningful choice regarding the storage and future use of their tissue, and further notes the calls for a consistent national approach to brain tumour tissue preservation across Scotland, including in the Argyll and Bute constituency, under which suitable remaining tissue is routinely fresh-frozen where clinically feasible, patient choice is protected and preserved tissue can better support future treatment, testing and research.

Supported by: Marie McNair*, Liam McArthur*, Clare Haughey*, Heather Anderson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01166](#) Jackie Baillie: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**—That the Parliament recognises that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; understands that around 320 children and young people in Scotland are diagnosed with cancer each year, and that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for that age group; further understands that children and young people with

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cancer have unique needs and experiences compared with older adults, including in relation to diagnosis, treatment, mental health, research, and the financial impact of cancer for them and their families; notes that the current strategy, *Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care: The Cancer Strategy for Children and Young People in Scotland 2021-2026* reaches the end of its lifecycle in 2026; notes what it sees as the significant financial impact that cancer has on children and young people and their families, including the cost of travelling to treatment, with research from Young Lives vs Cancer showing costs averaging £700 every month, of which £250 is spent on travelling to treatment, and that one in 10 report missing or delaying treatment because of travel costs; commends the work of Young Lives vs Cancer and other third sector organisations supporting young cancer patients across Scotland, and notes the belief that Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity for the Parliament to reflect on the unique, practical, emotional and financial impact of cancer on children and young people in Scotland and their families.

Supported by: Finlay Carson*, Paul Sweeney*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01180](#) Heather Anderson: Charleston Matters and the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates the Dundee community group, Charleston Matters, on its success in the Community Group Award category at the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards 2026; understands that the group was formed in 2023 by mothers in Charleston with the goal of transforming lives in their community; believes that the award is a reflection of their hard work and dedication to Charleston in that time, including through the group's weekly Big Night In and work to support and revitalise the Charleston Gala Day; thanks What Matters to You and the Dundee City Council Community Learning and Development service for their support towards the group, and wishes all at Charleston Matters all the best as it continues to grow from strength to strength. **R**

***[S7M-01176](#) Carol Mochan: Cuban Women Demand an End to the Blockade**—That the Parliament condemns the ongoing blockade inflicted on Cuba by the United States; recognises what it sees as the disproportionate affect this has on women in particular, who are often at the forefront of finding supplies and sustenance for their families; understands that the blockade, which was escalated by the Trump administration in 2026 to include massive tariffs on any country providing fuel to the beleaguered island, has led to prolonged blackouts and left many hospitals unable to carry out their vital work; decries the reported lack of international aid and expresses its solidarity with the Cuban people in the face of what it considers to be a clear economic assault, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to do everything that they can to end what it believes to be an injustice.

Supported by: Pauline McNeill*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01175](#) Clare Haughey: Congratulating Morna Ferguson BEM**—That the Parliament congratulates the West Lanarkshire Girlguiding County President, Morna Ferguson, on being awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in The King's Birthday Honours in recognition of her exceptional services to Girlguiding and charity; understands that, in 1991, alongside Joyce Hamilton, Morna blazed a trail for Guides from Scotland to travel to Ghana to volunteer in communities and work in partnership with Ghana Girl Guides, forming an enduring connection and friendship between the organisations; believes that, over her many years of service, Morna has embodied Girlguiding Scotland's values and its mission to empower girls to find their voice, inspire them to discover the best in themselves and make a positive difference in their community; commends Morna for the lasting difference that she has made to the lives of so many girls and young women over the years, and wishes her all the very best for the future.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01174](#) Amanda Lindsay: Migraine Awareness Week**—That the Parliament acknowledges Migraine Awareness Week, which is organised by The Migraine Trust and runs from 21 to 27 September 2026; considers that, despite migraine affecting around one in seven people in Scotland,

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the condition is often misunderstood, downplayed and stigmatised with many reporting that they are not believed when they describe its impact; understands that, as a result, the campaign's theme for 2026 is #BelieveMe, with the goal that people living with migraine are listened to and believed when speaking about the condition; recognises that misconceptions persist, including the belief that migraine is "just a headache"; further recognises that migraine is a serious neurological condition that can cause debilitating pain, visual disturbances and nausea; understands that migraine can also cost people their jobs, their social lives and their independence, and that these challenges can be exacerbated when the condition is not taken seriously, and acknowledges the need for further awareness to be raised about the condition and its potentially debilitating effects.

Supported by: David Smith*, Julie MacDougall*, Colin Beattie*, Max Bannerman*, Alex Kerr*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01173](#) Jack Middleton: Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding between Scotland, Wales and the North of Ireland**—That the Parliament welcomes the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Scottish National Party, Plaid Cymru and Sinn Féin on 14 September 2026; agrees with the memorandum's call for "the British Government to prepare for, plan and facilitate constitutional change in each jurisdiction" of the devolved nations; notes that this memorandum, which reaffirms the three leaders' commitment to working constructively together in the shared interests of the people they represent, underlines what it considers to be the inescapable changing landscape of the UK, with the First Ministers of Scotland, Wales and the North of Ireland all committed to independence from the UK Parliament for the first time in the history of devolution; agrees with the memorandum that "Westminster's time is coming to an end"; believes that Scotland, Wales, the North of Ireland and England would all work better together as equal, independent nations, sharing ideas and expertise as part of a relationship built on mutual respect and common interests, and calls on the UK Government to work with the leaders of the three nations in empowering the people of Scotland, Wales and the North of Ireland to decide their own future.

Supported by: Patricia Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Clare Haughey*, David Barratt*, Heather Anderson*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01172](#) Stephen Kerr: Celebrating the Outstanding Success of BBC Radio 2 in the Park in Stirling**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved in the outstanding success of *BBC Radio 2 in the Park*, which was held at Stirling City Park from 11 to 13 September 2026; recognises that the event brought tens of thousands of people together in the heart of Stirling for an extraordinary three-day celebration of live music, featuring an outstanding programme of renowned international and Scottish artists; considers that the magnificent setting beneath Stirling Castle showcased the city at its very best to audiences across Scotland, the UK and beyond; commends Stirling Council and all of the local services, staff, volunteers and organisations whose work helped make such a major event possible; congratulates the BBC, BBC Scotland, Director of BBC Scotland, Hayley Valentine, Head of Radio 2, Helen Thomas, the Radio 2 team, presenters, production crews and everyone behind the scenes for creating and delivering such a memorable weekend; recognises the remarkable ability of music and shared experiences like this to bring people together, strengthen community and remind us of how much we have in common; believes that the atmosphere throughout the weekend demonstrated that power in a particularly joyful way; above all, thanks the people of Stirling and the thousands of visitors who attended for embracing the event with such enthusiasm, warmth and good humour, and considers that their response was what ultimately made *Radio 2 in the Park* such a magnificent celebration of music, community and togetherness.

Supported by: Russell Findlay*, Craig Hoy*, Jamie Langan*, Julie MacDougall*, Helen McDade*, Murdo Fraser*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01171](#) David Linden: Developing a Men's Health Action Plan**—That the Parliament notes with concern the scale of the men's health crisis in Scotland; recognises that male life expectancy is worse in Scotland than any other part of the UK; understands that two in five Scottish men die prematurely and are 50% more likely to die prematurely than women; welcomes Movember's new

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report on the state of men's health in Scotland, which sets out the scale of this challenge, including the significant annual cost of male ill health to the Scottish economy and public services; recognises the contribution of grassroots community programmes working to improve men's health across Scotland; agrees that the current landscape of strategies and services must be coordinated to better address men's health need, and urgently calls on the Scottish Government to work with Movember and other stakeholders to develop a dedicated Men's Health Action Plan, encompassing clear funding commitments, accountability mechanisms and improved data collection, to close the gap in men's health outcomes.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*, Finlay Carson*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01169](#) Andrew Baxter: Calls for a Fully Funded Men's Health Action Plan** —That the Parliament notes with concern the recent findings by Movember on the state of men's health in Scotland; understands that 35 men in Scotland die prematurely every day, that around 90% of deaths before the age of 75 are considered preventable and that poor men's health is estimated to cost the Scottish economy £1.73 billion annually; further understands that Scotland has the lowest male life expectancy of any UK nation, at approximately 77 years, and that the average premature mortality rate for men in Scottish constituencies is reportedly 26% higher than in constituencies elsewhere in the UK; recognises that coronary heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, drug use disorders, lung cancer and stroke are among the leading causes of premature male mortality; believes that these figures represent a serious and longstanding public health crisis that has consequences for families, communities, public services and the wider economy; commends the work of Movember and the many community, sporting and voluntary organisations that engage men who might not otherwise seek medical advice or support; is disappointed by reports that the Scottish Government does not plan to introduce a dedicated men's health plan; believes that existing general health strategies have not sufficiently addressed the distinct barriers that prevent many men from accessing preventative healthcare, early diagnosis and appropriate support; considers that action must particularly address the pronounced inequalities experienced by men living in deprived, rural and otherwise underserved communities; supports Movember's call for a dedicated and fully funded men's health action plan for Scotland, developed in partnership with men, healthcare professionals and community organisations and containing measurable outcomes and clear ministerial accountability, and calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider its reported position and bring forward such a plan as a matter of urgency.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01168](#) Heather Anderson: Wild Dundee Nominated in Nature of Scotland Awards 2026** — That the Parliament congratulates all at Wild Dundee on its nomination in the Health and Wellbeing category of the Nature of Scotland Awards 2026; notes that Wild Dundee is an RSPB Scotland project that supports communities across Dundee in creating and caring for nature-rich spaces; recognises Wild Dundee's work alongside recovery services and other local organisations to improve wellbeing, support recovery and tackle inequalities in access and connection to green spaces; thanks the team at Wild Dundee who, since its launch in 2023, have worked very hard to show how letting communities make decisions about their greenspaces and investing in urban nature can deliver benefits for both people and wildlife, and wishes the team at Wild Dundee all the best ahead of the awards in November 2026.

Supported by: Colm Merrick*, Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Alex Kerr*

***[S7M-01167](#) Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Commemorating 20 Years of The Skinny**—That the Parliament recognises the announcement that *The Skinny*, an Edinburgh-based independent arts and culture magazine, will publish its final edition in September 2026 after 20 years; believes that *The Skinny* has played an important role in Edinburgh's and Scotland's cultural life, providing free coverage of music, theatre, film, comedy, art, literature and events; notes the contribution that it has made to promoting Edinburgh's creative scene, including during the Edinburgh Festival and the Fringe; recognises the economic pressures that the Scottish arts and cultural sector faces, including rising costs and funding pressures; expresses concern at the loss of an important independent

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publication and the impact that, it believes, this may have on Scotland's creative industries and independent journalism, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out what support is available to independent cultural publications and to ensure that Scotland's arts, cultural and independent media sectors are adequately supported.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01149 Jackie Baillie: Congratulates Helensburgh Choral Festival on its Inaugural Event](#) —**

That the Parliament welcomes the inaugural Helensburgh Choral Festival, which will take place on 19 and 20 September 2026 and is believed to be Scotland's first dedicated choral festival; notes that the event will celebrate the rich musical heritage of Helensburgh and the surrounding communities through a programme of performances, workshops and community participation; acknowledges the contribution of distinguished musicians and conductors, including Susannah Wapshott, Derek Clark, John Butt OBE and local composer, Sean Nelis; commends the organisers for establishing the festival as a charitable organisation with a commitment to reinvest into future community events; recognises the potential for the festival to enhance Helensburgh's cultural profile and attract visitors to the area, and wishes everyone involved every success for the festival and its future development as an annual celebration of choral music in Scotland.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01165 Donald MacKinnon: Congratulating Cnoc Soilleir](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*

[S7M-01164 Q Manivannan: The Closure of The Skinny Magazine](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Ross Greer*

[S7M-01162 Paul McLennan: Global Impacts of El Niño and Other Extreme Weather Events](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Katy Clark*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Kate Nevens*

[S7M-01161 Paul McLennan: Condemning Ongoing Violations of International Humanitarian Law Against Palestinians](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Katy Clark*, Paul Sweeney*, Steven Bonnar*, Stuart McMillan*, Carol Mochan*, Kate Nevens*, Pauline McNeill*, Michelle Campbell*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01160 Paul McLennan: Recognising East Lothian RNLI Volunteers and Condemning Abuse Directed at Lifesaving Crews](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01159 Paul McLennan: 25th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01158 Clare Adamson: Scottish Storytelling Centre's 20th Anniversary](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01157 David Torrance: Honouring the Volunteers of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution \(RNLI\)](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Katy Clark*, Paul Sweeney*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Mark Ruskell*

[S7M-01156 Jack Middleton: Congratulating Hydrasun in Aberdeen on New Clean Technology Jobs](#) (lodged on 10 September 2026)

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New Support: Clare Haughey*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*, Michelle Campbell*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01155](#) **Angela Ross: Marking 25 Years Since 9/11** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Patricia Gibson*, Alexander Burnett*

[S7M-01154](#) **Angela Ross: Phasing Out Testing on Dogs, Pigs and Non-human Primates in East Lothian** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

[S7M-01153](#) **Angela Ross: Recognising the Work of Donkeyfield Community Orchard** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01152](#) **Gillian Mackay: 50 Years of the Sanam Tandoori** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Laura Moodie*

[S7M-01150](#) **Heather Anderson: Dundee Stroke Exercise Club** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01148](#) **Jackie Baillie: NHS Golden Jubilee Becomes UK's Largest Single-site Cataract Centre** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01147](#) **Jackie Baillie: European Doctors' Orchestra Fundraising Concert in Aid of CHAS** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Liam McArthur*

[S7M-01146](#) **Alex Kerr: Scottish Children's Health Week 2026 and 50 Years of Children's Health Scotland** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01145](#) **Neil Bibby: Johnstone Burgh FC's 70th Anniversary** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01144](#) **Kate Campbell: Celebrating 150 Years of Portobello High School** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01143](#) **Liam McArthur: Celebrating the Success of the 36th Orkney International Science Festival** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Andrew Baxter*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01142](#) **Alex Kerr: Spark Connections Creates Work Opportunities for Young People.** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, David Kirkwood*, Patricia Gibson*

[S7M-01141](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Roddy Clark Retains Denholm Tattie Challenge Title** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01140](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Eloise Butterworth Wins Robertson Show Poster Competition** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

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[S7M-01139](#) Rachael Hamilton: Eildon Learning Disability Service Receives Very Good Care Inspectorate Ratings (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01138](#) Rachael Hamilton: Voices o' the Borders Celebrates First Anniversary (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01137](#) Rachael Hamilton: Children First Selkirk Action Group Celebrates 70 Years (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01136](#) Rachael Hamilton: Eildon Housing Association Wins Environmental Impact Award 2026 (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01134](#) Rachael Hamilton: Emtelle Wins Innovation in Business Award 2026 (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01133](#) Rachael Hamilton: Farne Salmon & Trout Named Large Business of the Year 2026 (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01132](#) Rachael Hamilton: The Homestead Café & Farm Shop Wins Food & Drink Producer of the Year 2026 (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle* R, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01131](#) Rachael Hamilton: Pearsons of Duns Wins Family Business of the Year 2026 (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01130](#) Rachael Hamilton: Borders Competitions Crowned Borders Favourite Business 2026 (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01128](#) Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Perth Airport on its 90th Anniversary (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

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New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*, Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Jamie Langan*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Joe Long*, Ariane Burgess*, Jamie Langan*, Senga Beresford*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Neil Bibby*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*, Tim Eagle*, Andrew Baxter*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

[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: Ariane Burgess*, Katy Clark*, Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Jackie Baillie*, Tim Eagle*, Alexander Burnett*, Russell Findlay*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Holly Bruce* R

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Lorna Slater*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S7M-00889](#) **Adam Harley: Congratulating Kirkintilloch Addiction Recovery Centre and the Legacy of Seamus Harkin** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S7M-00853](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating West College Scotland on its Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review** (lodged on 13 August 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

[S7M-00839](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating NHS Golden Jubilee Hospital for Performing the Most Heart Transplants in the UK** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

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

New Support: Paul McLennan*, Graham Simpson*, Steven Bonnar*, Jenni Minto*, Monica Lennon*, Thomas Kerr*, Stephen Kerr*, Julie MacDougall*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Kerr*

[S7M-00807](#) **Patricia Gibson: Suicide Prevention Week 2026 and World Suicide Prevention Day** (lodged on 6 August 2026)

New Support: Neil Bibby*

Questions

Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 23 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 16 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 17 September 2026.

Climate Action and Rural Affairs

1. Adam Harley
2. David Kirkwood
3. Patrick Harvie
4. Q Manivannan
5. Miles Briggs
6. Collette Stevenson
7. Jamie Langan
8. Tim Eagle
9. Monica Lennon
10. Max Bannerman

Education, Culture and Gaelic

1. Gary Bouse
2. Joe Long
3. Mark Griffin
4. Alan Brown
5. Paul Sweeney
6. Lloyd Melville
7. Meghan Gallacher
8. Katy Clark
9. Steven Bonnar
10. Jack Middleton

Members selected for General Questions on 22 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 16 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 17 September 2026.

1. Patricia Gibson
2. Stephen Kerr
3. Katie Hagmann
4. Holly Bruce
5. Liam Kerr
6. Victor Currie
7. Lorna Slater
8. James Adams

Members selected for General Questions on 24 September 2026

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The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 16 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 17 September 2026.

1. Amanda Bland
2. David Smith
3. David Green
4. Kate Campbell
5. Alex Kerr
6. Finlay Carson
7. Pauline McNeill
8. Willie Rennie
9. Katherine Sangster
10. Thomas Kerr

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 14 September 2026

[S7W-03257](#) **Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with the Welsh Government.

Written Questions lodged on 14 September 2026

[S7W-03204](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £2 bus fare cap in the Highlands and Islands, how much it has paid to private bus operators and how many passenger journeys have been made, to date.

[S7W-03205](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the payments it will make to private bus operators in the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport area in the financial year 2026-27 under the £2 bus fare cap.

[S7W-03206](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of passenger journeys that will be made under the £2 bus fare cap in the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport area during the financial year 2026-27.

[S7W-03207](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £2 bus fare cap in the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport area, how it has calculated the estimated number of passenger journeys, including any assumptions about passenger demand and the number of eligible journeys.

[S7W-03208](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the payments it will make to private bus operators in the Highlands and Islands in the financial year 2026-27 under the £2 bus fare cap.

[S7W-03209](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of passenger journeys that will be made under the £2 bus fare cap in the Highlands and Islands during the financial year 2026-27.

[S7W-03210](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £2 bus fare cap in the Highlands and Islands, how it has calculated the estimated number of passenger journeys, including any assumptions about passenger demand and the number of eligible journeys.

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[S7W-03211](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what implications the recently proposed East Coast Arc initiative might have for planned and existing infrastructure projects in North East Fife, and whether it expects that any additional funding will be made available to the area as a result.

[S7W-03212](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to a new rail link for St Andrews as part of the recently proposed East Coast Arc initiative for planned and existing infrastructure projects in North East Fife.

[S7W-03213](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it will allocate to repurposing homes that have been left derelict, abandoned or unused, in response to evidence provided by the Scottish Empty Homes partnership suggesting that there are 2,630 unused homes that have been empty for six months or more in Fife.

[S7W-03214](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set out what plans it has to assist local authorities in maintaining and expanding social housing stock, as set out in its Programme for Government.

[S7W-03215](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS boards are responsible for investigating patient experience complaints against GP practices that are not directly managed by the NHS.

[S7W-03216](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency's 12-month processing timescale for revising pension awards following retrospective pay settlements, whether it considers this timescale to be acceptable, and what measures are being taken to ensure that retired teachers receive any pension increases and arrears due to them within a reasonable timeframe.

[S7W-03217](#) **Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government how many retired teachers are currently awaiting pension recalculations by the Scottish Public Pensions Agency as a result of retrospective pay settlements, what the average processing time is for such cases, and whether it will set a target to reduce the reported 12-month waiting period.

[S7W-03218](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to calls for regulations to be updated to protect dogs from poor breeding practices, particularly those that can result in heritable health conditions.

[S7W-03219](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to review the impact of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025 in reducing illegal puppy trading.

[S7W-03220](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to conducting public awareness campaigns on illegal puppy trading.

[S7W-03221](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what date the three-month period of engagement on public service reform announced in the Programme for Government will begin and conclude, and what organisations it plans to meet with as part of this.

[S7W-03222](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the three-month period of engagement on public service reform announced in the Programme for Government 2026, whether it will publish a timetable, terms of reference and list of participants.

[S7W-03223](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the three-month period of engagement on public service reform announced in the Programme for Government, what arrangements it is making to enable frontline NHS and social care staff to take part directly, in addition to any engagement with trade unions and professional bodies.

[S7W-03224](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what account it will take of patient experience and clinical outcomes when developing proposals to replace the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic NHS boards.

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[S7W-03225](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government how, and by when, it will communicate with NHS staff whose employment might be affected by the proposed replacement of the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic NHS boards.

[S7W-03226](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it undertook with frontline NHS and social care staff before announcing its proposal to replace the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic boards.

[S7W-03227](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what account it has taken of the recommendations of the February 2021 *Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland* when developing its proposals for the future governance and delivery of social care.

[S7W-03228](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the results of any analysis that it has carried out on international models for the structure of social care and its integration with primary and secondary care.

[S7W-03229](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what annual savings will arise from replacing the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic boards.

[S7W-03230](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) staff redeployment, (b) severance, (c) information technology systems, (d) property and (e) other savings will arise from the replacement of the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic boards.

[S7W-03231](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government when the two proposed strategic NHS boards will (a) be established and (b) assume their full functions, and what legislation will be required.

[S7W-03232](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment to no compulsory redundancies, what arrangements will apply to staff whose posts will no longer be required following the replacement of the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic boards.

[S7W-03233](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of any savings arising from the replacement of the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic NHS boards will arise from (a) reductions in staffing and (b) other sources.

[S7W-03234](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding gap will face integration authorities in 2026-27, and whether any savings arising from the reorganisation of the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic NHS boards will be applied to reducing this.

[S7W-03235](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government how local accountability for NHS services will be maintained under the proposed structure of two strategic NHS boards, and what arrangements there will be for decision-making at a local level.

[S7W-03236](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, other than the island communities, whether the Single Authority Model referred to in the Programme for Government is being considered for other areas, including remote and rural mainland areas and the Highlands.

[S7W-03237](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its proposal for a single line of decision-making, accountability and funding for social care led by the NHS, who will have ultimate accountability for social care, and what role the Scottish Ministers will have.

[S7W-03238](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what role local authorities will have in the planning, delivery and oversight of health and social care services under its proposed reforms.

[S7W-03239](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to extending the powers of local authorities to scrutinise the planning and delivery of health and social care services as part of its proposed reforms.

[S7W-03240](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what effect replacing the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic NHS boards will have on (a) waiting times, (b) patient outcomes and (c) NHS staff wellbeing.

[S7W-03241](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that patient care is not disrupted during the proposed reorganisation of NHS boards, and how it will

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monitor and report any such disruption.

[S7W-03242 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government how any savings arising from the proposed reorganisation of NHS boards will be allocated, and what proportion will be reinvested in frontline clinical services.

[S7W-03243 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of savings arising from the proposed reorganisation of NHS boards and the reform of social care will be used to increase the pay of social care workers.

[S7W-03244 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government which elements of its proposals for the future governance and delivery of social care were previously contained in the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, as introduced.

[S7W-03245 Adam Harley](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the implications of its proposed reforms to NHS boards and social care governance will be for the governance, funding and accountability of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships.

[S7W-03246 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government on what date it plans to bring sections 23 to 25 of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 into force.

[S7W-03247 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce national guidance on screen time for children under five, including specific limits, similar to the guidance introduced in England.

[S7W-03248 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what resources, in addition to the advice available through the Parent Club platform, it is developing to provide parents and caregivers with clear and comprehensive guidance on managing screen time, device exposure and AI-driven tools for children under five in the home environment.

[S7W-03249 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it will (a) begin and (b) complete consultation on its Rural Renewal Bill.

[S7W-03250 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government when it was made aware of NHS's Tayside's reported low rate of compliance with Standard 3 of the Scottish Standards for Electroconvulsive Therapy, and what subsequent action it took after this was brought to its attention.

[S7W-03251 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the 2025 Scottish ECT Audit Network's report on data, and what steps it is taking to improve compliance with the Scottish Standards for Electroconvulsive Therapy that were introduced in 2023.

[S7W-03252 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken since the Scottish Standards for Electroconvulsive Therapy were introduced in 2023 to ensure compliance with the standards, including what engagement it has had with NHS boards.

[S7W-03253 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with NHS (a) Ayrshire & Arran, (b) Borders, (c) Fife and (d) Tayside regarding compliance with Standard 7 of the Scottish Standards for Electroconvulsive Therapy.

[S7W-03254 Willie Rennie](#): To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with NHS Tayside regarding compliance with Standard 3 of the Scottish Standards for Electroconvulsive Therapy.

[S7W-03255 Liam Kerr](#): To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of potential locations that would be suitable for the development of off-grid pumped-storage hydro facilities and offshore wind installations.

[S7W-03256 Alex Cole-Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking with the Office of the Public Guardian (Scotland) to address the reported backlog in registering Powers of Attorney.

[S7W-03258 Finlay Carson](#): To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the right to roam, in light of concerns raised by gamekeepers regarding the impact that certain activities can have

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on their ability to carry out land management effectively.

[S7W-03259 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential economic and social benefits of a managed transition from demersal mobile fishing to static-gear fisheries, as part of its consultation process regarding marine protected areas and priority marine features.

[S7W-03260 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the relative contribution of alternative management options to achieving benthic Good Environmental Status, as part of its consultation process regarding marine protected areas and priority marine features.

[S7W-03261 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the publication of its *Proposed Fisheries Management Measures for Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas* consultation, how the proposed measures take account of the findings and recommendations of Environmental Standards Scotland's recent report about the protection and recovery of Scotland's seafloor.

[S7W-03262 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its sectoral marine plan for offshore energy.

[S7W-03263 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress it has made regarding the establishment of a Scottish Marine Recovery Fund.

[S7W-03264 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government by what date it will require local authorities to introduce byelaws governing accommodation for seasonal agricultural workers.

[S7W-03265 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its engagement with local authorities to encourage the introduction of byelaws governing accommodation for seasonal agricultural workers, (a) which local authorities it has met with, and (b) whether it will provide copies of any minutes or records of these meetings.

[S7W-03267 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether visitor numbers at the 7Stanes trail network have increased or decreased over the last five years, and what assessment it has made of the reasons for any change.

[S7W-03268 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the potential economic impact of the 7Stanes network on Dumfries and Galloway and the Scottish Borders.

[S7W-03269 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution of mountain biking to tourism expenditure in Dumfries and Galloway.

[S7W-03270 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been allocated to the maintenance, repair and development of the 7Stanes trail network in each of the last 10 years, and what its position is on whether current funding levels are sufficient to maintain the 7Stanes network to an appropriate standard.

[S7W-03271 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support investment in mountain biking infrastructure in Dumfries and Galloway.

[S7W-03272 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the impact of trail closures, downgraded routes or maintenance backlogs on tourism and visitor numbers at 7Stanes centres, and what its long-term strategy is for the 7Stanes network and mountain biking tourism in south-west Scotland.

[S7W-03273 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that ending centralised funding for hybrid closed loop technology will have on the delivery of the prevention-focused ambitions set out in *Scotland's Population Health Framework 2025-2035*.

[S7W-03274 Finlay Carson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to further expansion of hybrid closed loop technology for people with type 1 diabetes as part of preparations for

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its 2027-28 Budget.

[S7W-03275](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish, or otherwise make available, the findings of the Centre for Sustainable Delivery's rapid value case on further expansion of hybrid closed loop technology, and what role this assessment is playing in preparations for its 2027-28 Budget.

[S7W-03276](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the link between hybrid closed loop technology uptake and resulting cost savings to NHS Scotland from improved health outcomes, such as fewer emergency hospital admissions.

[S7W-03277](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government who regulates taxi fares, and what capacity ministers have to review or monitor price increases in this area.

[S7W-03279](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that two in five men in Scotland die prematurely, and in light of this, whether it will commit to publishing a fully costed Men's Health Action Plan with measurable national and regional outcome targets or if it considers that existing arrangements are sufficient.

[S7W-03280](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the specific challenges affecting men's health outcomes in Dumfries and Galloway, and whether these will be reflected in any future Men's Health Action Plan.

[S7W-03281](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that access to GP services in remote and rural communities in Dumfries and Galloway has on the early diagnosis and treatment of health conditions affecting men.

[S7W-03282](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of men in the NHS Dumfries and Galloway area were diagnosed with prostate cancer at stages 1 and 2 in each of the last five years, and what action is being taken to improve early diagnosis rates.

[S7W-03283](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated to support men's mental health initiatives in the NHS Dumfries and Galloway area in each of the last three years, and what assessment it has made of the adequacy of current provision.

[S7W-03284](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of trends in male suicide rates in Dumfries and Galloway over the last decade, and what targeted interventions are in place to reduce the rate.

[S7W-03285](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the relationship between deprivation and male life expectancy in Dumfries and Galloway, and what targeted measures are being taken to reduce these health inequalities.

[S7W-03286](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to improve health outcomes among men employed in agriculture, forestry and other land-based industries, particularly in rural regions, including in Dumfries and Galloway.

[S7W-03287](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to increase uptake of NHS health checks, cancer screening programmes and preventative health services among men living in rural areas, including Dumfries and Galloway.

[S7W-03288](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what men's health data is routinely collected and reported at NHS board level, and whether it will publish a men's health profile for each board's area.

[S7W-03289](#) Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the economic cost of poor male health outcomes in Dumfries and Galloway, including lost productivity and premature mortality.

[S7W-03290](#) Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any recent discussions with the Scottish Human Rights Commission regarding reviewing Orders for Lifelong restrictions.

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[S7W-03291](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has reviewed the support programmes available in Scottish Prisons for Orders of Lifelong restriction sentences.

[S7W-03292](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the original purpose of Orders of Life Long restriction have been adhered to.

Progress of Legislation

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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

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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)

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

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