

Wednesday 16 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:15am Rural Affairs Committee

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

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Transport Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

The Presiding Officer has Grouped the following questions: Justice - Questions 3 and 4, and Questions 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Justice

1. Amanda Bland: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of a recent Police Scotland Freedom of Information response indicating that there have been 342 referrals involving South-East Asian children since 2020, including 31 cases of sexual exploitation, what action it is taking to ensure that Vietnamese children at risk of trafficking are identified at an early stage, protected from exploitation and provided with appropriate support. ([S7O-00220](#))

2. David Barratt: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the criminal trade in counterfeit cigarettes in local communities, including what support it provides to trading standards departments. ([S7O-00221](#))

3. Andrew Baxter: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address any barriers faced by victims of domestic abuse in rural and remote communities. ([S7O-00222](#))

4. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that women and girls in rural and coastal communities who experience domestic abuse and gender-based violence have equal access to specialist support and protection, including through the criminal justice system. ([S7O-00223](#))

5. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report by the Auditor General for Scotland, *Criminal courts backlog follow-up*. ([S7O-00224](#))

6. James Adams: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the backlog of cases in Scotland's courts and reduce waiting times for court proceedings. ([S7O-00225](#))

7. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that waiting times for High Court trials are expected to almost triple by 2028. ([S7O-00226](#))

8. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that waiting times for High Court trials are set to triple by 2028. ([S7O-00227](#))

9. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether existing police powers and criminal offences relating to the wearing of face coverings are sufficient. ([S7O-00228](#))

10. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase funding for policing and community safety initiatives in rural areas, in light of recent data indicating upward trends in criminality in Dumfries and Galloway. ([S7O-00229](#))

Health and Care

1. Jack Middleton: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of NHS Grampian's GRACE project and its use of AI in detecting lung cancer. ([S7O-00230](#))

2. Kate Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government when it anticipates that the GP walk-in clinic in Musselburgh will be operational. ([S7O-00231](#))

3. Calum Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that its proposed reform of NHS boards will make it easier to access appropriate assessment and support for neurodivergent people,

particularly adults. ([S7O-00232](#))

4. Alan Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the availability of African and Asian donor eggs for in vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment within the NHS. ([S7O-00233](#))

5. David Linden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership regarding funding for day centres for older people. ([S7O-00234](#))

6. Irshad Ahmed: To ask the Scottish Government what model of financial support it is considering as part of its Programme for Government commitment to provide additional support with energy costs for people with a terminal illness, including its plans and timings for delivering this work. ([S7O-00235](#))

7. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether the commitment in the Programme for Government "to ensure that, by the end of 2031, no one waits more than 26 weeks for treatment" applies to all forms of healthcare, including gender identity services. ([S7O-00236](#))

8. Max Bannerman: [Not Lodged] ([S7O-00237](#))

9. Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the provision of services for people with Type 1 diabetes across Scotland. ([S7O-00238](#))

10. Jenni Minto: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Highland regarding the provision of kidney dialysis services to ensure that people are receiving treatment close to home. ([S7O-00239](#))

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Hyperscale Data Centres

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01177.5](#) Hannah Mary Goodlad: Hyperscale Data Centres—As an amendment to motion S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "believes new hyper-scale data centres in Scotland will only be approved where they have met robust environmental impact assessments, which will take account of any impact on the amenity of any neighbouring communities; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to the swift creation of national planning and spatial guidance by the end of the year for the determination of conditions, under which data centre development should be permitted; believes that, in order to gain planning approval, any proposals for data centres should demonstrate how they would minimise emissions for their energy usage and not impact on water usage and how community wealth benefit will be built in to the business case; notes that best practice for the creation of data centres includes steps to support decarbonisation and to recycle waste heat for wider community use; recognises the increased utilisation of AI and further development of such technology, and calls for strong domestic regulation of and international collaboration on the development and use of AI systems to ensure its safe and ethical use, and to address the scale and seriousness of potential threats the use of AI may pose now and in the future."

[S7M-01177.1](#) Graham Simpson: Hyperscale Data Centres—As an amendment to S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises the importance of data centres to Scotland's digital economy; notes however growing concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of hyperscale developments on energy demand, water resources, agricultural land and local communities; believes that greater certainty is needed for communities, planning authorities and investors alike, and calls on the Scottish Government to

urgently publish national guidance defining what constitutes a green data centre, setting clear environmental standards and prioritising development on appropriate brownfield and industrial sites.

S7M-01177.3 Daniel Johnson: Hyperscale Data Centres—As an amendment to motion S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), insert at end "believes that Scotland has great strengths in data science and energy, and as such, a clear industrial strategy is required to maximise the economic benefits of AI data centre developments, including jobs and wages; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a clear definition of what constitutes a hyperscale data centre and to issue national planning guidance, alongside robust environmental standards and assessments, to inform national and local decision-making on current and potential hyperscale data centre planning applications; notes that such guidance must provide clarity on spatial, community and social impacts of any such developments and that decisions must be based on community consent; agrees that consideration must be given to implementing community benefit schemes and adjusting the non-domestic rates regime or other tax measures to ensure that economic benefits are accrued by communities in which such data centres are sited; calls on the Scottish Government to report back to Parliament on the development of national planning guidance by the end of the current calendar year and to publish this guidance in full within 12 months, and believes that no decisions on planning or consenting in relation to such applications should be made until this has been completed."

followed by Scottish Green Party Debate: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions

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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01178.5 Stephen Gethins: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), insert at end "recognises, however, that any such decisions must be taken in accordance with the current legal framework, noting that trade sanctions, foreign policy, export controls and economic sanctions remain reserved to the UK Government; urges the Scottish Government to continue to engage with the UK Government on the recently announced package of measures, including sanctions; reiterates its call on the UK Government to place an immediate ban on licenced arms exports from the UK to Israel; reaffirms its support for humanitarian access as well as lasting peace through a two-state solution, and also reaffirms its commitment to the international rules-based system and international humanitarian law."

S7M-01178.3 Neil Bibby: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), insert at end "; notes the actions being progressed by the UK Government in relation to illegal settlements, including an import ban on settlement goods, sanctions against individuals, an advertising ban and arms export restrictions, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to consider what further actions they can take to secure a lasting peace between the two states of Israel and Palestine and to uphold international law.

S7M-01178.4 Russell Findlay: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "condemns the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, in which approximately 1,200 people were murdered, and 251 people were taken hostage, including children and British nationals; notes several reports, including findings by the

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United Nations, that rape and sexualised torture were committed during the attacks and against women and children held hostage in captivity; recognises Israel as a democratic state and a longstanding ally of the UK, and acknowledges the importance of UK-Israel intelligence sharing in tackling shared threats and protecting citizens; recognises Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas and Hezbollah, both of which are terrorist organisations proscribed in the UK and receive support from Iran; notes that foreign policy is reserved matter to the UK Parliament; recognises that Israeli settlements and settler violence undermine the prospects for peace; considers, however, that blanket boycotts will not advance a two-state solution and risk deepening community tensions in the UK, and supports a two-state solution that guarantees security for Israelis and Palestinians."

[S7M-01178.1](#) David Green: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), insert at end “; further believes that public bodies should ensure that all due diligence processes are up to date so that no companies with links to human rights abuses are provided with public funding; recalls that Parliament passed motion S6M-16571 on 26 February 2025, calling on Scottish Enterprise to review its human rights due diligence checks; notes that, since confirming in a GIQ on 25 June 2025 that the review had taken place and that, steps would be taken to implement its findings during 2025-26, no further information has been published, and calls, therefore, on Scottish Enterprise, to update Parliament on progress and whether any new human rights due diligence process has been created as a result of this review."

followed by Business Motions

[S7M-01187](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Right to Decide

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

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Addressing Drug Harms

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate

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 Debate: Growing Scotland's Creative Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 29 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 September 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

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(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 24 September 2026, that Rule 13.9.3 be varied to replace the words “of up to 15 minutes” with “of up to 20 minutes”.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S7M-01188](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum relating to the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill.

[S7M-01189](#) Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill at Stage 1.

[S7M-01190](#) Jamie Hepburn: Office of the Clerk—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2027 and 31 January 2028, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 26 March, 29 March, 3 May, 28 May, 31 May, 10 September, 26 November, 24 December (pm), 27 and 28 December and 3 and 4 January 2028.

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Scotland's Rainforest

[S7M-00319](#) Jenni Minto: Scotland's Rainforest—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's rainforest and associated natural habitats; understands that under all climate warming scenarios over the coming century, Scotland will increase its global share of the temperate rainforest biome, making it the best place on the planet to regenerate this habitat; notes that Argyll and Bute hosts approximately 50% of what remains in Scotland, and therefore holds a central role in this regeneration; recognises the significant role of the Alliance For Scotland's Rainforest in promoting the importance of Scotland's rainforest as well as the need to protect and expand it; welcomes the recent discovery of a number of rare species, including glow-worms and slime moulds, in Scotland's rainforest; recognises the immense work of the Argyll Countryside Trust (ACT) following the launch of the West Cowal Rainforest Habitat Regeneration - Biological Recording project in June 2024, which has now identified 1,109 species across the project area, and commends the team at ACT and all of the volunteers who have contributed to this project.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee 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.

Rural Affairs Committee 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.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee 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 Humphreys, 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.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 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.

Health, Care and Sport Committee 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.

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

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 9 September 2026

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

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

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Policing, Crime Prevention and the Response to Mental Health Crisis in Mid Scotland and Fife

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

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5:30 pm Decision Time

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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>

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;
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

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Public Service Reform Committee

17 September 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- 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.
- Pre-budget scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Scottish Commission for Public Audit

18 September 2026

1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:30AM in Committee Room 1

- Declaration of interests:** Members will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- Choice of Chair:** The Commission will choose a Chair.
- Choice of Deputy Chair:** The Commission will choose a Deputy Chair.
- Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2025 and Auditors Report:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Colin Crosby, Chair of the Board, Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, and Waqas Sanawar, Head of Finance, Audit Scotland.
and then from—
David Jeffcoat, Partner and Jillian So, Manager, TC Group.
- Quality of Public Audit in Scotland Annual Report 2025/26:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

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Colin Crosby, Chair of the Board, Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, Waqas Sanawar, Head of Finance, and Jonny Steen, Director of Audit Quality and Appointments, Audit Quality and Appointments, Audit Scotland.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Secretary to the Scottish Commission for Public Audit at scpa@parliament.scot

Motions

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Motions for debate

***[S7M-01200](#) Angela Constance: Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation**—That the Parliament notes with concern the increasing risk of the global spread of misinformation relating to public health on social media, including through the use of AI-altered content; recognises that accessible, science-based and trustworthy health information is essential to supporting people to make informed decisions about their health, maintaining confidence in public health interventions and improving health outcomes; acknowledges the importance of taking an ethical approach to information integrity, and that misleading or false health information has a detrimental impact on society; notes with concern the rise in vaccine misinformation that has been spread in society since the COVID-19 pandemic; agrees that anyone who is eligible for life-saving vaccinations should be able to access the care that they need without the risk of harmful misinformation causing unnecessary concern or fear; further agrees that every Member of the Scottish Parliament has a responsibility to ensure that they use factual, science-based and trusted sources of health information from the NHS, public bodies and academia to protect public health, and that members should collaborate to tackle the rise of harmful online misinformation.

Supported by: Maree Todd*, Alison Thewliss*

[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-01178.5](#) Stephen Gethins: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), insert at end “recognises, however, that any such decisions must be taken in accordance with the current legal framework, noting that trade sanctions, foreign policy, export controls and economic sanctions remain reserved to the UK Government; urges the Scottish Government to continue to engage with the UK Government on the recently announced package of measures, including sanctions; reiterates its call on the UK Government to place an immediate ban on licenced arms exports from the UK to Israel; reaffirms its support for humanitarian access as well as lasting peace through a two-state solution, and also reaffirms its commitment to the international rules-based system and international humanitarian law.”

Supported by: John Swinney*, Jamie Hepburn*

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***[S7M-01178.4](#) Russell Findlay: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “condemns the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, in which approximately 1,200 people were murdered, and 251 people were taken hostage, including children and British nationals; notes several reports, including findings by the United Nations, that rape and sexualised torture were committed during the attacks and against women and children held hostage in captivity; recognises Israel as a democratic state and a longstanding ally of the UK, and acknowledges the importance of UK-Israel intelligence sharing in tackling shared threats and protecting citizens; recognises Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas and Hezbollah, both of which are terrorist organisations proscribed in the UK and receive support from Iran; notes that foreign policy is reserved matter to the UK Parliament; recognises that Israeli settlements and settler violence undermine the prospects for peace; considers, however, that blanket boycotts will not advance a two-state solution and risk deepening community tensions in the UK, and supports a two-state solution that guarantees security for Israelis and Palestinians.”

***[S7M-01178.3](#) Neil Bibby: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), insert at end “; notes the actions being progressed by the UK Government in relation to illegal settlements, including an import ban on settlement goods, sanctions against individuals, an advertising ban and arms export restrictions, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to consider what further actions they can take to secure a lasting peace between the two states of Israel and Palestine and to uphold international law.

***[S7M-01178.1](#) David Green: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01178 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions), insert at end “; further believes that public bodies should ensure that all due diligence processes are up to date so that no companies with links to human rights abuses are provided with public funding; recalls that Parliament passed motion S6M-16571 on 26 February 2025, calling on Scottish Enterprise to review its human rights due diligence checks; notes that, since confirming in a GIQ on 25 June 2025 that the review had taken place and that, steps would be taken to implement its findings during 2025-26, no further information has been published, and calls, therefore, on Scottish Enterprise, to update Parliament on progress and whether any new human rights due diligence process has been created as a result of this review.”

[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.

***[S7M-01177.5](#) Hannah Mary Goodlad: Hyperscale Data Centres**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “believes new hyper-scale data centres in Scotland will only be approved where they have met robust environmental impact assessments, which will take account of any impact on the amenity of any neighbouring communities; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to the swift creation of national planning and spatial guidance by the end of the year for the determination of conditions, under which data centre development should be permitted; believes that, in order to gain planning approval, any proposals for data centres should demonstrate how they would minimise emissions for their energy usage and not impact on water usage and how community wealth benefit will be built in to the business case; notes that best practice for the creation of data centres includes steps to support decarbonisation and to recycle waste heat for wider community use; recognises the increased utilisation of AI and further development of such technology, and calls for strong domestic regulation of and international collaboration on the development and use of AI systems to ensure its safe and ethical use, and to address the scale and seriousness of potential threats the use of AI may pose now and in the future.”

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*, Tom Arthur*, Stephen Flynn*

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***[S7M-01177.4](#) Rachael Hamilton: Hyperscale Data Centres**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “recognises the potential economic benefits of investment in data centres and the opportunities that they can provide for Scotland’s AI and digital economy; acknowledges the need to consider the cumulative impacts of such developments and the importance of ensuring that communities hosting major energy and digital infrastructure can share in the benefits of investment; regrets that the Scottish Government has failed to provide clear national guidance despite the growing number of proposed developments; calls on the Scottish Government to publish updated planning guidance, including a clear definition of a green data centre and to ensure that impacts on energy resilience and rural communities are properly assessed; rejects the introduction of a blanket moratorium on new hyperscale data centres, which risks deterring investment from Scotland, and calls on Scottish Ministers, pending the introduction of updated guidance, to use their existing Environmental Impact Assessment screening direction powers when considering on hyperscale data centre applications, to provide greater protection for communities and greater certainty for local authorities and developers.”

***[S7M-01177.3](#) Daniel Johnson: Hyperscale Data Centres**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), insert at end "believes that Scotland has great strengths in data science and energy, and as such, a clear industrial strategy is required to maximise the economic benefits of AI data centre developments, including jobs and wages; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a clear definition of what constitutes a hyperscale data centre and to issue national planning guidance, alongside robust environmental standards and assessments, to inform national and local decision-making on current and potential hyperscale data centre planning applications; notes that such guidance must provide clarity on spatial, community and social impacts of any such developments and that decisions must be based on community consent; agrees that consideration must be given to implementing community benefit schemes and adjusting the non-domestic rates regime or other tax measures to ensure that economic benefits are accrued by communities in which such data centres are sited; calls on the Scottish Government to report back to Parliament on the development of national planning guidance by the end of the current calendar year and to publish this guidance in full within 12 months, and believes that no decisions on planning or consenting in relation to such applications should be made until this has been completed."

***[S7M-01177.2](#) David Green: Hyperscale Data Centres**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “recognises the concern that proposed data centre developments have created in communities across Scotland; believes that meaningful engagement with local communities is essential and will lead to better decisions; recognises the importance of data to the delivery of public services; calls for the Scottish Government to produce a comprehensive, transparent and effective data centre strategy and planning framework by the end of 2026 to give local authorities, communities and businesses the certainty that they need; believes that data centre development should be aligned with available grid capacity, comply with robust environmental standards and safeguard communities and businesses by considering factors such as proximity to population centres, and supports mandatory community benefit from data centre developments.”

***[S7M-01177.1](#) Graham Simpson: Hyperscale Data Centres**—As an amendment to S7M-01177 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Hyperscale Data Centres), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises the importance of data centres to Scotland’s digital economy; notes however growing concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of hyperscale developments on energy demand, water resources, agricultural land and local communities; believes that greater certainty is needed for communities, planning authorities and investors alike, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently publish national guidance defining what constitutes a green data centre, setting clear environmental standards and prioritising development on appropriate brownfield and industrial sites.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

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***[S7M-01191](#) Liam McArthur: Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands—**That the Parliament recognises that, for many island, coastal and rural communities, including those in Orkney, short-haul flights that connect them with mainland Scotland and the rest of the UK are a lifeline service, providing vital transport links for NHS patients, local businesses and the wider community; notes the deep concern of communities regarding the recent decision by Loganair to reduce services on routes from Inverness that connect the Northern and Western Isles with mainland Scotland, and the wider concern that this reflects an ongoing pattern of consolidation by the operator, which has cited the financial unsustainability of certain routes; recognises that reductions in flight availability and increasing fares can adversely affect the resilience and economies of island, coastal and rural communities; understands that the Scottish Government has already committed funding to restore air services from Inverness to island communities from October; notes the view that a long-term strategy is required to support a resilient, sustainable and accessible air transport network and that the development of such a strategy must be led by Scottish Ministers in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and informed by the needs and perspectives of island and coastal communities, and welcomes recent steps by the Scottish Government to take this work forward, while noting the call for this work to be done as a matter of urgency.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Gary Bouse*, Donald MacKinnon*

***[S7M-01185](#) Amanda Bland: Making Scottish Politics a Place Where Women Can Enter, Lead and Stay—**That the Parliament notes Engender's April 2026 report, *Standing Down, Speaking Out*, which found that 23 of the 40 MSPs who stood down before the 2026 election were women; recognises that women cannot achieve equal representation if the culture and conditions of political life drive them out; believes that sexism, misogyny, harassment, workload and caring responsibilities must never be barriers to public service, including for those in the Central Scotland and Lothians West region, and notes the calls on the Parliament and political parties to make Scottish politics a place where women can enter, lead and stay.

Supported by: Mark Simpson*, Victor Currie*, Max Bannerman*, Angela Ross*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01201](#) Julie MacDougall: Recognising the Service of Fife Armed Forces Veterans —**That the Parliament recognises the veterans of the British armed forces from Fife, both past and present, who have served their country; understands that data from the last census suggested that Fife has the highest proportion of veterans in all of Scotland, standing at 9.8% of the total population in the area; notes the importance of ensuring the welfare of the veteran community, with the census statistics also showing that 759 sets of households across Scotland housed a veteran who was either homeless or at serious risk of becoming homeless, and calls for the promises made in the Armed Forces Covenant to be fully upheld by local authorities to support the brave veterans of Fife who have made great sacrifices for the safety and security of the UK for many years.

***[S7M-01198](#) Karen Adam: Celebrating Fraserburgh Cricket Club's Community Cohesion—**That the Parliament commends the inclusivity, kindness and community spirit of Fraserburgh Cricket Club and its members; recognises that the club provides a welcoming and positive opportunity for everyone to play cricket regardless of background or ability; supports the team's integration of Afghan refugees who now play for the club; thanks the club for helping people settle into new environments; celebrates Fraserburgh Cricket Club being a Disability Cricket Champion Club; thanks the club for the work that it is doing in bringing the local community together; celebrates what it sees as this fantastic example of community cohesion, and wishes Fraserburgh Cricket Club every success in its endeavours.

***[S7M-01196](#) Kristopher Leask: Fèis Rois Celebrates 40th Anniversary—**That the Parliament congratulates Fèis Rois on reaching its 40th anniversary in 2026; acknowledges that the Ross-Shire arts organisation was established in 1986 and has grown to become a nationally-recognised leader in traditional music education, enabling people of all ages to participate in and experience traditional

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music and the Gaelic language and enriching the cultural life in Ross-Shire; notes that Fèis Rois works with over 5,000 young people and adults every year through its residential fèisean, a year-round programme of music-making opportunities in the formal and informal sectors, and performance opportunities; recognises the remarkable contribution that Fèis Rois has made to ensuring that people of all ages and abilities in Ross-Shire and beyond can participate in and experience traditional music and the Gaelic language, and to removing barriers to participation throughout its programme and through bespoke projects; commends the organisation for the concert celebrating its 40th anniversary, featuring a 40-piece house band of past and present tutors and participants, many of whom have gone on to lead successful careers as performing musicians, as well as special guests including the Kiltarn Fiddlers, Cluich Rois, the Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail, Duncan and Rona MacLeod, Fell Line, and The Maes, and wishes Fèis Rois continued success for many years to come.

***[S7M-01195](#) Claire Baker: Recognising Fife Gingerbread's Lone Parent Positive Workplaces and Working 4 Families Projects** —That the Parliament recognises Fife Gingerbread's Lone Parent Positive Workplaces and Working 4 Families projects, which both deliver specialised employability and parental support in Fife; believes that these projects aim to help to overcome barriers to work and empower lone parents by providing tailored support, enabling economic independence, while advocating for more inclusive and flexible workplaces to help parents remain in employment and progress within the workplace; understands that the projects help single and low-income parents move into education, training or sustainable employment through work placements whilst working in partnership with local employers, including Fife Sports and Leisure Trust, Greener Kirkcaldy, Citizens Advice and Rights Fife and Fife Council; notes that Fife Gingerbread's family approach has been delivered by the organisation since August 2023, and in this time has come to exemplify how a support service can adopt a holistic, whole-family approach to employability; acknowledges the positive impacts on families across Fife and recognises that targeted financial inclusion creates pathways that build confidence, strengthen families and provide parents with the tools to improve life chances for both themselves and their children; is grateful to everyone at Fife Gingerbread for all their hard work, and understands that the recent Breakfast & Blether Employability networking event, celebrating Employability Day and showcasing the impactful employability support provided by the organisation, was a great success.

***[S7M-01194](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Apprentices Recognised at the Fife Council Apprentice Excellence Awards 2026** —That the Parliament congratulates the apprentices who were recognised for their hard work, dedication and achievements at the Fife Council Apprentice Excellence Awards 2026; understands that the awards celebrated apprentices from across different trades and services, highlighting the skills, commitment and talent helping to build Fife's future workforce; believes that apprentices play an important role in delivering services and supporting local communities across the Fife region every day; applauds the event for also raising a total of £3,092.12 for two local charities, Fairway Fife and Youth 1st, with each receiving £1,546.06, which will help them continue their valuable work in communities across Fife, and extends its very best wishes for continued success to all the apprentices who were recognised.

***[S7M-01193](#) Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Saltire Rare Malt on Receiving Six Scottish Whisky Award Nominations**—That the Parliament congratulates Saltire Rare Malt on receiving six nominations at the 2026 Scottish Whisky Awards; understands that the Falkland-based company was crowned Newcomer of the Year at the 2025 awards; recognises its success in producing a range of exclusive single malt Scotch whiskies; welcomes its celebration of Falkland's historic association with whisky, including the earliest recorded reference to Scotch whisky in 1494, when King James IV is reported to have requested it while residing at Falkland Palace, and wishes the company continued success in the future and the very best of luck at the Scottish Whisky Awards.

***[S7M-01192](#) Jack Middleton: Welcoming Designated Alcohol Areas at Hampden Park During the Upcoming Men's Nations League Fixtures**—That the Parliament welcomes news that the Tartan Army will be allowed to drink alcohol at designated areas of Hampden Park during the upcoming Men's Nations League fixtures against Switzerland and Slovenia; understands that the granting of

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these licences follows successful trials of alcohol at football during friendly matches against Japan and Curaçao earlier in 2026; acknowledges that no adverse incidents relating to these trials were recorded; commends the globally-celebrated behaviour of Scotland's football fans at the 2026 World Cup where many cheered on their country with a beer in hand; notes that a 2026 report from Scotland's Coefficient states that similar trials involving 10 SPFL clubs over 20 matches, with an accumulative attendance of over 96,000 fans, produced no reported alcohol-related disorder incidents; further notes the successful ongoing pilot by Aberdeen FC, where a licence for the 2026-27 season has been granted for the Richard Donald Stand, and looks forward to what it believes will be the continued success of similar trials across Scotland.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Steven Bonnar*, Paul Sweeney*, Gary Bouse*

[*S7M-01190](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Office of the Clerk**—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2027 and 31 January 2028, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 26 March, 29 March, 3 May, 28 May, 31 May, 10 September, 26 November, 24 December (pm), 27 and 28 December and 3 and 4 January 2028.

[*S7M-01189](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill at Stage 1.

[*S7M-01188](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum relating to the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill.

[*S7M-01187](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Right to Decide

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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Wednesday 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 Ministerial Statement: Addressing Drug Harms

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate

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 Debate: Growing Scotland's Creative Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 29 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

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followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 September 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 September 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

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(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 24 September 2026, that Rule 13.9.3 be varied to replace the words “of up to 15 minutes” with “of up to 20 minutes”.

***[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

***[S7M-01183](#) Rachael Hamilton: Oscar Onley’s Outstanding Success at the Vuelta a España**—That the Parliament congratulates Kelso cyclist, Oscar Onley, on his outstanding performance at the 2026 Vuelta a España, including winning the young rider classification and securing the prestigious white jersey; notes that Oscar safely navigated the final stage in Granada to finish sixth overall; celebrates that his achievement marks the first time since 1985 that a Scot has stood on the podium of La Vuelta; recognises what it sees as the remarkable achievements of the 23-year-old Scottish Borders cyclist on the international stage; notes that his latest success follows an exceptional fourth-place finish overall at the 2025 Tour de France, which equalled the best result by a Scottish rider in the history of the race; acknowledges the determination and resilience that Oscar has demonstrated throughout the 2026 season, overcoming illness and crashes to compete against some of the world’s leading cyclists; believes that his achievements are a source of immense pride for Kelso, the Scottish Borders and Scotland as a whole, and that his success will inspire young people across the Borders and beyond to take up cycling and pursue their sporting ambitions; recognises the important role of local cycling and sporting communities in nurturing talented young athletes, and wishes Oscar every success as he continues what it considers to be a hugely promising career at the highest level of international cycling.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Stephen Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01182](#) Thomas Kerr: Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding Between Reform UK and Rassemblement National**—That the Parliament welcomes the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Reform UK and Rassemblement National on 4 September 2026; notes the memorandum’s statement that the UK and France share a mutual interest in stopping illegal migrants crossing the English Channel because, according to the memorandum, such crossings involve breaches of UK laws, pose a threat to people in Scotland and impose significant costs on communities; agrees with the memorandum’s commitment to both countries, under the above respective parties’ leadership, to pursue a restrictive national immigration policy that puts an end to any incentive for illegal immigration, including unprecedented measures to combat illegal working, prohibit any legal status for undocumented migrants and restrict access to welfare for illegal migrants; believes that measures should address the prevention of the passage of illegal migrants via cross-Channel routes, through juxtaposed controls; commends the agreement that, under the leadership of

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Rassemblement National, France would do its utmost to stop all departures of illegal migrants by boat or other modes of transport from French soil to the UK, and supports the memorandum's agreement that the UK would intercept boats that have departed from French shores and entered British territorial waters and return those on board to France where they would ordinarily be accepted and repatriated to their home country in accordance with French law concerning expulsion.

Supported by: Helen McDade*, Amanda Lindsay*, Kim Schmulian*, Max Bannerman*, Julie MacDougall*, Victor Currie*, Mark Simpson*, David Smith*, Senga Beresford*

[*S7M-01181](#) **Carol Mochan: National Rehabilitation Awareness Week**—That the Parliament recognises National Rehabilitation Awareness Week and the vital contribution that rehabilitation makes to helping people to recover from illness and injury, manage long-term conditions and live independently; acknowledges the important role that community rehabilitation plays in preventing avoidable hospital admissions, supporting timely discharge and reducing pressure on health and social care services; notes reported concerns that access to rehabilitation remains inconsistent across Scotland, with people experiencing unequal access based on geography, diagnosis or local service capacity; welcomes the work of the Right to Rehabilitation Coalition, which brings together more than 20 professional and third sector organisations committed to improving access to rehabilitation, and calls on the Scottish Government to improve equitable access to rehabilitation services across Scotland and to ensure that rehabilitation is embedded as a core component of a sustainable, preventative and community-based health and social care system.

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Jackie Baillie*, Kate Nevens*, Paul Sweeney*, Steven Bonnar*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01180](#) **Heather Anderson: Charleston Matters and the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards 2026** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Paul McLennan*, Gary Bouse*, Paul Sweeney*, Alex Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Emma Roddick*, Collette Stevenson*, Stuart McMillan*, Lloyd Melville*, Steven Bonnar*

[S7M-01176](#) **Carol Mochan: Cuban Women Demand an End to the Blockade** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*, Kate Nevens*, Steven Bonnar*

[S7M-01175](#) **Clare Haughey: Congratulating Morna Ferguson BEM** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Miles Briggs*, Collette Stevenson*, Steven Bonnar*

[S7M-01174](#) **Amanda Lindsay: Migraine Awareness Week** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Victor Currie*, R, Amanda Bland*, Angela Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Emma Roddick*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01173](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding between Scotland, Wales and the North of Ireland** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Laura Mitchell*, Dawn Black*, Gary Bouse*, Karen Adam*, Emma Roddick*, Bob Doris*, Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01172](#) **Stephen Kerr: Celebrating the Outstanding Success of BBC Radio 2 in the Park in Stirling** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01171](#) **David Linden: Developing a Men's Health Action Plan** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Steven Bonnar*

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[S7M-01170](#) **Jenni Minto: Brain Tumour Tissue Preservation and Patient Choice in Scotland** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Gary Bouse*, Amanda Bland*, Julie MacDougall*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Jackie Baillie*, Lloyd Melville*, David Barratt*

[S7M-01168](#) **Heather Anderson: Wild Dundee Nominated in Nature of Scotland Awards 2026** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*, Steven Bonnar*

[S7M-01167](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Commemorating 20 Years of The Skinny** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Kate Nevens*, Duncan Dunlop*, Liam McArthur*

[S7M-01166](#) **Jackie Baillie: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*, Emma Roddick*, Steven Bonnar*

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

New Support: Steven Bonnar*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Emma Roddick*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Karen Adam*, Emma Roddick*, Steven Bonnar*

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

New Support: Gary Bouse*, Karen Adam*, Steven Bonnar*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-01149](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulates Helensburgh Choral Festival on its Inaugural Event** (lodged on 14 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Emma Roddick*

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

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New Support: Dawn Black*, Victor Currie* R, Miles Briggs*

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

New Support: Victor Currie* R, Amanda Bland*, Amanda Lindsay*, Miles Briggs*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

[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: Lloyd Melville*

[S7M-01129](#) **Paul McLennan: Scotland's Constitutional Future** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

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

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

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

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett* R

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

New Support: Paul McLennan*, David Linden*, Alex Kerr*, Jenni Minto*, Karen Adam*, Zen Ghani*, Martyn Day*, Clare Haughey*, Collette Stevenson*, Alyn Smith*, 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: Kate Nevens*, Joe Long*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S7M-01001](#) **David Torrance: 10th Anniversary of Kirkcaldy Wizards Running Group** (lodged on 31 August 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[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: Lloyd Melville*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: David Barratt*

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Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 17 September 2026

- 1. Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00041](#))
- 2. Jackie Baillie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00042](#))
- 3. Ross Greer:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00043](#))
- 4. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00044](#))
- 5. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00045](#))

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 15 September 2026

[S7W-03305](#) **Lloyd Melville:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its regulatory check of local road user charging powers under Part 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001.

Written Questions lodged on 15 September 2026

[S7W-02863](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support the treatment and care of cisgender female, transgender and gender diverse individuals with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS) and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders (HSD), given that these groups are reportedly at greater risk of developing such conditions.

[S7W-03293](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reported calls from the Scottish Retail Consortium and Scottish Tourism Alliance for the UK Government to restore tax-free shopping for overseas visitors in its upcoming budget, as a means of supporting Scotland's retail, tourism and hospitality sectors.

[S7W-03294](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the current operational status of the Liberty Steel Plate Mill at Dalzell, including whether rolling has restarted, on what date production last took place, how many tonnes have been rolled in 2026 to date, and how many staff are (a) on site, (b) on furlough or reduced hours, and (c) engaged only in care and maintenance.

[S7W-03296](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the condition of the furnaces and rolling equipment at Liberty Steel Dalzell, including whether it has received any reports of underinvestment or maintenance backlogs that could prevent sustained production.

[S7W-03297](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds on whether Liberty Steel Dalzell is currently fulfilling its contract with Navantia, to supply plate for the Fleet Solid Support ships, including what tonnage has been delivered, what the agreed delivery timetable is, and what assessment it has made of any potential risks to that timetable.

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[S7W-03298](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding Scottish Enterprise's working-capital loan to Liberty Steel Dalzell, what the outstanding balance is of the loan, when repayments under the loan were originally due, what repayments have been received to date, and whether any discussions have taken place regarding the restructuring of, or the writing off of, any part of the loan.

[S7W-03299](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support arrangements or financial liabilities it still has in place relating to Dalzell, Clydebridge or other GFG Alliance companies in Scotland, and what the maximum possible cost to the public purse would be in each case.

[S7W-03300](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government how much public money has been spent, directly or indirectly, supporting wages, site safety or care and maintenance at Dalzell and Clydebridge mills, in each year since 2024.

[S7W-03301](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what contingency plans are in place for Dalzell Plate Mill in the event that GFG Alliance is unable to fund feedstock, working capital or a sustained restart of operations, and whether those plans include consideration of public acquisition, a facilitated sale, or the site being placed under the control of an official receiver or a similar mechanism.

[S7W-03302](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Dalzell Plate Mill in Motherwell, whether it has received, considered or discussed any proposal from a third party, including Sir David Murray or any other potential operator, to acquire or operate the site, on what dates any such discussions took place, and what its current position is on facilitating such a transfer.

[S7W-03303](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the current status of GFG Alliance's consideration of a sale of Clydebridge, whether the site is being actively marketed, and whether it has discussed, or plans to discuss, any conditions related to environmental remediation, employment or future industrial use with any prospective purchaser.

[S7W-03304](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on using public acquisition, a public-interest transfer or a joint vehicle with the UK Government to secure the long-term future of Dalzell Plate Mill in Motherwell, in light of reports that the UK Government will take British Steel and Speciality Steel UK into public ownership.

[S7W-03306](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it can provide regarding when local authorities and community groups will be able to access the recently announced Flood Resilience Fund.

[S7W-03307](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment in the *Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Delivery Plan* to introduce statutory nature restoration targets by 2026, for what reason consultation on targets has been delayed until 2027, and what steps it is taking to establish targets as soon as possible.

[S7W-03308](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of reports that NHS Lothian is unable to offer mammogram appointments in Edinburgh, and how it is working with NHS Lothian to ensure that local appointments for breast screening services can be offered to women in Edinburgh who require one.

[S7W-03309](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the code of practice on investigative functions as set out in section 57 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, (a) how many revisions there have been since the Act came in to force, (b) how long each revised version was in place for, and (c) what was the reason for each review.

[S7W-03310](#) **Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to revise the existing provisions on cross-boundary funded childcare placements set out in the *Early learning and childcare: statutory guidance - July 2021* as part of the reforms to childcare announced in its Programme for Government.

[S7W-03311](#) **Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings it has had with COSLA to discuss the issue of local authorities ceasing the provision of cross-boundary funded

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childcare placements in the current calendar year, and on what date or dates those meetings took place.

[S7W-03312 Jenny Young:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to provide any additional funding to local authorities to support the provision of cross-boundary funded childcare placements, as part of the wider reforms to childcare announced in its Programme for Government.

[S7W-03313 Jenny Young:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce a binding duty on local authorities to provide cross-boundary funded childcare placements in the current parliamentary session.

[S7W-03314 Kate Nevens:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has made to Scottish Enterprise regarding the publication of its Human Rights Due Diligence procedure, following previous indications that the agency planned to publish this guidance.

[S7W-03315 Kate Nevens:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm which companies have been subject to and failed human rights due diligence checks since Scottish Enterprise's revised human rights due diligence checks came into force, including on what basis Barclays reportedly passed the due diligence process.

[S7W-03316 Kate Nevens:](#) To ask the Scottish Government on what basis further Scottish Enterprise payments can continue to be made to companies that have previously received awards and have retrospectively been found to be implicated in genocide or other grave international law violations.

[S7W-03317 Kate Nevens:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has made of companies that receive Scottish Enterprise funding and are involved in illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian Territories.

[S7W-03318 Kate Nevens:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what plans are in place to ensure that any company restricted from access to public funding is also restricted from involvement in the governance of public funds, including holding a leadership role on public bodies and assets such as Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board (SAAB) and Apprenticeship Approvals Group (AAG).

[S7W-03319 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how often operational baseline levels have been breached by Police Scotland in each of the last five years.

[S7W-03320 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how often operational baseline levels have been met by Police Scotland in each of the last five years.

[S7W-03321 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how often resource tolerance indicators have been breached by Police Scotland in each of the last five years.

[S7W-03322 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how often resource tolerance indicators have been met by Police Scotland in each of the last five years.

[S7W-03323 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many police officers on modified duty were conducting "back office" roles in Police Scotland in the last year.

[S7W-03324 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many police officers not on modified duty were conducting "back office" roles in Police Scotland in the last year.

[S7W-03325 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the average length of service is for officers in Police Scotland.

[S7W-03326 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the total FTE headcount of civilian staff in Police Scotland has been in each year since the current force was established.

Progress of Legislation

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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.

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Lead committee - Transport

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

Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1b

Lodged on 2 September 2026

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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)

Subject to annulment by 29 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

[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)

Subject to annulment by 4 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 2 November 2026

[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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the Cladding Remediation Programme September 2026 (SG/2026/121) laid under Section 30 & 31 of the Housing(Cladding Remediation)(Scotland) Act 2024

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report 2025-26 (SG/2026/204) laid under Section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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