

Thursday 17 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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5:30 pm Decision Time

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Climate Action Committee

9:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

9:30am Public Service Reform Committee

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1. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what dialogue it has had with the UK Government regarding Royal Mail's preparations for the 2026 festive season, including how Royal Mail will support businesses in Scotland during their busiest time of the year. ([S7O-00240](#))

2. Colm Merrick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of Scotland's Cladding Remediation Programme. ([S7O-00241](#))

3. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to produce planning and environmental guidance on AI data centres. ([S7O-00242](#))

4. Katherine Sangster: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that students who are enrolled in, but not regularly attending college courses, are accurately classified in statistics on young people who are not in education, employment or training. ([S7O-00243](#))

5. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to address youth unemployment and whether it will work with the UK Government to support the delivery of better opportunities for young people. ([S7O-00244](#))

6. Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its consideration of changes to the Additional Dwelling Supplement to take account of exceptional circumstances and introduce an extended repayment period for owners of properties affected by cladding and fire safety issues, including the Bond Building in Edinburgh. ([S7O-00245](#))

7. Joe Long: [Not Lodged] ([S7O-00246](#))

8. Heather Anderson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the rollout of the £2 bus fare cap to the City of Dundee and the wider Tayside area. ([S7O-00247](#))

9. Yi-pei Chou Turvey: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on ensuring that families, particularly those in rural areas, have choice and flexibility in accessing childcare services ([S7O-00248](#))

10. Duncan Massey: [Not Lodged] ([S7O-00249](#))

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

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](#))

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01200.3](#) Helen McDade: Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation—As an amendment to S7M-01200 in the name of Angela Constance (Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation), insert at end "; agrees that in addition to being factual and evidence-based, information must be unbiased and balanced to allow people to make fully informed decisions and calls on the Scottish Government, in its own decision-making, to follow the example it expects others to; notes that a 2023 study, commissioned by the Scottish Government, found that only 29% of the public believed that its own current COVID-19 guidance was trustworthy, demonstrating the need for the Scottish Government to understand the role that it has played in the public losing trust in health information that it issues; believes that health information covers everything related to health, and considers statements that the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital was safe, when some wards were known and later found not to be, to constitute misinformation.

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[S7M-01200.2](#) Miles Briggs: Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation—As an amendment to Motion S7M-01200 in the name of Angela Constance (Addressing the Harms of Health Misinformation), insert at end "; supports the development of a new national approach to health literacy, that enables people to find, understand and use public health information to make informed decisions about their health and to support others to do so; notes the recent Movember report on men's health in Scotland and its call for a public health approach to addressing the online harms and disinformation affecting boys and young men, building on the Scottish Government's Online Safety Taskforce Action Plan; further notes that such an approach should be adopted as a cross-government priority, and calls on the Scottish Government to review how all public health information can build trust, improve health literacy and open routes into support and services, as part of a more coherent national approach to service redesign and public policy."

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

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

S7M-01039 Stephen Kerr: Policing, Crime Prevention and the Response to Mental Health Crisis in Mid Scotland and Fife—That the Parliament notes the findings of HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland's report, *Thematic review of policing mental health in Scotland*, which was published in October 2023 and reported that at least half of deployable frontline uniformed officers are regularly engaged in mental health-related calls, a single such call can engage two officers and a vehicle for a full shift and Police Scotland "is filling gaps in the health and social care system in Scotland"; further notes the evidence provided to the Criminal Justice Committee that mental health calls rose from just under 400 per day in 2018 to an average of 666 by the first quarter of 2024, that the officer time absorbed by mental health incidents in 2023-24 was equivalent to 612 full-time constables, which is more than the staffing complement of five local policing divisions, and that approximately 70% of such incidents occur at NHS hospitals; acknowledges the views of the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents that present arrangements amount to "mission creep", and of the Scottish Police Federation that handover of mental health crises to the most appropriate service is at best delayed and at worst non-existent; considers that communities across Mid Scotland and Fife are best served by officers who are free to prevent and detect crime, and believes that an individual in mental health crisis is entitled to a response from health professionals with the training, powers and facilities to help them, rather than from the police.

Committee Meetings

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

Climate Action Committee 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.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 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.

Public Audit Committee 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.

Public Service Reform Committee 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.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 16 September 2026

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: Child Maintenance, Protecting Children and Families in Scotland

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: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Thursday 24 September 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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followed by Scottish 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: Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes

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

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

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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>

Scottish Commission for Public Audit

18 September 2026

1st Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Declaration of interests:** Members will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
- 2. Choice of Chair:** The Commission will choose a Chair.
- 3. Choice of Deputy Chair:** The Commission will choose a Deputy Chair.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Quality of Public Audit in Scotland Annual Report 2025/26:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
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

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

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Supported by: Maree Todd, Alison Thewliss

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Supported by: Joe Long*, Irshad Ahmed*

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01204 Tim Eagle: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland](#)**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of good transport connectivity to the long-term sustainability and resilience of rural and island communities across Scotland; believes that people are less likely to live, work, raise families and invest in rural areas when reliable connections to employment, education, healthcare and essential services cannot be guaranteed; notes with concern the growing number of rural bridges that are closed, restricted or in need of significant repair, including Cloddach Bridge, Arthur's Bridge, the Spey Viaduct and other bridges across Moray and the wider Highlands and Islands region; believes that the closure or prolonged restriction of such infrastructure can have a disproportionate impact on rural communities; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to create a dedicated National Bridge Restoration Fund to allow local authorities to apply for funding to fix these vital links; acknowledges the £2 bus fare cap pledge in the Highlands and Islands, but believes that affordable fares are of limited benefit where bus services are infrequent, unreliable or have been withdrawn; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Small Town and Rural Bus Services Fund that would allow local authorities to apply for additional funding to keep bus routes open; recognises the vital role of air services in connecting remote and island communities; welcomes the launch of Project SEAN by Bristow, in partnership with HIAL, HITRANS and other organisations, which will develop electric aviation infrastructure across the Highlands and Islands; believes that new technologies could support the development of future passenger, NHS, cargo and other essential services to communities with poor connectivity; recognises the importance of delivering long-promised improvements to Scotland's strategic road network, including the dualling of the A9 and A96 and a permanent solution to the A83 Rest and Be Thankful; believes that repeated delays, reviews and further rounds of planning cannot substitute for delivery, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to match its commitments on tackling rural depopulation with the funding and action necessary to deliver the transport infrastructure and services that rural Scotland needs to remain populated, prosperous and connected.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Dawn Black*, Helen McDade*, James Adams*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01227 Craig Hoy: Relocation of Luna Textiles Ltd to Buccleuch Mill in Langholm](#)**—That the Parliament welcomes the relocation of Luna Textiles Ltd, a leading UK manufacturer of premium wool-filled bedding and home comfort products, from Hebden Bridge to Buccleuch Mill in Langholm; recognises the importance of the textile industry to Langholm's heritage and local economy; notes that the relocation is expected to create up to 10 jobs by 2029 and provide employment opportunities for people with specialist textile skills; further notes the £70,000 grant awarded by South of Scotland Enterprise to support new machinery and increased production capacity; understands that the

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company uses traceable British wool, including wool sourced from farms in Scotland; commends Luna Textiles Ltd's commitment to quality, sustainability and British manufacturing, and wishes the company every success at its new premises and in contributing to the future of Langholm's textile sector.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01226](#) Laura Mitchell: 100 Years of the Anderson's Primary School Building** —That the Parliament congratulates Anderson's Primary School in Forres on the centenary of the building in which it is now based; recognises that the building originally opened as Forres Academy in September 1926 and subsequently welcomed generations of school pupils before becoming Anderson's Primary School in 1971; acknowledges the central role the building has played in the educational and community life of Forres over the last 100 years, with generations of pupils, staff and families having passed through its doors and contributed to its rich history; appreciates that the school will open its doors to the public on 3 October 2026, giving visitors the chance to explore the building and share memories; notes the school's ongoing appeal for photographs, stories and memorabilia to help create a detailed historical record for future generations; thanks all those involved in organising the centenary celebrations, and wishes Anderson's Primary School, its pupils, staff, former pupils, and the wider Forres community every success as they celebrate this significant milestone.

***[S7M-01225](#) Liam Kerr: Bothy Butter Marks Expansion with Move of Production to ONE SeedPod**—That the Parliament recognises Bothy Butter as it relocates production to ONE SeedPod, located on the Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) Aberdeen Campus at Craibstone; understands that ONE SeedPod launched in 2025 and provides food-safe manufacturing kitchens and in-house experts for ambitious food and drink companies to diversify and refine their product ranges and drive growth; notes that Kim Cameron's Bothy trading portfolio began with a jam bothy in 2013, and following success in the 2014 World Jampionships, a jam production kitchen was launched in Angus; further notes that the Bothy trading portfolio has since expanded, with the introduction of the Gin Bothy and Bothy Butter in 2023; recognises that following the closure of Angus-based North Street Dairy in 2023 after 104 years in operation, Bothy Butter acquired its butter churner and long-standing recipe, which it has adapted and now uses to produce butter using only Scottish cream and salt; acknowledges that Bothy Butter's larger premises have enabled it to significantly boost its output, from 20 to 100 litres per batch, while still producing a traditionally churned product made by hand; understands that the larger premises also mean Bothy Butter can supply hospitality businesses with 20g butter medallions and 1kg catering blocks, in addition to its 200g butter logs, and meet rising demand from customers including hotels and chefs; notes the jobs that the expansion has already created and will create for North East workers; celebrates with Kim Cameron and the team at Bothy Butter, and wishes them every success for the future.

Supported by: James Adams*

***[S7M-01224](#) Patricia Gibson: Geco Connect Ltd Secures EDGE Awards** —That the Parliament congratulates Geco Connect Ltd, based in Stewarton, on its success in the Scottish EDGE Awards to help develop its business; recognises the leadership of the managing director and founder of Geco Connect in driving this business forward; understands that Scottish EDGE is Scotland's largest funding competition and aims to identify and support up-and-coming, innovative, high-growth potential and entrepreneurial talent; believes that Geco Connect's AI-enabled digital wellbeing platform has huge potential to support Scotland's residential care and education sector, support SHANARRI reporting (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included), outcome tracking and inspection readiness, representing the application of innovative talent to support those working with some of Scotland's most vulnerable children; further believes that, despite the incredible commitment of care workers, teachers, residential staff and support teams, the administrative burdens can often result in time being taken away from supporting the young people in their care; notes that Geco Connect can help create better outcomes for young people while ensuring leaders have the oversight that they need to provide the regulators with the evidence required, and looks forward to seeing the platform expand its reach across the sector to enable a more integrated approach to working with children in care.

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***[S7M-01223](#) Maggie Chapman: Aberdeen Live Closure**—That the Parliament notes the reported closure of *Aberdeen Live* by Reach plc and the significant impact that it believes this will have on journalists, their families and the wider community; recognises the contribution made by the *Aberdeen Live* team in reporting on the people, communities and issues of Aberdeen and the North East; believes that local journalism matters because people deserve reliable news regarding what is happening in their own communities and the opportunity to hold those in power to account; is concerned that the loss of another local newsroom adds to the growing pressure on local and regional journalism across the North East; believes that this matters particularly at a time when misinformation is widespread; considers that, because of this, trusted, locally rooted journalism is more important than ever; recognises the value of journalists having the time, resources and security to build relationships with the communities they serve, and stands in solidarity with the journalists and staff at *Aberdeen Live* affected by the announcement.

Supported by: Laura Moodie*, Ross Greer*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Ariane Burgess*, James Adams*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01222](#) Morven-May MacCallum: Shetland Wool Week 2026**—That the Parliament celebrates Shetland Wool Week 2026, which will take place between 27 September and 3 October; understands that Shetland Wool Week began 17 years ago to celebrate Britain's most northerly native sheep, Shetland's textile industry and its rural farming communities; understands that throughout Wool Week, events will take place at various locations across Shetland, including hands-on workshops and classes, talks, exhibitions, tours and social events; congratulates designer Helen Robertson on being selected as Wool Week Patron; understands that Helen's appointment as patron recognises her skill, creativity and commitment to sharing Shetland's knitting traditions, with her work blending traditional techniques with innovative approaches; notes that Helen exclusively designed the official 2026 Shetland Wool Week knitting pattern, the Birsie Beanny hat, with its patterns reflecting Helen's work and inspirations, including Shetland lace traditions; believes that the popularity of Shetland Wool Week reflects the vibrancy and creativity of Shetland's textile sector; commends the hard work of the organisers, and wishes everyone involved a successful and enjoyable Wool Week.

Supported by: James Adams*

***[S7M-01221](#) Morven-May MacCallum: First Female Junior Jarl Elected for Shetland's Junior Up Helly Aa**—That the Parliament congratulates Erin Harries on being elected as junior jarl for the 2027 Junior Up Helly Aa Festival in Lerwick; understands that Erin will make history as the first female junior jarl in the junior fire festival's 70 years; notes that girls were only allowed to take part in the festival for the first time in 2023; understands that 13-year-old Erin was elected as junior jarl by first and second year pupils at Anderson High School in Lerwick at the end of the summer holidays; notes that the junior jarl leads a Viking squad to visit schools, take part in a torchlight procession and burn a replica Viking long ship; further notes that Erin has said that her squad will include an equal number of girls and boys; recognises the enthusiasm shown by young people in Shetland for the festival and praises them on their passion for equal participation; believes that Erin will inspire young people across Shetland in her role as junior jarl, and wishes her and all involved a successful and enjoyable Junior Up Helly Aa in January 2027.

Supported by: James Adams*

***[S7M-01220](#) Steven Bonnar: Remembering Bellshill Athletic Legend Rab Brown**—That the Parliament notes with sadness the passing of Rab Brown, a lifelong supporter and dedicated servant of Bellshill Athletic FC; recognises the remarkable contribution that he made to the club over many decades, both on and off the pitch, including as a player, committee member and groundsman; acknowledges the commitment and pride that he showed in caring for Rockburn Park and helping to ensure that it remained a place where players, supporters and the wider community could come together; notes that Rab's dedication was formally recognised through his induction as an honorary member of Bellshill Athletic in 2023; recognises the lasting contribution that volunteers make to grassroots sport and the communities that they serve, and sends its deepest condolences to Rab's

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wife, Isobel, his son, James, his wider family and all those at Bellshill Athletic who knew and valued Rab.

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***[S7M-01219](#) Collette Stevenson: Recognition of Lewis's Summer Fundraising Challenge for Maxwellton Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates seven-year-old Lewis Findlay, a P3 pupil at Maxwellton Primary School in East Kilbride, on successfully completing an ambitious summer fitness and fundraising challenge; notes that his self-set challenge included swimming 1,400 metres, cycling 46 kilometres, running 18 kilometres, climbing Ben A'an alongside his five-year-old sister, Evie, and conquering Ben Lomond; understands that Lewis surpassed his initial targets, raising an impressive £1,205 to fund improvements to his school playground; commends the Maxwellton Primary School Parent Council and school community for building upon Lewis's initiative by engaging pupils directly in decisions on how the funds should be invested; recognises the dedication, community spirit, and determination shown by Lewis to enhance outdoor play for his fellow pupils, and wishes Lewis, his family, and everyone at Maxwellton Primary School every success for the future.

***[S7M-01218](#) Jack Middleton: Concern for Journalism Jobs in the North East**—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported announcement that news website, *Aberdeen Live*, is to close; understands that the closure is part of plans on behalf of the title's owner, Reach plc, to cut around 160 editorial jobs across its output; considers that local journalism is a cornerstone of a well-functioning democratic society, and believes that these job losses further undermine local scrutiny in the north east of Scotland, after reported cuts in broadcast journalism from the loss of STV North news earlier in 2026.

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Collette Stevenson*, Dawn Black*, James Adams*

***[S7M-01217](#) Maree Todd: Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Health, Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Angela Constance*, Alison Thewliss*

***[S7M-01216](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society Invited to Perform at RSNO Season Opening**—That the Parliament congratulates Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society (KOS) on being invited by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) to perform at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall ahead of the RSNO's 2026-27 season opening concert; understands that the invitation follows the success of both orchestras at the 2026 Royal Philharmonic Society Awards in London, where KOS won the voter-decided Inspiration Award, recognising the work of amateur music-making groups across the UK, while the RSNO received the Ensemble Award for the outstanding quality and scope of its performances and work; notes that KOS members will perform for concert goers as they arrive at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, with a programme featuring works from the orchestra's repertoire, including Vaughan Williams' *Prelude to the 49th Parallel*, original compositions by KOS Resident Composer John Gourlay and excerpts from John Williams' soundtrack to *Star Wars*; considers the invitation from one of Scotland's leading professional orchestras to be a significant honour and further recognition of the talent, dedication and achievements of KOS and its members; congratulates the orchestra's musical director and conductor, Graeme Wilson, who is marking 50 years at its helm during the 2026-27 season; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that KOS makes to the cultural life of Kirkcaldy and the wider community, providing opportunities for amateur musicians to perform and share orchestral music with audiences; commends everyone involved with KOS on what it considers to have been an outstanding year for the orchestra, and wishes its members every success for their performance at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and for their forthcoming 2026-27 season, On Tour with KOS.

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***[S7M-01215](#) Morven-May MacCallum: Future of Cromarty Museum**—That the Parliament recognises the historic and cultural importance of Cromarty Museum to the Black Isle; notes that the museum is housed in Cromarty Courthouse, a category A listed building constructed in the 1770s and a rare surviving example of a courthouse predating the reform of the Scottish legal system; further notes that the building opened as a museum in the early 1990s and that it holds the collections and archaeological finds that record the story of Cromarty; acknowledges that the building is at risk, with damp and water ingress threatening the care of the collection, and that its steps, steep staircase and narrow corridors restrict access for people with mobility difficulties; commends the ambition of the museum's small staff team, trustees and volunteers, who have completed an options appraisal and a feasibility study and secured permission to apply to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a capital redevelopment that would make the building wind- and watertight and create level access, a lift, an accessible toilet and a flexible community space; understands that the museum hopes to reopen in 2031 to mark the courthouse's 250th anniversary, and wishes everyone involved every success in securing a sustainable and thriving future for Cromarty Museum. **R**

***[S7M-01214](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Commendation of the RNLI**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in protecting lives at sea and on inland waterways across the UK; commends the dedication and bravery of RNLI volunteers, including those serving communities in Edinburgh North Western; notes that, in recent weeks, RNLI volunteers bravely rescued four people from Cramond Island, demonstrating once again the vital role that the charity plays in ensuring public safety; acknowledges that such life-saving operations are made possible through the commitment of volunteers and the generosity of charitable donations, which fund essential training, equipment and rescue services; expresses concern at reported criticism directed towards the RNLI for carrying out rescues of people in distress in the English Channel; recognises that the RNLI's long-standing humanitarian principle is to save lives regardless of nationality, race, place of origin or immigration status; believes that this impartial commitment to preserving human life lies at the heart of the organisation's mission and values, and commends the RNLI and its volunteers for their selfless service and unwavering dedication to saving lives across the nation's seas, rivers and waterways.

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***[S7M-01213](#) David Torrance: Lang Toun Fest Expands to Six Weeks for 2027**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Lang Toun Fest will return in 2027 with an expanded six-week programme, running from 4 June to 18 July; recognises the continued growth and success of the festival, which has developed into one of Kirkcaldy's largest and most diverse community celebrations; understands that the extended programme will create additional opportunities for local organisations, groups, venues, performers and residents to participate, while allowing the festival to extend into the opening weeks of the school summer holidays; notes that the 2027 programme will have a particular focus on music, arts, family activities and health and wellbeing, including live performances, exhibitions, creative workshops, outdoor activities and community initiatives; believes that the expansion of Lang Toun Fest will provide further opportunities to showcase the talent, culture, creativity and community spirit that exist across Kirkcaldy and the wider Fife area; recognises the potential for the extended festival to attract additional visitors to Kirkcaldy, support local businesses and venues and encourage people of all ages to participate in activities throughout the town; commends Lang Toun Partners, participating organisations, venues, volunteers and everyone involved in the continued development of the festival; considers that Lang Toun Fest demonstrates the important role that community-led events can play in bringing people together, supporting local culture and strengthening pride in Kirkcaldy, and wishes everyone involved every success as preparations continue for what it hopes will be the biggest Lang Toun Fest to date.

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***[S7M-01212](#) Morven-May MacCallum: GlenWyvis Distillery in Dingwall**—That the Parliament congratulates everyone involved at GlenWyvis Distillery on what has been achieved since the community came together to establish it in 2015; understands that GlenWyvis, which is owned by its members, was the world's first distillery owned entirely by the local community, that its first share offer raised £2.6 million in 77 days and that more than 3,000 people have since invested in the project; recognises that distilling returned to Dingwall in 2018 for the first time since the closure of the Ben Wyvis distillery in 1926, restoring a tradition that reaches back to the Ferintosh privilege, which was granted across the Cromarty Firth in 1690; commends the distillery's approach to sustainability, with its operations powered by renewable sources including wind, hydro, solar and biomass; notes the work of its GoodWill Fund in supporting community projects in and around Dingwall; acknowledges that the distillery has faced significant challenges in recent years, including the recruitment pressures common to the rural food and drink sector and difficult conditions in global spirits markets, and commends the perseverance of its directors, staff, volunteers and members in keeping distilling in community hands in Dingwall. **R**

***[S7M-01211](#) Morven-May MacCallum: Staff and Volunteers of Mikeysline**—That the Parliament commends the staff and volunteers of Mikeysline for their work in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of people across the Highlands, Moray and the islands; notes that the charity was established in 2015 and now provides an evening textline 365 days a year, one-to-one support sessions and support in local secondary schools; recognises the achievement of the charity's Hive on the Road, a converted van launched in 2024 and understood to be the first mobile mental health support vehicle of its kind in Scotland that brings confidential one-to-one support to remote and rural communities and attends major community events across the region, with a second vehicle added to the fleet in 2025; understands that National Records of Scotland recorded 704 probable suicide deaths in Scotland in 2024, that the rate in the Highland Council area has been significantly higher than the Scottish average and that remote small towns have had the highest rates of any area type for most of the last decade; acknowledges the sustained funding pressures third sector organisations face in delivering mental health support, particularly those covering large and sparsely populated areas where the cost of reaching people is high, and wishes everyone at Mikeysline well as they deliver this important service.

***[S7M-01210](#) Morven-May MacCallum: Staff of Inverness Jobcentre Plus**—That the Parliament thanks the staff of Inverness Jobcentre Plus, and of every jobcentre across the Highlands and Islands region, for their work in helping constituents into secure and rewarding employment; recognises the effort that work coaches put into building the confidence, skills and work experience of the people who come through their doors, often over many months and at difficult points in their lives; acknowledges the challenges that jobseekers in the Highlands and Islands face in obtaining work, including the scarcity of childcare in rural and island communities, limited and infrequent public transport, the seasonal pattern of much local employment and the cost of travelling long distances to interviews and training; acknowledges the finding in the Highlands and Islands Regional Economic Partnership's *Childcare in Rural and Island Communities Evidence Report*, which was submitted to Scottish ministers in May 2025, that childcare accessibility problems now affect more than 100 rural and island communities in the region; notes that around 63% of the population of the Highland Council area lives in rural or remote areas; commends the efforts of jobcentre staff to work around these barriers through outreach, flexible appointments and partnership working with local employers, colleges and Skills Development Scotland, and wishes them continued success in supporting constituents into good and sustainable employment.

***[S7M-01209](#) Morven-May MacCallum: Volunteer Firefighters at Balintore Community Fire Station**—That the Parliament thanks the volunteer firefighters of Balintore Community Fire Station for the time, training and commitment that they give to keeping their community safe; recognises that crews on the volunteer duty system carry a pager throughout their family and working lives and turn out to house fires, wildfires and road traffic collisions across the community; notes that the station was established in 1975 and has now served its community for five decades; commends the employers

across the community who release members of staff during the working day to respond to emergency calls and attend training and considers that, without that flexibility, many rural stations could not maintain their availability; notes that, of the 356 fire stations operated by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, 43 are volunteer stations; understands that recruitment and retention remain a particular challenge in remote and rural communities, and believes that volunteer and on-call crews are indispensable to the resilience of the fire and rescue service across the Highlands and Islands.

Supported by: Helen McDade*

***[S7M-01208](#) Morven-May MacCallum: Erskine Veterans Activity Centre North in Forres**—That the Parliament commends the staff and volunteers of the Erskine Veterans Activity Centre in Forres for their contribution to the wellbeing of the armed forces community in Moray and across the Highlands and Islands region; notes that the £1.3 million centre opened its doors in December 2024; understands that its membership has grown from over 300 at the time of opening to around 700 veterans now; further understands that the centre offers free access to counselling, gym facilities, art classes, IT courses and financial advice; notes that Scotland's Census 2022 recorded 176,100 UK armed forces veterans living in Scotland, with Moray hosting the highest proportion of any local authority area; understands that research by the Royal British Legion found that one in four respondents from the armed forces community felt lonely or socially isolated, and that leaving the armed forces was the most commonly cited cause; believes that centres of this kind are vital in tackling isolation, supporting mental health and easing financial hardship among those who have served; recognises the generosity of the people, businesses and community organisations of Forres and the surrounding area, who have given money, goods and time to the centre since before it opened, and wishes everyone connected with it well.

***[S7M-01207](#) Jack Middleton: Welcoming Aberdeen's New General Practice and Mental Health Teaching Centre**—That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the General Practice and Mental Health Teaching Centre in Aberdeen; notes that this purpose-built education facility, which is located in the University of Aberdeen's Health Sciences Building at NHS Grampian's Foresterhill campus, has welcomed its first cohort of final-year medical students and has already seen hundreds of patients attend the clinic; understands that this centre is a UK first, providing medical students with supervised experience with real patients while supporting GP practices and mental health teams across the region by creating thousands of additional patient appointments each year; further understands that the centre has enabled the creation of four full-time GP posts, a consultant psychiatrist post and several support staff roles; congratulates the partnership between University of Aberdeen, NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership on delivering what it considers to be a ground-breaking initiative, and hopes that it leads the way in helping to transform Scotland's local health services.

Supported by: Zen Ghani*, Colin Beattie*, Clare Haughey* R, Dawn Black*

***[S7M-01206](#) Holly Bruce: First Hampden For All**—That the Parliament acknowledges the significance of the site of Scotland's first national football ground and the world's first purpose-built international football stadium, which for more than a century has been home to Hampden Bowling Club and served the communities of Glasgow Southside; notes concerns arising from the closure of the bowling club regarding the future of this beloved community green space; endorses First Hampden For All's campaign to keep the site open and accessible to all as both a community hub and a football heritage site, and calls for immediate action to preserve the important history of the site and support its future as a community-led resource for the people of Glasgow Southside and beyond.

Supported by: James Adams*, Cara McKee*, Laura Moodie*, Ross Greer*, Iris Duane*, Q Manivannan*, Colin Beattie*, Marie McNair*, Colm Merrick*

***[S7M-01205](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Builders (Contractors) Limited Named Top Small Scottish House Builder**—That the Parliament congratulates Orkney Builders (Contractors) Limited on being named the Top Small Scottish House Builder at the National House Building Council's 2026 Pride in

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the Job Awards, which were held in Glasgow on 11 September 2026; understands that this is the second time in three years that the company has earned this award; notes that Orkney Builders' Eric Wallace also received a Seal of Excellence Award for Scotland, and will now go on to compete in the Pride in the Job Supreme Awards taking place in London in January 2027; considers these awards to be a reflection of the hard work, skills and attention to detail that Orkney Builders bring to every project site; thanks its entire team for consistently delivering high-quality construction services to businesses and families across Orkney; congratulates all of the businesses and individuals nominated at this year's Pride in the Job Awards on their achievements, and wishes them continued success in the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Collette Stevenson*, Max Bannerman*

***[S7M-01203](#) Paul Sweeney: Centre for Contemporary Arts and Third Eye Centre Archives**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Glasgow Life has formally secured the complete archive of the Third Eye Centre and Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA); understands that this acquisition safeguards more than five decades of cultural heritage, including exhibition records, artists' correspondence and film, which chronicle Glasgow's development as a major centre for contemporary art; recognises the months of behind-the-scenes work and collaborative partnership between Glasgow Life, Rachael Rennert, the Business Archives Surveying Officer for Scotland, and Kiara King at the specialist archives charity, The Ballast Trust, in securing these records, which were at risk; commends the work of The Ballast Trust, which was founded in 1988, for its ongoing dedication to rescuing, sorting and cataloguing Scotland's industrial, business, and organisational archives; notes that this successful intervention with insolvency practitioners will be shared as a case study at the Insolvency Practitioners Association (IPA) event in October 2026; believes that this case demonstrates the vital importance of developing a more systemic approach to safeguarding Scotland's business and organisational records, which play a crucial role in preserving the economic, industrial, social, cultural, and creative history of the nation, and looks forward to the collection being catalogued by the Glasgow City Archives team at the Mitchell Library and made publicly accessible for future generations.

***[S7M-01202](#) Jackie Baillie: Centenary of Our Lady & St Mark's Church, Alexandria**—That the Parliament congratulates Our Lady & St Mark's Church, Alexandria, on the celebration of its centenary on 15 March 2026; understands that the parish marked 100 years since the opening of the church with a Mass of Thanksgiving led by The Most Reverend William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow, alongside the parish priest, Father Charles McElwee, and members of the congregation; recognises the significant contribution that the church has made to the community over the past century as a place of worship, reflection, celebration and support for generations of families; acknowledges the dedication of parishioners, volunteers, clergy and community groups whose commitment has sustained the church throughout its history; notes the important role that it continues to play in strengthening community cohesion, supporting families and providing comfort during times of hardship, and wishes everyone associated with Our Lady & St Mark's Church every success as it begins its second century of service to the people of Alexandria and the wider West Dunbartonshire community.

***[S7M-01199](#) Tim Eagle: Award Winning Argyll Coffee Roasters Feature at The Clachan**—That the Parliament welcomes that one of Argyll Coffee Roasters' signature blends, the award-winning Clyde Steamer blend, is featuring in its Clachan coffee bar during September 2026; notes that Argyll Coffee Roasters was founded in 2018 in Tighnabruaich by Eve McFarlane with an emphasis placed on hand roasting small batches of speciality-grade coffee in a sustainable way; understands that Argyll Coffee Roasters pays more for their beans than the base rate for coffee in order to fairly support coffee bean farmers; notes that the Clyde Steamer blend won the silver award at the Great British Food Awards in 2024, and wishes the whole team at Argyll Coffee Roasters well for the future.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, David Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Angela Ross*, Helen McDade*, James Adams*

***[S7M-01197](#) Liam McArthur: Two Orcadians Shortlisted for BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Gregor Corse and Donna Cuthbertson, both from

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Orkney, on being shortlisted for the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards 2026, which were held in Glasgow on 14 September 2026; understands that four-year-old Gregor was named a finalist in the Young Hero Award category for his fundraising efforts earlier this year, which saw him raise over £70,000 for local charity, Inclusive Orkney; notes that Gregor has since held a second fundraiser for two other local organisations, mental health charity, Soma's Light, and cancer support charity, CLAN, raising nearly £10,000 to date; understands that Donna was nominated in The Active Award category for her efforts to tackle isolation and improve mental well-being within the community through her Orkney Dance and Fitness sessions, which are held both online and in person across Orkney; recognises that through her work with Orkney Dance and Fitness, Donna has supported countless older people to build strength, confidence and community, particularly in Orkney's more rural isles; considers that their nominations are a well-deserved recognition of the positive impact that both Gregor and Donna have made within their community; thanks them both for representing Orkney so well on a national stage; congratulates all of the nominees and winners of the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards, and wishes them all the very best for the future.

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[S7M-01179 Steven Bonnar: Congratulating Mark Sommerville, a Powerful Voice for MND](#)—That the Parliament congratulates Mark Sommerville, who is from Uddingston, on being named the winner of the Fundraiser Award at the BBC Scotland Make a Difference Awards; recognises Mark's extraordinary determination and commitment to supporting people affected by MND, following his own diagnosis; notes that he established the Mark Sommerville Foundation and has raised more than £120,000 for MND research and care; recognises his work advocating for faster access to clinical trials and greater support for people living with MND, including engaging with policymakers at both Scottish and UK level; acknowledges the contribution of the wider team behind the Foundation, and commends Mark and everyone involved with the Foundation for their inspiring commitment to improving the lives of people and families affected by MND and ensuring that their voices are heard.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Fulton MacGregor*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01201 Julie MacDougall: Recognising the Service of Fife Armed Forces Veterans](#) (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Thomas Kerr*, Angela Ross*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01198 Karen Adam: Celebrating Fraserburgh Cricket Club's Community Cohesion](#) (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Alex Kerr*, Collette Stevenson*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*

[S7M-01196 Kristopher Leask: Fèis Rois Celebrates 40th Anniversary](#) (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01195 Claire Baker: Recognising Fife Gingerbread's Lone Parent Positive Workplaces and Working 4 Families Projects](#) (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01194 Claire Baker: Congratulating Apprentices Recognised at the Fife Council Apprentice Excellence Awards 2026](#) (lodged on 15 September 2026)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alex Kerr*, Julie MacDougall*, Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01193](#) **Murdo Fraser: Congratulating Saltire Rare Malt on Receiving Six Scottish Whisky Award Nominations** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01192](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming Designated Alcohol Areas at Hampden Park During the Upcoming Men's Nations League Fixtures** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01191](#) **Liam McArthur: Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Andrew Baxter*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S7M-01185](#) **Amanda Bland: Making Scottish Politics a Place Where Women Can Enter, Lead and Stay** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Thomas Kerr*, Helen McDade*

[S7M-01181](#) **Carol Mochan: National Rehabilitation Awareness Week** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

[S7M-01178.4](#) **Russell Findlay: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: James Adams*

[S7M-01178.3](#) **Neil Bibby: Middle East: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01177.4](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Hyperscale Data Centres** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: James Adams*

[S7M-01177.3](#) **Daniel Johnson: Hyperscale Data Centres** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

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

New Support: Senga Beresford*, Patricia Gibson*, Helen McDade*

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

New Support: Alex Kerr*

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

New Support: Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Helen McDade*

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

New Support: Rachael Hamilton*, Helen McDade*

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

New Support: Q Manivannan*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*

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

New Support: Helen McDade*

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

New Support: David Smith*, Helen McDade*

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

New Support: David Smith*, Helen McDade*

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

New Support: Helen McDade*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

[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: Liam Kerr*

[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: Kate Nevens* R

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 23 September 2026

Climate Action and Rural Affairs

- 1. Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to organisations seeking to purchase woodland for community use. ([S7O-00259](#))
- 2. David Kirkwood:** To ask the Scottish Government whether, given the finite amount of funding available for environmental protection, it considers that funding should be prioritised towards measures with certain outcomes or those with uncertain outcomes.
([S7O-00260](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its commitment to increase the Climate Justice Fund will match the 25% increase committed for the International Development Fund ([S7O-00261](#))
- 4. Q Manivannan:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the cumulative impact of hyperscale AI data centres' energy consumption on its commitment to meet its net zero by 2045 target. ([S7O-00262](#))
- 5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions ministers are having with SEPA regarding the reported discharge of waste directly into the sea impacting on communities across East Lothian. ([S7O-00263](#))
- 6. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports businesses, including in East Kilbride, to embrace the circular economy. ([S7O-00264](#))
- 7. Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that it has not provided support to farmers affected by the Blue Tongue outbreak in South Scotland region, whether it will reconsider its position and commit to looking at the central procurement of vaccine. ([S7O-00265](#))
- 8. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its Rural Support Plan. **R** ([S7O-00266](#))
- 9. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the climate action secretary has had with the transport secretary regarding how climate action policies are supporting the development of integrated public transport and active travel networks that connect rural communities with major urban centres, including Glasgow. ([S7O-00267](#))
- 10. Max Bannerman:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether its Net Zero policies are compatible with stimulating local economic development. ([S7O-00268](#))

Education, Culture and Gaelic

- 1. Gary Bouse:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with local authorities regarding the Scottish Attainment Challenge funding beyond 2026-27. **R** ([S7O-00269](#))

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- 2. Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government how informal exclusion from education among young learners with additional support needs is being recorded and addressed, for example, those neurodivergent young people who are unable to attend school regularly or are on part-time timetables. ([S7O-00270](#))
- 3. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding widening access policies for Scottish-funded students applying to university, what its position is on whether disability, neurodivergence and long-term health conditions should be considered. ([S7O-00271](#))
- 4. Alan Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of Scotland-based students gaining entry to university for the academic session 2026-27. ([S7O-00272](#))
- 5. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to endangered and critically endangered heritage crafts. ([S7O-00273](#))
- 6. Lloyd Melville:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Historic Environment Scotland and VisitScotland to attract visitors to historic buildings. ([S7O-00274](#))
- 7. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what measures it will introduce as part of the Programme for Government to improve additional support needs provision in schools. ([S7O-00275](#))
- 8. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Audit Scotland's report, *Scotland's colleges 2026*. ([S7O-00276](#))
- 9. Steven Bonnar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the new national approach to additional support for learning delivers more consistent support for children and young people across Scotland, and provides schools and families with greater clarity about what support is available. ([S7O-00277](#))
- 10. Jack Middleton:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Programme for Government aims to benefit cultural organisations in Aberdeen city centre. ([S7O-00278](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 22 September 2026

- 1. Patricia Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Glasgow City Council regarding the pay of ASSIST workers. ([S7O-00251](#))
- 2. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that frontline police officers are not routinely used to fill any gaps in mental health provision. ([S7O-00252](#))
- 3. Katie Hagmann:** To ask the Scottish Government what role Community Councils play in the national dialogue around Public Service Reform, in light of the number of democratically elected volunteers across Scotland that give up their time to serve on them. **R** ([S7O-00253](#))
- 4. Holly Bruce:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will include the experiences of LGBTQ+ families in its review of NHS IVF access criteria, in order to meet the review's aims of broadening eligibility, improving access to fertility preservation and reducing waiting times. ([S7O-00254](#))
- 5. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it uses when assessing proposals for new railway stations. ([S7O-00255](#))
- 6. Victor Currie:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it took a year longer for Sparsentan and Kinpeygo to be approved for use by NHS Scotland in the treatment of kidney disease than it did for them to be approved for use in England. ([S7O-00256](#))
- 7. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to change the legislation governing short-term lets to ensure that properties operating as short-term lets in Edinburgh Central cannot do so without planning permission. ([S7O-00257](#))

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8. James Adams: To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish further detail on its plan to reform public services. ([S7O-00258](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 24 September 2026

1. Amanda Bland: [Not Lodged]

2. David Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its commitment to a 16% increase in residential rehabilitation bed capacity, for what reason a right to rehabilitation enshrined in law for everyone was not included within the Programme for Government. ([S7O-00280](#))

3. David Green: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve access to gynaecology care for women in the Highlands. ([S7O-00281](#))

4. Kate Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reported concerns raised by third sector organisations, including Edinburgh-based Project Esperanza, what support it can provide to temporary migrant workers in Scotland, sponsored under the Certificate of Sponsorship visa system, who may be vulnerable to exploitation, including fraudulent job offers, debt bondage and wage theft. ([S7O-00282](#))

5. Alex Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what action it and Police Scotland are taking to reduce violence and abuse against retail workers and shoplifting. ([S7O-00283](#))

6. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will increase support for research into brain tumour diagnostics and treatment. ([S7O-00284](#))

7. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to ensure that Glasgow city centre has an enhanced police provision. ([S7O-00285](#))

8. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will support the proposal to reopen a railway station at Newburgh, Fife. ([S7O-00286](#))

9. Katherine Sangster: [Not Lodged]

10. Thomas Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider a ban on all face coverings in public places, including balaclavas and the burqa. ([S7O-00288](#))

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 16 September 2026

[S7W-03367](#) **Heather Anderson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its response to the UK COVID-19 Inquiry's Module 3 report examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on healthcare systems across the UK.

Written Questions lodged on 16 September 2026

[S7W-03278](#) **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported warning from the Lord President of the Court of Session that, without additional funding, the implementation of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2025 will be delayed.

[S7W-03328](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government how The Food (Promotion and Placement) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 will be monitored once they come into force on 1 October 2026.

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[S7W-03329](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Movember's recent report, *The Real Face of Men's Health*, what steps it is taking to reduce premature mortality in men.

[S7W-03330](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to establish a national advisory council on men and boys to promote positive masculinity and improve men's health outcomes.

[S7W-03331](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Movember's recent report, *The Real Face of Men's Health*, whether it will commit to a men's health action plan.

[S7W-03332](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the importation of vape products into Scotland, in light of concerns raised by experts in 2025 that low-cost vapes manufactured in China could flood the UK market ahead of the recently adopted UK-wide ban on disposable vapes.

[S7W-03333](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's recommendation in its Budget 2027-28 paper that it should introduce a timetabled plan to ensure that retailers of all sizes benefit from business rates that are at least as competitive as those in England.

[S7W-03334](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion, in its Budget 2027-28 recommendations paper, that Primary Authority should be implemented to aid regulatory consistency across all 32 local authorities.

[S7W-03335](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Retail Consortium's suggestion, in its Budget 2027-28 recommendations paper, that Ministers should resurrect the previous commitment to levelling the business rate playing field with England for larger premises.

[S7W-03336](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator regarding its ongoing inquiry into the John Muir Trust, and when it expects the inquiry to conclude.

[S7W-03337](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to establish a dedicated and long-term capital fund to address the growing number of historic church closures across Scotland, and what steps it is taking to ensure that funding for places of worship does not reduce the grant allocations available for other built environment and heritage projects managed by Historic Environment Scotland.

[S7W-03338](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the comparative level of funding available to listed places of worship in Scotland through the £1 million Historic Environment Scotland pilot scheme and the £92 million Places of Worship Renewal Fund established in England, and whether any Barnett consequential arisings from that UK scheme will be allocated as additional capital funding for listed places of worship in Scotland.

[S7W-03339](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what specific support or interim financial relief it will provide to congregations and dioceses experiencing significant VAT shortfalls on active conservation projects following the closure of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, including Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church and listed churches within the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

[S7W-03340](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish its latest contingency analysis relating to Dalzell and Clydebridge to enable Parliament to scrutinise the options being considered.

[S7W-03341](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government and British Steel regarding a secure supply of slab to Dalzell, and whether it considers reliance on imported slab from Kazakhstan to be a sustainable basis for the operation of Scotland's last plate mill.

[S7W-03342](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Dalzell's role in UK and Scottish defence, shipbuilding and infrastructure supply chains, and what

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discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the designation of the mill as a public-interest steel asset under the Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Act 2026.

[S7W-03343 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what meetings ministers have had with (a) GFG Alliance, (b) community union representatives and (c) the UK Government regarding Dalzell and Clydebridge since 1 January 2026, including dates, attendees and outcomes of those meetings.

[S7W-03344 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the extent of any historical contamination and other environmental liabilities at Clydebridge and who would meet remedial costs in the event of a sale, closure or change of use.

[S7W-03345 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the suitability of GFG Alliance as the long-term owner of Scotland's last plate mill, and what evidence underpins its position.

[S7W-03346 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the economic impact on Motherwell, Cambuslang and the wider Lanarkshire supply chain should the Dalzell plate mill close permanently.

[S7W-03347 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when ministers last visited Dalzell, what observation were made during the visit, and whether they will make a statement to Parliament on the future of steel plate production in Scotland before the October 2026 recess.

[S7W-03348 Meghan Gallacher:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the additional £875,000 in funding that the Scottish Rape Crisis Alliance called for to prevent waiting lists for specialist rape crisis support from growing from April 2028.

[S7W-03349 Paul Sweeney:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with South Lanarkshire Council regarding the future of the site at Clydebridge.

[S7W-03350 Angela Ross:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding NHS dental services for people with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS), for what reason Type 3 EDS is not currently recognised as meeting the criteria for specialist or priority dental treatment, whether it plans to review the relevant NHS Scotland guidance and eligibility criteria to ensure that people with Type 3 EDS can access appropriate specialist dental care, and, if so, when it expects any changes to be introduced.

[S7W-03351 Angela Ross:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its forthcoming childcare delivery plan, (a) whether it will include the fully costed delivery plan and timetable referred to in Motion S7M-00128 as amended on 27 May 2026, (b) when it will be published for consultation and (c) whether any expansion of provision will be phased by age or introduced at the same time for all eligible children.

[S7W-03352 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds regarding the number of people who have used the tennis courts at Moray Sports Centre, in each year since 2021.

[S7W-03353 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with HM Treasury regarding the early repayment arrangements for historic Public Works Loan Board loans, and whether it considers that these arrangements provide value for money in cases local authorities could reduce their long-term financing costs through refinancing.

[S7W-03354 Jamie Langan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the suggestion by the Scottish Retail Consortium, in its Scottish Budget 2027-28 recommendations paper, that the proposed statutory food price cap should be abandoned to lessen the need for extra resources for enforcement agencies and retailers.

[S7W-03355 Jamie Langan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the suggestion by the Scottish Retail Consortium, in its Scottish Budget 2027-28 recommendations paper, a plans should be set out to narrow the divergence between Scottish and UK income tax rates for higher, advanced and top rate taxpayers.

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[S7W-03356](#) **Jamie Langan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the suggestion by the Scottish Retail Consortium, in its Scottish Budget 2027-28 recommendations paper, that enhanced funding should be provided for Police Scotland's Retail Crime Taskforce.

[S7W-03357](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it anticipates that any existing services will be reduced at the site selected by NHS Grampian for the proposed walk-in GP clinic in Elgin.

[S7W-03358](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether a location for its proposed walk-in GP clinic in Elgin has been confirmed, and, if so, whether it will provide further details.

[S7W-03359](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether a shortlist of locations for its proposed walk-in GP clinic in Elgin has been confirmed, and, if so, whether it will provide further details.

[S7W-03360](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is doing with VisitBritain to ensure that Scotland's cruise destinations and experiences are promoted abroad.

[S7W-03361](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage and support tourism businesses, particularly in the Highlands and Islands, to develop foreign language skills among their staff.

[S7W-03362](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to identify language skills gaps in the tourism sector, particularly in the Highlands and Islands, and what action it is taking to remedy any such gaps.

[S7W-03363](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action VisitScotland is taking to promote Scottish cruise tourism in international markets, including in the US and Germany.

[S7W-03364](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason electric vehicle owners who live in areas that are not classed within categories 5 to 8 of its Urban Rural Classification have not been eligible for support through the Domestic Chargepoint scheme.

[S7W-03365](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that a gap exists in the availability of grant schemes for electric vehicle chargepoint installation for homeowners in non-rural areas, in light of the Scottish Domestic Chargepoint Scheme being limited to rural areas and the UK Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Grant Scheme excluding homeowners.

[S7W-03366](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the compatibility of proposals by the University of Aberdeen to create four new executive dean posts with reported annual salaries of £112,000 to £140,000 while proposals to reduce staff numbers by 111 posts are under consideration, and how this aligns with the Scottish Government's statement that senior figures within the college and university sectors should demonstrate restraint in their own pay settlements and that senior pay packages should be in step with the salary, terms and conditions offered to other staff.

[S7W-03368](#) **Kate Nevens:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding proposals to reopen the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway for passenger services, which would provide an orbital rail service for residents from Craiglockhart to Portobello.

[S7W-03369](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on digital advertising to promote the Programme for Government, broken down by platform.

[S7W-03370](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance and advice it provides to civil servants on maintaining their impartiality when creating and promoting digital content and advertising that promotes its agenda.

[S7W-03371](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many digital adverts it has created to promote its Programme for Government and related policy announcements.

[S7W-03372](#) **James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will respond to the letter from Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee following its meeting on 4 September 2026 regarding

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unsuccessful attempts to access the Housing Infrastructure Fund portion of the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding, and whether it will set out a guarantee that this fund will continue beyond March 2027 and until an eligible project has been approved.

[S7W-03373](#) **James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is under any legal obligation to deliver planned investment set out in the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding with Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council, including the Aberdeen Housing Infrastructure Funds and other projects it committed to fund as part the Aberdeen City Region Deal, and, if so whether it will incur any costs arising from the failure to deliver under the Memorandum of Understanding.

[S7W-03374](#) **James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £254 million that was committed under its 2016 Memorandum of Understanding with Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council for additional investment in housing, transport and digital infrastructure in the Aberdeen City Region, has been spent to date.

[S7W-03375](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to increase the number of facilities for pulmonary rehabilitation, in light of reported figures indicating that one in five people are living with some kind of lung condition.

[S7W-03376](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce waiting times for patients requiring treatment for lung conditions, in light of the Asthma + Lung UK Scotland findings that people with lung conditions in Scotland can face some of the longest waiting times for respiratory care in the UK.

[S7W-03377](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what additional funding it plans to allocate for the treatment of lung cancer and what provisions it will make to support people living with other life-threatening respiratory conditions.

[S7W-03378](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the number of people who have used GP walk-in clinics to date, and whether any findings could result in the delay or cancellation of any of the 40 clinics that have yet to open.

[S7W-03379](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Office of Rail and Road about the actions required to ensure that train drivers in Scotland can have improved access to toilets.

[S7W-03380](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the ASLEF *Dignity for Drivers Report 2024* regarding the lack of access to toilet facilities for train drivers.

[S7W-03381](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in improving and increasing toilet facilities and access to toilets for train drivers in Scotland.

[S7W-03382](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail and/or Scottish Rail Holdings about changing schedules for drivers to better enable them to access toilets.

[S7W-03383](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with cross border train operators about changing schedules for drivers to better enable them to access toilets.

[S7W-03384](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with freight train operating companies about changing schedules for drivers in Scotland to enable better them access to toilets.

[S7W-03385](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government to what extent NHS boards across Scotland have been using AI for administrative tasks, patient screening or diagnostic purposes, and whether the appropriate safety reviews have been undertaken to ensure that the use of AI produces accurate medical information.

[S7W-03386](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what long-term plans it has to implement AI across NHS services, including in what areas of treatment or NHS administrative functions it plans to expand AI use, and what role AI plays within Scotland's regional hub programme.

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[S7W-03387](#) **Amanda Bland:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of reports of unsatisfactory outcomes across the justice system, including whether these factors are operational or system-wide in nature.

[S7W-03388](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the replacement of Scotrail's current High Speed Train (HST) stock with Class 222 trains, what the timetable is, whether any delays have happened since the investment was announced, and what are the reasons for any delays.

[S7W-03389](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, following its consultation in late 2024, whether it will provide an update on progress towards the implementation of a disposable cup levy.

Progress of Legislation

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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

Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

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

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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

Lead committee - Economy, Tourism and Energy

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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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

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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)

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 16 September 2026:

PE2254: Provide funding for Under 3s as part of the Accessible Vehicles Scheme

PE2255: Reinstate the Minister for Women’s Health

PE2256: Backdate council tax discounts for people with dementia to the date of GP certification

PE2257: Expand Scottish domestic abuse law to protect adults from non-partner coercive control

PE2258: Independently review NHS complaints handling for greater accountability and learning

PE2259: Create a criminal offence for targeted online character assassination and unnamed slander campaigns

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions>

New Documents

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Management of the ScotWind leasing round : A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/7) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/191) laid under Section 20 subsection 6 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Non Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/182) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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