

Tuesday 22 September 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev Anne Robertson, Minister, Danestone Congregational Church

**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

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

**9:30am** Education and Gaelic Committee

**9:30am** Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

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**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** General Questions

- 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. ([S7O-00253](#)) **R**
- 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](#))
- 8. James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish further detail on its plan to reform public services. ([S7O-00258](#))

**followed by** First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

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

**[S7M-01264](#) John Swinney: Scotland's Right to Decide**—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland is a nation that has a right to decide its own future.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S7M-01264.2](#) Michael Marra: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion [S7M-01264](#) in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end "; recognises that Scotland faces pressing challenges that require urgent action to improve people's lives; believes that the Scottish Government must strengthen its efforts to build a fairer, more equal and prosperous Scotland; recognises that tackling child poverty must be an immediate national priority; believes that parties across the Parliament should work together to deliver the actions needed to reduce child poverty; recognises the positive impact of measures such as the Scottish Child Payment and the removal of the two-child limit in tackling child poverty; further recognises the importance of secure employment, education, housing and strong communities in achieving this, and reaffirms its commitment to achieving the targets set out in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, including reducing relative child poverty to fewer than one in 10 children by 2030."

**[S7M-01264.3](#) Malcolm Offord: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end "and did so on 7 May 2026 where the Scottish National Party failed to meet the target set in its manifesto, which stated that "based on the 2011 precedent, an SNP majority at this election is a mandate for the transfer of powers to the Scottish Parliament to enable an independence referendum"; considers that the Scottish National Party has had nearly 20 years to maximise devolution and demonstrate how Scotland could be better off under its leadership; understands that the Scottish National Party's 38% vote share in the 2026 Scottish Parliament election is the lowest since the 2007 election, and believes that this does not give it a mandate to discuss independence, let alone break up the UK.

**[S7M-01264.5](#) Gillian Mackay: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end ", and recognises that in the 2026 Scottish Parliament election, the people of Scotland returned the biggest ever majority of pro-independence MSPs."

**[S7M-01264.4](#) Russell Findlay: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), leave out from "is" to end and insert "voted decisively to remain within the UK; believes that Scotland's future is best served by a government focused on the priorities of the people of Scotland, including reducing taxes, bolstering economic growth and delivering value for money in public services."

**[S7M-01264.1](#) David Green: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end "and recalls that in the 2014 independence referendum people voted firmly to remain part of the UK, representing the will of the Scottish people; notes that the Scottish National Party's stated objective prior to 7 May 2026 was to secure an overall majority in the Scottish Parliament elections in order to pursue independence, but that the party achieved fewer votes and seats than in the previous elections, and believes that the Scottish Government must now focus on fixing the NHS and care, helping people with the cost of living crisis, ensuring that communities have the power and resources to shape where they live through more decentralised decision-making, fixing the roads and the ferries and getting Scottish education back to its best, in order to deliver the change that Scotland deserves."

**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

**[S7M-00974](#) Steven Bonnar: Child Maintenance, Protecting Children and Families in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the significant impact that failures within the UK Child Maintenance Service can have on children and families in Scotland; notes the concerns highlighted by the recent BBC *Panorama* investigation into the operation of the service; acknowledges the experiences of Scottish families who are struggling to secure maintenance payments to which their children are entitled, including those in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency; notes the belief that children in Scotland should not bear the consequences of failures within a reserved UK system; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to supporting children and families within its devolved responsibilities, and notes the calls for continued engagement between the Scottish and UK governments to ensure that the experiences and voices of Scottish families are properly reflected in

the reform of the Child Maintenance Service and that future reforms better protect children and families across Scotland.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 5th 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 7 in private.
- 2. Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \[draft\]](#) from—  
Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Business and Fair Work, Alison Moore, Fair Work & Labour Market Team Leader, Jobs and Wellbeing Directorate, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- 3. Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] – motion recommending approval:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Business and Fair Work) to move—S7M-01019—That the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
- 4. Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-12.
- 5. State of the Scottish economy and labour market:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Stuart McIntyre, Fraser of Allander Institute;  
Stephen Boyd, Director, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) Scotland.
- 6. Scotland's energy sector:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Paul de Leeuw, Director, Energy Transition Institute, Robert Gordon University.
- 7. Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy on the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft].

### Education and Gaelic Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Sheena Devlin, General Secretary and Kevin Funnell, Co-Chair, Resources Network, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES);  
Stuart Bain, Chief Officer (Employers' Team), COSLA.

## Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 5th 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 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Historic Environment Scotland – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Uphill, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Ronnie Hinds, Interim Chair, Historic Environment Scotland.
3. **Historic Environment Scotland – evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—

[The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/247\).](#)

[The Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/251\).](#)

3. **Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider—

[The Air Departure Tax \(Scotland\) Act 2017 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/248 \(C. 23\)\).](#)

[The UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/257 \(C. 24\)\).](#)

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider matters discussed during its Business Planning Session.

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## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 16 September 2026

### 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)

**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

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**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

**1:30 pm** General Questions

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

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

### Rural Affairs Committee

23 September 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 2

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 (SG/2026/193) from—  
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands and Simon Girling, Veterinary Advisor, Scottish Government.
3. **Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 – motion recommending approval:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands to move—  
  
S7M-01087—That the Rural Affairs Committee recommends that the Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026 (SG/2026/193) be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the [Charges for Residues Surveillance Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/249).
5. **Forestry:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor;  
Paul Lowe, Chief Executive, Scottish Forestry;  
Simon Ritchie, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Woodland Trust Scotland;  
Andy Rockall, Chief Executive, Community Woodlands Association.
6. **Peatlands:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Roxane Andersen, Senior Research Fellow, UHI North, West and Hebrides;  
Andy Ford, Director of Nature and Climate Change, Cairngorms National Park Authority;  
Peter Hutchinson, Head of Peatland Programme and Strategy, NatureScot;  
Richard Lindsay, Senior Research Advisor, IUCN UK Peatland Programme.
7. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda items 5 and 6.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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## **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

### **Criminal Justice Committee**

**23 September 2026**

**6th Meeting, 2026**

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 (2026/212).
- Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.
- Domestic abuse, advocacy and victim experience – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Nicola Love, External Affairs Manager, Rape Crisis Scotland;  
Fiona McMullen, Operations Manager, ASSIST.
- Justice response to domestic abuse – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Adam Brown, Detective Superintendent, Specialist Crime Division and Tim Mairs, Assistant Chief Constable, Major Crime, Public Protection and Local Crime, Police Scotland;  
Emma Forbes, National Lead for Domestic Abuse and Fraser Gibson, Procurator Fiscal, Glasgow and Strathkelvin, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
- Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.

## **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at  
[criminaljustice.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:criminaljustice.committee@parliament.scot)

### **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**23 September 2026**

**6th Meeting, 2026**

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

- Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Mary Beattie, Head of Finance, Aberdeenshire Council;  
Lorraine O'Hagan, Head of Finance, South Lanarkshire Council;

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Councillor Kelly Parry, Resources Spokesperson, COSLA;  
Sarah Fortune, CIPFA Directors of Finance;  
David Robertson, Solace.

and then from—

Ashley Campbell, Policy and Practice Manager, Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland;  
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland;  
Karen Hedge, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Care;  
Jason Henderson, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO);  
Michael Kellet, Director of Strategy, Governance and Performance, Public Health Scotland;  
Claire McPherson, Director, Universities Scotland;  
Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;  
Sarah Roughead, Chief Financial Officer, Police Scotland;  
Andy Witty, Director of Strategic Policy and Corporate Governance, Colleges Scotland.

- 2. Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans – review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [FPA.Committee@parliament.scot](mailto:FPA.Committee@parliament.scot)

## **Health, Care and Sport Committee**

### **23 September 2026**

### **5th Meeting, 2026**

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

- 1. Building on the Commonwealth Games 2026 and widening access to sport and exercise:**

The Committee will take evidence from—

Jon Doig OBE, Chief Executive, Commonwealth Games Scotland;  
Professor David McGillivray, Co-Director, Glasgow 2026 Legacy Network;  
Forbes Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, sportscotland;  
Gavin MacLeod, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Disability Sport.

and then from—

John Lunn, Chief Executive, Scottish Swimming;  
Colin Hutchison, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Athletics;  
Nick Rennie, Chief Executive, Scottish Cycling;  
David Byrne, Chair, Hillhead High School War Memorial Trust, incorporating Hillhead Sports Club.

- 2. Review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under item 1.
- 3. Work programme - procedure for handling forthcoming SSIs (In Private):** The Committee will consider its procedure for handling forthcoming SSIs.

### **Proposed future business**

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## Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

### 23 September 2026

### 4th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in Committee Room 5

- 1. Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—  
Michael Davidson, Head of Social Security and Devolved Taxes and Dr Eleanor Ryan, Commissioner, Scottish Fiscal Commission;  
Hannah Randolph, Economic and Policy Analyst, Fraser of Allander Institute.  
and then from—  
Edel Harris OBE, Independent Chair, Review of Adult Disability Payment;  
Chirsty McFadyen, Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Scottish Health Equity Research Unit;  
Craig Smith, Public Affairs and Policy Manager, Scottish Association of Mental Health.
- 2. Pre-Budget scrutiny – consideration (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

## Transport Committee

### 23 September 2026

### 6th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Regional Transport Partnerships:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT);  
Councillor Moraig Lyall, Chair, Shetland Transport Partnership (ZetTrans);  
Mark Speed, Partnership Director, Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN);  
Ewan Wallace, Chair, Scottish Collaboration of Transportation Specialists (SCOTS).
- 2. Regional Transport Partnerships - review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 1.
- 3. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

### 24 September 2026

### 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in Committee Room 3

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- 1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2, 3 and 4 in private.
- 2. Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
- 3. Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider a request for a direction from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
- 4. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee via email at [sppa.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:sppa.committee@parliament.scot)

### **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 24 September 2026 5th 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 5 in private.
- 2. Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from —  
Simita Kumar, Minister for Equalities and International Development, Catherine McMeeken, Deputy Director for Equalities, Kavita Chetty, Deputy Director for Human Rights,, and Rob Priestley, Head of Mainstreaming and Strategy Unit, Scottish Government.  
and then from—  
Kirsten Oswald, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Denise Swanson, Deputy Director for Civil Law,, and Ryan McRobert, also Deputy Director for Civil Law, Scottish Government.
- 3. Instruments relating to fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers – evidence:** The Committee will consider the [Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/208\)](#) and the [Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/252\)](#), taking evidence from—  
Danielle McLaughlin, Interim Director, Scottish Civil Justice Council.
- 4. Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the [Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#).
- 5. Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice - review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee via [EHRCJ.Committee@parliament.scot](mailto:EHRCJ.Committee@parliament.scot)

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## Public Audit Committee

### 24 September 2026

### 5th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2026** The Committee will take evidence from—  
John Cornett, Executive Director, Audit Services, Martin McLauchlan, Senior Manager, and Tim Bridle, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Scotland's colleges 2026** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Derek Hoy, Senior Manager and Ray Buist, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Scotland's colleges 2026** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Derek Hoy, Senior Manager and Ray Buist, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2026** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 2 and take further evidence from—  
John Cornett, Executive Director, Audit Services, Martin McLauchlan, Senior Manager, and Tim Bridle, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2026** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
- Scotland's colleges 2026** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

## Public Service Reform Committee

### 24 September 2026

### 6th Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Ian Bruce, Chief Officer of Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector, TSI Scotland Network;  
Kirsty Cumming, Chief Executive Officer, Community Leisure UK;  
Helen Malo, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager Scotland, Hospice UK;  
Kirsty Morrison, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland.

and then from—

David Robertson, Chief Executive, Scottish Borders Council;  
Mark McAteer, Director of Governance, Strategy and Change, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

3. **Pre-budget scrutiny: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its previous meeting and earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Delivering public service reform:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.

### **Proposed future business**

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### **Climate Action Committee 24 September 2026 4th Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Scottish Fiscal Commission;  
James Black, Senior Knowledge Exchange Fellow, Fraser of Allander Institute.
3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

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### **Public Petitions Committee 24 September 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026**

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

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

PE2217: Bring the Food Standards Agency hygiene rating scale to Scotland, and make it mandatory to display;

PE2218: Introduce mandatory women's health training for all GPs and NHS healthcare professionals;

PE2221: Waive the Additional Dwelling Supplement for people not buying additional homes for commercial gain;

PE2222: Neutralise the Impact of Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity (LCWRA) Cuts in Scotland;

PE2223: Allow parents of children with additional support needs to use their local authority education funding to access alternative education, including private schools, forest schools and other alternative provision;

PE2224: Review legislation in order to strengthen the Scottish Outdoor Access Code;

PE2225: Urgent Independent Safeguarding Review and Temporary Suspension of Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) education in Scotland;

PE2226: Require Business Improvement District levies to be limited to a single percentage of rateable value;

PE2227: Keep Business Improvement District ballots independent with information kept secret until closed;

PE2228: Protect Scotland's volunteer-run community fairs and gala days;

PE2229: Make Childcare Choice a Right in Scotland;

PE2230: Guarantee a neurodevelopment assessment within 6 months for children displaying risk behaviours; and

PE2231: CAMHS Staff Need Resources, Children Need Assessments.

### **Proposed future business**

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## Motions

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## Motions for debate

**\*[S7M-01283](#) Gillian Martin: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate**—That the Parliament recognises Scotland's increasing risk of flooding as a result of climate change and the significant impacts flooding can have on communities, businesses and the environment; further recognises the need to continue to adapt to these changes at pace; welcomes the commitments in the Programme for Government to additional investment in flood resilience and coastal adaptation and the progress being made through partnership working among local authorities, the third sector, communities and wider partners to improve flood resilience; acknowledges the broad range of actions and continued public investment in flood protection schemes, nature-based solutions and community preparedness; recognises the need to support those most vulnerable to flooding with adaptation and recovery, and agrees that building a flood resilient Scotland is essential to protecting people, homes and livelihoods.

Supported by: Jim Fairlie\*

**\*[S7M-01264](#) John Swinney: Scotland's Right to Decide**—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland is a nation that has a right to decide its own future.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth\*

**\*[S7M-01264.5](#) Gillian Mackay: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end “, and recognises that in the 2026 Scottish Parliament election, the people of Scotland returned the biggest ever majority of pro-independence MSPs.”

**\*[S7M-01264.4](#) Russell Findlay: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), leave out from "is" to end and insert "voted decisively to remain within the UK; believes that Scotland's future is best served by a government focused on the priorities of the people of Scotland, including reducing taxes, bolstering economic growth and delivering value for money in public services.”

**\*[S7M-01264.3](#) Malcolm Offord: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end "and did so on 7 May 2026 where the Scottish National Party failed to meet the target set in its manifesto, which stated that “based on the 2011 precedent, an SNP majority at this election is a mandate for the transfer of powers to the Scottish Parliament to enable an independence referendum”; considers that the Scottish National Party has had nearly 20 years to maximise devolution and demonstrate how Scotland could

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be better off under its leadership; understands that the Scottish National Party's 38% vote share in the 2026 Scottish Parliament election is the lowest since the 2007 election, and believes that this does not give it a mandate to discuss independence, let alone break up the UK.

**\*[S7M-01264.2](#) Michael Marra: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end "; recognises that Scotland faces pressing challenges that require urgent action to improve people's lives; believes that the Scottish Government must strengthen its efforts to build a fairer, more equal and prosperous Scotland; recognises that tackling child poverty must be an immediate national priority; believes that parties across the Parliament should work together to deliver the actions needed to reduce child poverty; recognises the positive impact of measures such as the Scottish Child Payment and the removal of the two-child limit in tackling child poverty; further recognises the importance of secure employment, education, housing and strong communities in achieving this, and reaffirms its commitment to achieving the targets set out in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, including reducing relative child poverty to fewer than one in 10 children by 2030."

**\*[S7M-01264.1](#) David Green: Scotland's Right to Decide**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01264 in the name of John Swinney (Scotland's Right to Decide), insert at end "and recalls that in the 2014 independence referendum people voted firmly to remain part of the UK, representing the will of the Scottish people; notes that the Scottish National Party's stated objective prior to 7 May 2026 was to secure an overall majority in the Scottish Parliament elections in order to pursue independence, but that the party achieved fewer votes and seats than in the previous elections, and believes that the Scottish Government must now focus on fixing the NHS and care, helping people with the cost of living crisis, ensuring that communities have the power and resources to shape where they live through more decentralised decision-making, fixing the roads and the ferries and getting Scottish education back to its best, in order to deliver the change that Scotland deserves."

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S7M-01289](#) Patricia Gibson: Developing the Young Workforce in Ayrshire**—That the Parliament applauds the Scottish Government's investment in Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) across Scotland; celebrates that DYW Ayrshire has reached a major milestone with the launch of its 200th innovative project in September 2026, marking 10 years of investment in the skills and aspirations of young people across Ayrshire; notes that the 200th project, which launched in Auchenharvie Academy in Stevenston, is a partnership between Auchenharvie Academy, Greenwood Academy and KRB Group, with the AG Roofing Project giving pupils the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the roofing and construction sector; believes that this is a testament to the success of Scottish Government funding for DYW as part of its youth employment strategy, with investment of over £1 million since 2016, creating valuable opportunities for young people to engage in vocational learning and develop essential enterprise skills within a supportive and inclusive environment, and looks forward to continuing to provide support for young people across Ayrshire to access meaningful opportunities to thrive in their chosen career paths.

Supported by: Lloyd Melville\*

**\*[S7M-01287](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating the Coasts and Waters Recognition of the Back Burn Restoration project in Glenrothes and Markinch**—That the Parliament celebrates the recognition of the Back Burn environmental restoration project in Glenrothes and Markinch in the Coasts and Waters category of RSPB Scotland's Nature of Scotland Awards; understands that the partnership project to restore the Back Burn to its more natural state in Glenrothes and Markinch has been recognised by the awards; notes that following the success of The River Leven restoration project, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency's Water Environment Fund (WEF), Fife Council and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust continued their partnership to focus on the Back Burn with improvement works at both Coul Den and Balbirnie Park; recognises that the work completed at the Back Burn will improve the river's ecology, return the river to a more natural state, enhance fish passage and create better

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habitats for wildlife, as well as improve local resilience to climate change and, importantly, provide a more natural space for visitors; celebrates that early signs of success are already visible near Coul Reservoir where otters and brown trout have been spotted; applauds the success and shared vision, solid partnership working and the expertise and dedication of all involved, including the input of the local community, and welcomes that this impactful partnership approach is now being replicated in Rosyth for the Whinny and Brankholm Burns for improvement

**\*[S7M-01286](#) Claire Baker: Welcoming Perth and Kinross Council funding of £5000 for Royal Voluntary Service's minibus project**—That the Parliament welcomes Perth and Kinross Council's (PKC) £5000 of funding to grow the Royal Voluntary Service's (RVS) minibus project; understands that the RVS funding applications to Alyth, Crieff, Kinross and Perth Common Good Funds were approved recently; notes that the RVS has 150 volunteers across Perth and Kinross who support the elderly through lunch clubs, social clubs, a Home from Hospital service, Support You at Home service, as well as various activity groups and entertainment at sheltered housing complexes across the region; considers that the RVS has received a former council minibus as part of PKC's Community Minibus Scheme to provide transport to the various activities and address transport barriers for elderly residents; is grateful to volunteers for all their commitment, hard work and contributions to supporting the region's older residents to enjoy social gatherings and helping them to live fulfilling lives, and extends its very best wishes to everyone at RSV for the success of the project.

**\*[S7M-01285](#) Claire Baker: Perthshire Highland Dancer Crowned Junior Highland Dance World Champion**—That the Parliament congratulates Perthshire Highland Dancer Connie Urquhart on being awarded the Junior World Highland Dance Championship trophy at the Cowal Gathering in Dunoon; understands that Connie beat competitors from all over the world including the US, Canada and Australia; notes that Connie has had an excellent year in competition, being awarded the European and British titles, and has also just been announced as the Royal Scottish Official Board UK Champion of Champions for 2026; considers that of the three age category world champions, Connie was the only Scottish winner and was also awarded the top Scottish Junior Dancer title; believes that Connie trains with Nicola Grant in Kirriemuir where she has worked towards the goal of being World Champion and also trains with mum, Gillian Urquhart, who runs the Gillian Brough Dance School in Scone; celebrates that Perthshire has two top dancers in the Junior World category, as Lucy Patton from Coupar Angus finished in second place in the same category; applauds that Lucy has had an outstanding progression in Highland Dance, only entering the Premier competition stage in 2023 and attending Linda Napier School of Dance, in Coupar Angus; extends its very best wishes to both dancers in the Netherlands as they perform in the Dutch International Tattoo and for the rest of the 2026 competitive season.

**\*[S7M-01284](#) Holly Bruce: Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2026 (SSI 2026/252)**—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2026 (SSI 2026/252) be annulled.

**\*[S7M-01282](#) Holly Bruce: Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) 2026 (SSI 2026/208)** —That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) 2026 (SSI 2026/208) be annulled.

**\*[S7M-01281](#) Jenny Gilruth: Air Departure Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Air Departure Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Hannah Mary Goodlad\*

**\*[S7M-01280](#) Jenny Gilruth: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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Supported by: Hannah Mary Goodlad\*

**\*[S7M-01279](#) Neil Gray: First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Kirsten Oswald\*

**\*[S7M-01278](#) Andrew Baxter: Celebrating The Puffin Pool**—That the Parliament congratulates the Puffin Hydrotherapy Pool in Dingwall on reaching its 30th anniversary; recognises what it sees as the vital service the pool provides to children and adults across the Highlands through hydrotherapy and rehabilitation; acknowledges the positive difference that the pool has made to individuals and families over the past 30 years; commends the staff, trustees, volunteers, supporters and fundraisers whose dedication has helped sustain the pool over three decades; recognises the importance of accessible specialist facilities and services for people in rural and remote communities; welcomes the contribution the Puffin Pool makes to the health, wellbeing and independence of people across the Highlands, and wishes the Puffin Hydrotherapy Pool every success as it begins its fourth decade of serving communities across the Highlands.

**\*[S7M-01277](#) David Green: Congratulating Caithness Ladies on Winning the ScottishPower Highland and Island League**—That the Parliament congratulates Caithness Ladies on winning their first piece of silverware, the ScottishPower Highland and Island League; recognises the achievement of winning the title with a 100% record; further recognises the personal sacrifices made by players and coaches to help the club; commends the additional work done by players to help coach girls' football at Thurso United, and celebrates the positive impact of the club on ladies football and the increasing number of women and girls participating in football in Caithness.

Supported by: Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S7M-01276](#) Colin Beattie: Inclusive Play Receives Manufacturer of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Inclusive Play on receiving the Manufacturer of the Year Award at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber Business Awards; notes that the awards celebrate achievement, innovation and community impact; further notes that Inclusive Play specialises in designing, developing and manufacturing products that allow children with physical disabilities, autism and sensory processing needs to be included in play which benefits everyone; commends Inclusive Play for its important work, and wishes it the best for the future.

Supported by: Dawn Black\*

**\*[S7M-01275](#) Colin Beattie: Saltire Patisserie Receives Best Innovation in Business Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Saltire Patisserie on receiving the Best Innovation in Business Award at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber Business Awards; notes that the awards celebrate achievement, innovation and community impact; further notes that Saltire Patisserie handcrafts cakes, desserts and bakery products and supplies cafes, restaurants, hotels, visitor attractions, corporate caterers and event venues across Scotland; commends everyone at Saltire Patisserie for their hard work, and wishes them the best for the future.

Supported by: Clare Haughey\*

**\*[S7M-01274](#) Colin Beattie: McSence Receives High Growth Business of the Year Award**—That the Parliament congratulates McSence on receiving the High Growth Business of the Year Award at the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber Business Awards; notes that the awards celebrate achievement, innovation and community impact; further notes that McSence offers a wide range of services which benefit the community, including the provision of social care and social care training; commends everyone at McSence for their hard work and dedication, and wishes them the best for the future.

Supported by: Clare Haughey\*

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**\*[S7M-01273](#) Jenny Young: Welcoming the Publication of Universities Scotland's Future Jobs Scotland Report**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Universities Scotland's *Future Jobs Scotland* report; understands that the report draws on engagement with businesses and employers across Scotland to identify current and future skills needs; recognises that universities offer a variety of work-based learning opportunities for students, including placements, internships and Graduate Apprenticeships, as well as lifelong career support; considers that universities are a vital part of our skills ecosystem, which prepare students and graduates for employment now and in the future, and believes that the development of Scottish Government's national skills strategy must include universities as a core provider of skills alongside colleges and training providers.

**\*[S7M-01272](#) Martyn Day: Protect UK-Led Scientific Discovery with the CERN LHCb Experiment**—That the Parliament urges the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade to review the UK Government's decision not to fund a planned upgrade to the Large Hadron Collider beauty (LHCb) project; notes that the LHCb has made more UK-led scientific discoveries than any other particle physics experiment in history; further notes that the LHCb would have been the primary instrument for the discovery of new particle physics phenomena for at least the next three decades; recognises that, since this international project's inception, the UK has played a leading role; believes that the UK's funding withdrawal would weaken its international standing and cast doubt on UK involvement in future projects, and regrets what it sees as the significant impact that the withdrawal of funding might have on the universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and scientists across the UK.

**\*[S7M-01271](#) Colm Merrick: Whiteinch Centre Celebrates 20 Years at the Heart of the Community**—That the Parliament congratulates Whiteinch Centre, which is a vibrant community hub dedicated to improving lives through a variety of services and activities in Glasgow Anniesland, on its 20th anniversary; notes that the centre was purpose-built in 2006 in response to community aspirations and the need for a local hub that fosters inclusion, connection and engagement; further notes that its aim was to enable community involvement through volunteering, support to local health and wellbeing, the provision of diverse activities and services, as well as to improve access to affordable, nutritious food and to promote community engagement to empower residents to feel invested in their area; pays tribute to the hard work and dedication of all those involved in ensuring that the centre has gone from strength to strength over the last 20 years, and wishes them all the best for the next 20 and beyond.

Supported by: Zen Ghani\*

**\*[S7M-01270](#) Liam Kerr: Opening of the Denis Law Institute of Sport and Wellbeing**—That the Parliament recognises the opening of the Denis Law Institute of Sport and Wellbeing at Robert Gordon University (RGU); understands that the institute is a partnership between RGU and the Denis Law Legacy Trust that seeks to produce tangible benefits by utilising practical research, community liaison and work-integrated learning; further understands that the institute aims to bring about positive outcomes in health and wellbeing, increase access to opportunities and deliver long-term social benefits through physical activity, sport and community partnerships; recognises that the institute builds on the long-standing partnership between RGU and the Denis Law Legacy Trust, including the delivery of Streetsport, which uses free sport and creative activities to engage young people and support stronger communities; notes the role of the Denis Law Legacy Trust in supporting activity at Cruyff Courts across Aberdeen, providing accessible community spaces where young people can take part in sport and develop confidence, skills and positive relationships; understands that the Trust currently records more than 30,000 participations in its activities annually, demonstrating the reach of its work across local communities; considers that the institute's work will combine the delivery of place-based sport and wellbeing programmes with research and evidence gathering, helping to highlight the potential of research to bring about improvements in health and wellbeing; notes that a bespoke research unit within the institute will provide a framework for incorporating research and evaluation into the running of programmes and therefore produce reliable data; acknowledges that the research unit will work alongside representatives from local government, education, health and the third sector to monitor the outcomes and social impact of RGU Sport's programmes; recognises that

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RGU Sport has 5,600 members and that an additional 1,200 people take part in student sports clubs; understands that students have expressed the positive impact that participation in RGU Sport activities has had on their time at university; considers the increasing body of evidence suggesting that participation in sport at RGU has a positive impact on attainment; commends the work of RGU and the Denis Law Legacy Trust in establishing the institute, and wishes them every success.

**\*[S7M-01269](#) Stuart McMillan: Celebrating Port Glasgow Juniors FC's Strathclyde Cup Victory—**

That the Parliament congratulates Port Glasgow Juniors FC on winning the Strathclyde Cup; notes that the club lifted the trophy in front of the home supporters at Parklea Stadium; applauds the team's exceptional performance in securing a comprehensive 8–1 aggregate victory over St Patrick's FP; commends the hard work and dedication displayed by the players, coaching staff and management; notes that this is the first trophy won by the club in 18 years, and wishes everyone at Port Glasgow Juniors FC continued success in their upcoming fixtures and future seasons.

Supported by: Martyn Day\*

**\*[S7M-01268](#) Rachael Hamilton: Congratulating Hawick High School on its Macmillan Coffee Morning—**That the Parliament congratulates the Barista class and Home Economics Department at Hawick High School on organising a Macmillan Coffee Morning, which will take place at Buccleuch Halls on 25 September 2026; understands that the event will bring together pupils, staff and members of the local community to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support; recognises that 25 September is the official date of Macmillan's Coffee Morning in 2026; notes that Macmillan Coffee Morning began in 1990 and has since grown into a major annual fundraising event involving communities, schools, workplaces and families across the UK; understands that funds raised through coffee mornings help Macmillan provide practical, emotional and financial support to people living with cancer; commends the pupils involved in the Barista class for putting their skills into practice while supporting a charitable cause; recognises the work of the Home Economics Department and staff at Hawick High School in supporting the pupils to organise the event; believes that initiatives such as this provide young people with valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, hospitality, organisation and community engagement skills; welcomes the contribution that the event will make to the long tradition of community fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support; thanks everyone who will attend, donate, volunteer, bake and otherwise contribute to the success of the morning, and wishes the Barista class, the Home Economics Department and the wider Hawick High School community every success with the event and their fundraising efforts.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Craig Hoy\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**\*[S7M-01267](#) Rachael Hamilton: Digitalising Dairy and Supporting Dairy Farming and Rural Jobs in Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire—**

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Digitalising Dairy: A Future Skills Needs Assessment for Productivity and Sustainability*, a report by the University of the West of Scotland on behalf of the Digital Dairy Chain; recognises the important contribution that dairy farming and the wider agricultural sector make to rural jobs, communities and the economy in Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; notes that the UK dairy sector supports around 70,000 jobs and produces approximately 14 billion litres of milk each year, worth around £5.7 billion; understands that the report identifies significant workforce challenges, including labour and skills shortages, an ageing workforce, inconsistent access to training and the need for workforce capabilities to keep pace with technological change; notes that the increasingly technology-led nature of modern dairy farming can already be seen across the Scottish Borders, where robotic milking technology has been used in dairy production; considers that this demonstrates the importance of ensuring that the rural workforce has access to the technical, digital and practical skills required by an evolving industry; welcomes the work of Think Dairy Careers, which connects dairy farms with schools to give young people experience of modern careers in the sector; notes the reported interest from farms in the Borders in participating in this work and the potential for further engagement with young people and employers; recognises the opportunities that digitalisation, automation, robotics and data-led farming can provide to improve productivity, environmental performance and animal health and welfare while

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supporting skilled rural employment; notes the report's recommendations on skills, qualifications, apprenticeships, training, careers visibility and workforce inclusion; believes that ensuring young people in Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire can access the skills, training and career pathways required by a modern dairy industry will be important to sustaining rural employment and the future resilience of farming communities, and commends dairy farmers and all those working in the dairy and agricultural sectors across the constituency for their contribution to food production, the rural economy and their local communities.

Supported by: Craig Hoy\*

**\*[S7M-01266](#) Jack Middleton: Congratulating His Majesty's Theatre on Raising £25,000 at HMT 120 Gala Dinner**—That the Parliament congratulates His Majesty's Theatre (HMT), in Aberdeen, on raising £25,000 at the HMT 120 Gala Dinner on 17 September 2026; notes that the event, which was held at Aberdeen Music Hall and was hosted by broadcaster Nicola Meighan, celebrated 120 years since HMT first opened its doors in 1906, and featured an array of talent performing for guests, including the Aberdeen Performing Arts Choir, harpist Kirsty Whatley, Doric poet Lucy Beth and cabaret diva Miss Frisky, with actor Greg McHugh joining Aberdeen Performing Arts' chief executive, Sharon Burgess, on stage for a chat about HMT; recognises that the £25,000 raised on the night will go towards HMT's 2026 fundraising target of £120,000; hopes that everybody at Aberdeen Performing Arts and all those involved in the event are rightly proud of how well the evening went, and wishes Sharon and her team all the very best in reaching their fundraising target this year.

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey\*, Colin Beattie\*, Dawn Black\*, Miles Briggs\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Alex Kerr\*, Martyn Day\*

**\*[S7M-01265](#) Colin Beattie: 100 Years of Welfare Park**—That the Parliament recognises Newtongrange Welfare Park's centenary; understands the importance of Welfare Park as a place for the community to come together for sporting events, music performances and local gatherings; notes that the community celebrated the 100th anniversary of Welfare Park with live music from Newtongrange Silver Band and Midlothian Community Concert Band, a marching display, a performance from Be Happy Performing Arts Company, recitals from Gorebridge Community Choir and entertainment from Black Diamond FM, as well traditional children's games, face painting and fairground rides, and commends everyone at Newtongrange Community Council for organising the event.

Supported by: Angela Ross\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Martyn Day\*

**\*[S7M-01263](#) Stephen Kerr: Congratulating the University of Stirling on Rising 18 Places in Good University Guide 2027**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Stirling on rising 18 places to 37th in the UK in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2027; welcomes the recognition of the university's improved student satisfaction and strong graduate prospects; notes the guide's praise for its research, including the finding that almost 80% of its submissions to the Research Excellence Framework 2021 were judged world-leading or internationally excellent; recognises its particular research strengths in agriculture, veterinary and food science, geography and environmental science, and social work and social policy, alongside the pioneering work of its Institute of Aquaculture; applauds the dedication and achievement of its academic staff, researchers, professional services and support staff, and students, whose hard work has earned this recognition; celebrates its outstanding sporting achievements, including the 24 medals won by 22 of its students at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games; recognises the university's substantial contribution to Stirling's community, economy and international reputation, and wishes everyone at the university continued success as it approaches its 60th anniversary in 2027.

Supported by: Craig Hoy\*, Miles Briggs\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Amanda Bland\*, Jack Middleton\*, Alex Kerr\*, Colin Beattie\*

**\*[S7M-01262](#) Kate Campbell: Formal Volunteering Participation Rises Again to 27%**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Household Survey data for 2025; celebrates the rise in overall formal volunteering participation, with 27% of adults volunteering at least once in the last

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year; recognises that this marks the second year-on-year increase in formal volunteering and believes that this indicates a sustained recovery from the all-time low of 18% recorded in 2023; notes with concern the continued participation gaps relating to deprivation and disability, with adults in Scotland's least deprived communities volunteering at double the rate of those in the most deprived communities and an eight percentage point gap between disabled and non-disabled adults; recognises the continued efforts of Volunteer Edinburgh and Volunteer Centre East Lothian in promoting volunteering and supporting voluntary organisations across Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent, and celebrates the essential contribution that volunteers make to communities across Scotland.

Supported by: Dawn Black\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bob Doris\*, Martyn Day\*

**\*[S7M-01261](#) Zen Ghani: AWARE Scotland's Aviemore Residential Trip 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates AWARE Scotland on its three-night residential trip to Aviemore from 24 to 27 September 2026 to provide 41 disabled and disadvantaged young people from Glasgow and surrounding areas with the opportunity to enjoy a break away from home in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment; recognises the importance of the trip being provided completely free of charge, ensuring that financial circumstances are not a barrier to participation; notes that the young people will have the opportunity to experience new activities, build confidence and independence, develop new friendships and create lasting memories; recognises the valuable respite that the trip also provides to parents and carers; commends AWARE Scotland for its wider programme of respite breaks, days out, fitness and wellbeing activities, which aim to support the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of young people; recognises the dedication of AWARE Scotland's volunteers, whose work helps make these opportunities possible; notes that AWARE Scotland's activities are funded through fundraising and donations, with its programmes designed to ensure that young people of different backgrounds and abilities can take part, and wishes all 41 young people, their families, volunteers and the AWARE Scotland team a fantastic and memorable trip to Aviemore.

Supported by: Miles Briggs\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Alex Kerr\*

**\*[S7M-01260](#) Emma Roddick: Protecting Scotland's Seafloor**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the June 2026 report by Environmental Standards Scotland, *Protecting Scotland's seafloor: an assessment of Scottish Ministers' implementation of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010*; recognises the duty on Scottish Ministers to set out a revised programme of measures to achieve Good Environmental Status across Scotland's seabeds, including the quantification of the contribution that each measure will make towards achieving that objective, and welcomes the engagement between Scottish Ministers and Environmental Standards Scotland to agree that programme of measures.

Supported by: Monica Lennon\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Kate Campbell\*, Gary Bouse\*, Martyn Day\*

**\*[S7M-01255](#) Jackie Baillie: Congratulates Ridings Sawmills on its 50th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Ridings Sawmills, in Cardross, on reaching the significant milestone of 50 years in business; understands that the family-run company was founded in 1976 by Fred Riding and his sons, Alfred and Frank, and has since grown into one of Scotland's established independent sawmills; recognises the contribution that the business has made to the local economy and employment across Cardross, Dumbarton, the Vale of Leven and Helensburgh, where it employs around 50 people; commends the company's resilience and adaptability in diversifying its operations following the decline of the mining industry; acknowledges its continued commitment to processing homegrown timber and supporting Scotland's forestry and timber sector; celebrates its ongoing success under the leadership of third-generation family members, Lindsay McKechnie and Amanda Bradley, and wishes everyone associated with Ridings Sawmills continued success for the future.

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S7M-01259](#) Paul Sweeney: Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal Appointed Inaugural Chancellor of City of Glasgow College** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

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New Support: Thomas Kerr\*

[S7M-01258](#) **Neil Bibby: Scottish Association of Teachers of Physical Education Conference 2026** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01257](#) **Jackie Baillie: Balloch Castle Ash Tree Shortlisted for UK Tree of the Year 2026** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Kim Schmulian\*, Kate Nevens\*, Neil Bibby\*, Stephen Kerr\*

[S7M-01256](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Complete Paving Requirements (Scotland) Ltd on Major Network Rail Contract** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01254](#) **Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Congratulating Edinburgh Trams Drivers on Attendance at 2026 European Tram Driver Championship** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Kate Nevens\*, Stuart McMillan\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*

[S7M-01253](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulating Dumbarton District Disabled Children's Forum on its 30th Anniversary** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Colin Beattie\*

[S7M-01252](#) **Clare Adamson: Caitlin Patterson and Susan Campbell Receive Children's Choice Award** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black\*, Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Stuart McMillan\*

[S7M-01251](#) **Willie Rennie: Recognising Thomas Mathers, the Fisherman Poet** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Martyn Day\*

[S7M-01249](#) **David Torrance: Emmalisa Peggie Named Youth Worker of the Year** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black\*, Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Gary Bouse\*, Stuart McMillan\*

[S7M-01248](#) **Lloyd Melville: Angus-developed Yokit Shortlisted for British Farming Award** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Gary Bouse\*

[S7M-01247](#) **Clare Adamson: 30th Anniversary of the Tickled Pink Partnership** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black\*, Colin Beattie\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Monica Lennon\*, Karen Adam\*, Stuart McMillan\*

[S7M-01246](#) **Jamie Langan: Standing with the People of Ceuta Against Illegal Migration** (lodged on 18 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr\*, Senga Beresford\*, Kim Schmulian\*, Max Bannerman\*

[S7M-01245](#) **Dawn Black: Congratulating Chris Platt on his Nomination for Forty Under 40 Awards** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01244](#) **Senga Beresford: Celebrating Galloway Offroad** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr\*, Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01243](#) **Heather Anderson: 50 Years of Tayside Mountain Rescue** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

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New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01242](#) **Holly Bruce: Govanhill Declared by Time Out as the Fifth Coolest Place to Live in the World** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kate Nevens\*, Monica Lennon\*, Gary Bouse\*, Ariane Burgess\*

[S7M-01241](#) **Jamie Langan: New Pickstock Telford Beef Processing Facility** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Thomas Kerr\*

[S7M-01240](#) **Q Manivannan: Celebrating Alan Cumming's Third Consecutive Emmy Win** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Karen Adam\*

[S7M-01239](#) **David Torrance: Reo Martin Represents Scotland and Secures International Victory** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01238](#) **Jack Middleton: Aberdeen to Become Europe's Capital of Energy Excellence** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*

[S7M-01237](#) **Paul McLennan: Celebrating 10 Years of Growing Matters and the Success of Gilmerton House Kitchen Garden Open Day** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01236](#) **Paul McLennan: Congratulating Mazzoli Italian Kitchen on National Award Success** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01235](#) **David Torrance: £10,000 Boost for Kirkcaldy Gymnastics Club** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01234](#) **Laura Moodie: Celebrating the Opening of Dumfries Community Workshop** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kate Nevens\*

[S7M-01233](#) **Laura Moodie: Celebrating Hawick's RIDONKULOUS Great Street Day** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Kate Nevens\*

[S7M-01232](#) **David Torrance: Fife College Shortlisted for Two CDN College Awards 2026** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01231](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to Kirkcaldy Centenarian Isa Simpson** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01230](#) **David Torrance: 90th Anniversary of the Spanish Civil War and Fife's International Brigade Volunteers** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Katy Clark\*, Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01229](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Man Takes on Forth Bridge Abseil for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

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[S7M-01228](#) **David Torrance: Celebrating Tom Hubbard's Life and Work in Kirkcaldy** (lodged on 17 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

[S7M-01223](#) **Maggie Chapman: Aberdeen Live Closure** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

[S7M-01222](#) **Morven-May MacCallum: Shetland Wool Week 2026** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Jamie Langan\*, Colin Beattie\*, Kate Nevens\*, Monica Lennon\*, Andrew Baxter\*, Pauline McNeill\*, Stuart McMillan\*

[S7M-01221](#) **Morven-May MacCallum: First Female Junior Jarl Elected for Shetland's Junior Up Helly Aa** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black\*, Colin Beattie\*, Andrew Baxter\*, Stuart McMillan\*

[S7M-01220](#) **Steven Bonnar: Remembering Bellshill Athletic Legend Rab Brown** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr\*

[S7M-01218](#) **Jack Middleton: Concern for Journalism Jobs in the North East** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

[S7M-01214](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Commendation of the RNLI** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Katy Clark\*, Q Manivannan\*

[S7M-01206](#) **Holly Bruce: First Hampden For All** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Keith Brown\*

[S7M-01204](#) **Tim Eagle: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Donald MacKinnon\*

[S7M-01202](#) **Jackie Baillie: Centenary of Our Lady & St Mark's Church, Alexandria** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Marie McNair\*, Stuart McMillan\*

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

New Support: Donald MacKinnon\*

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

New Support: Kate Nevens\*

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

New Support: Senga Beresford\*

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

New Support: Katy Clark\*

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

New Support: Kristopher Leask\*, Paul McLennan\*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie\*, Neil Bibby\*, Stuart McMillan\*

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

New Support: Joe Long\*

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

New Support: Helen McDade\*

[S7M-00976](#) **Ariane Burgess: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick\*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar\*

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

New Support: Katy Clark\*

## Questions

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 30 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 23 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 24 September 2026.

#### Social Justice and Housing

1. Donald MacKinnon
2. David Barratt
3. Paul McLennan
4. Liam Kerr
5. Alexander Burnett
6. Amanda Lindsay
7. Max Bannerman
8. Collette Stevenson
9. Jenny Young
10. Dawn Black

#### Economy, Tourism and Transport

1. Amanda Bland
2. Heather Anderson
3. Graham Simpson
4. Duncan Massey
5. Tim Eagle
6. Zen Ghani
7. Paul Sweeney
8. Gary Bouse
9. Q Manivannan
10. Duncan Dunlop

### Members selected for General Questions on 29 September 2026

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon Wednesday 23 September 2026. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 24 September 2026.

1. Marie McNair
2. Holly Bruce
3. Murdo Fraser
4. Senga Beresford
5. Craig Hoy
6. James Adams
7. David Green
8. Patrick Harvie

### Members selected for General Questions on 1 October 2026

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1. David Linden
2. Emma Roddick
3. Rachael Hamilton
4. Laura Moodie
5. Martyn Day
6. Helen McDade
7. Sanne Dijkstra-Downie
8. Julie MacDougall
9. Miles Briggs
10. Monica Lennon

## Written Questions

### Written Questions lodged on 21 September 2026

[S7W-03447](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport regarding the Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change proposals.

[S7W-03449](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking following the dredging incident in Ardmore Bay on 23 August 2026 and whether (a) the incident is being investigated and, if so, when this will conclude and the findings will be published and (b) it will issue an urgent Marine Conservation Order and/or take other protective measures to prevent further damage.

[S7W-03450](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the decision to close the Emergency Heating Oil Scheme on 30 September 2026 was informed by the availability of Winter Heating Payment or other forms of seasonal support, and what assessment it has made of whether those schemes provide equivalent support to households reliant on heating oil and LPG.

[S7W-03451](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that, due to factors including larger floor areas, detached construction, older building types and installation costs, rural and island homes are typically more expensive to retrofit for energy efficiency and heating decarbonisation than urban properties.

[S7W-03452](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide enhanced grant support for the installation of low-carbon heating systems for private landlords providing housing in remote rural and island communities, in line with what is available to owner-occupiers to help lower energy bills for tenants.

[S7W-03453](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the repayment terms attached to the Private Rented Sector Landlord Loan adequately reflect the higher costs of installing low-carbon heating systems in rural and island properties, in light of landlords carrying out higher-cost rural installations being subject to the same repayment period as those undertaking lower-cost installations in urban areas.

[S7W-03454](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence it used when deciding that the Emergency Heating Oil Scheme should close on 30 September 2026, including any assessment of the risks facing households reliant on heating oil and LPG during winter 2026-27 arising from continued exposure to wholesale fuel price volatility and the absence of domestic energy price cap protections.

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**[S7W-03455 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether any Glasgow-built NBL MAN L12V18/21A V12 diesel generators are still installed as emergency standby generators in hospitals across the NHS Scotland estate.

**[S7W-03456 Paul Sweeney:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether Ferguson Marine has ordered a new panel line from Pemamek and, if so, when it will be (a) installed and (b) commissioned for steel fabrication at the shipyard.

**[S7W-03457 Steven Bonnar:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether current cancer waiting times standards provide sufficient monitoring and accountability for women with suspected endometrial cancer, given that it is not one of the 10 cancer types covered by the 62-day cancer waiting times standard, and what consideration it has given to including this cancer within the 62-day cancer waiting times standard or introducing a separate national waiting-time measure for its diagnosis and treatment.

**[S7W-03458 Finlay Carson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to monitor the socio-economic impacts of its proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas once they are in place and, if so, how.

**[S7W-03459 Finlay Carson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that as many people as possible will be able to respond to its *Proposed Fisheries Management Measures for Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas* consultation.

**[S7W-03460 Finlay Carson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that individuals and groups affected by the proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas are able to engage with the consultation process in locations where no drop-in consultation event is being held or where access to an event is limited by venue capacity.

**[S7W-03461 Finlay Carson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what socio-economic factors it will (a) consider and (b) exclude when assessing proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas.

**[S7W-03462 Finlay Carson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to compensate any fishermen adversely affected by its proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas.

**[S7W-03463 Finlay Carson:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the feasibility of ensuring compliance with its proposed fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas.

**[S7W-03464 Martyn Day:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding current waiting times for people referred for specialist assessment or treatment for migraine, broken down by NHS board.

**[S7W-03465 Martyn Day:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether the National Headache Pathway, which was published in May 2024 with a review date of April 2025, has been reviewed, and, if so, what changes have been made following that review.

**[S7W-03466 Martyn Day:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how it is monitoring the implementation of the National Headache Pathway across NHS boards, including what information it holds on variation in any aspects of the implementation between NHS boards.

**[S7W-03467 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that local communities receive meaningful financial benefits from new onshore renewable energy developments.

**[S7W-03468 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the 100,000 properties identified in its Programme for Government are expected to have benefited from energy

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efficiency measures by the end of financial year 2026-27.

**[S7W-03469](#) Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its updated Wildfire Strategic Action Plan and what additional measures the plan will contain to reduce the risk of wildfires.

**[S7W-03470](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that funding, governance and delivery arrangements do not create barriers to the development of heat networks that cross local authority boundaries.

**[S7W-03471](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the case for establishing a dedicated fund, or amending the eligibility criteria for Scotland's Heat Network Fund, to support efficiency improvements to existing heat networks, particularly where these could reduce costs for consumers experiencing fuel poverty.

**[S7W-03472](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government how the standards and funding criteria that apply to new heat networks will ensure that these networks take advantage of thermal storage, smart controls and other forms of energy-system flexibility.

**[S7W-03473](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43779 by Mairi McAllan on 2 March 2026, what progress it has made on the options for community heat network support, including support for not-for-profit and co-operative ownership models.

**[S7W-03474](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the proportion of freight transported to and from Scotland's ports by rail.

**[S7W-03475](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology regarding the reported £45 million cut in UKRI-Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) funding, and its potential impact on a planned upgrade to the Large Hadron Collider beauty (LHCb) project and the universities involved in the project, including the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow.

**[S7W-03476](#) Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the national funding strategy for tertiary education, skills and apprenticeships, as required under the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Act 2026.

**[S7W-03480](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will ring-fence the £7.38m arising from Barnett consequential generated by the UK Government's Species Recovery Programme and allocate that funding to a new Species Recovery Fund.

**[S7W-03481](#) Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the extent of the impact of reserved powers over broadcasting and advertising on Scotland's ability to protect children and young people from marketing of alcohol and products high in fat, salt or sugar.

**[S7W-03482](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its forthcoming childcare blueprint will include a specific assessment of the case for extending 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare from the age of two to children in families with multiple births, including an assessment of the costs, benefits and potential impact on parental employment, and whether it will publish its conclusions on this issue as part of the consultation.

**[S7W-03483](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its answers to question S6W-44443 by Natalie Don-Innes on 19 March 2026 and question S7W-03030 by Siobhian Brown on 18 September 2026, whether it has undertaken or commissioned an estimate of the annual cost of providing 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare from the age of two to children in families with multiple births and, if not, whether it will undertake such an assessment before finalising its forthcoming childcare blueprint.

**[S7W-03484](#) Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-44440 by Natalie Don-Innes on 24 March 2026, what assessment it has made of the impact of childcare costs on the ability of parents with twins and other multiple births to return to, remain in or

increase their participation in the workforce, and whether it will publish the evidence informing that assessment.

[S7W-03485](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of families with twins or other multiple births who are currently unable to access funded early learning and childcare for their children from the age of two solely because multiple-birth status is not an eligibility criterion, and what estimate it has made of the number of additional children who would become eligible if such a criterion was introduced.

[S7W-03486](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the case for a funding model for species recovery that takes account of Scotland’s landmass, coastline and natural assets, as well as population, and what response it has received.

## Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Introduced, 9 September 2026

*Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments*

*Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2026)*

## Legislative Consent Memorandums

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### Armed Forces Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-3

Lodged on 16 June 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 23 September 2026

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

Lodged on 17 September 2026

## Commercial Payments Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-5a

Lodged on 6 August 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 8 September 2026

*Lead committee - Economy, Tourism and Energy*

## Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-12

Lodged on 10 September 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy)), 22 September 2026

## Financial Services and Markets Bill LCM-S7-8

Lodged on 25 June 2026

*Lead committee - Criminal Justice*

## Health Bill LCM-S7-6

Lodged on 23 June 2026

*Lead committee - Health, Care and Sport*

## High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)*

## Immigration and Asylum Bill LCM-S7-9

Lodged on 14 July 2026

*Lead committee - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice*

## Northern Ireland Troubles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-68a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

*Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (14th Report, 2026)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2026)*

## Public Office (Accountability) Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-10

Lodged on 28 July 2026

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

*Lead committee - Finance and Public Administration*

## Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2026)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)*

## Representation of the People Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-7b

Lodged on 10 September 2026

*Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments*

## Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1b

Lodged on 2 September 2026

*Lead committee - Economy, Energy and Tourism  
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (6th Report, 2026)*

**Subordinate Legislation** (date of laying) (lead committee)

**Affirmative Instruments**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 November 2026**

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 12 November 2026

[Air Departure Tax \(Administration\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Air Departure Tax \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

## Negative instruments

### Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026

#### Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026

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

### Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026

#### Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

### Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026

#### Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

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

### Subject to annulment by 28 October 2026

#### Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

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

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

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

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

[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)

**Subject to annulment by 12 November 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 9 November 2026**

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/263\)](#) (18 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments 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)

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