

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Change to Membership of the Parliamentary Bureau

The Presiding Officer wishes to inform Members that Claire Baker will replace Neil Bibby as the representative for Scottish Labour on the Parliamentary Bureau.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

9:30am Transport Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

Climate Action and Rural Affairs

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

Education, Culture and Gaelic

- 1. Gary Bouse:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with local authorities regarding the Scottish Attainment Challenge funding beyond 2026-27. ([S7O-00269](#)) **R**
- 2. Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government how informal exclusion from education among young learners with additional support needs is being recorded and addressed, for example, those neurodivergent young people who are unable to attend school regularly or are on part-time timetables. ([S7O-00270](#))
- 3. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding widening access policies for Scottish-funded students applying to university, what its position is on whether disability, neurodivergence and

long-term health conditions should be considered. ([S7O-00271](#))

4. Alan Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of Scotland-based students gaining entry to university for the academic session 2026-27. ([S7O-00272](#))

5. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to endangered and critically endangered heritage crafts. ([S7O-00273](#))

6. Lloyd Melville: To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Historic Environment Scotland and VisitScotland to attract visitors to historic buildings. ([S7O-00274](#))

7. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what measures it will introduce as part of the Programme for Government to improve additional support needs provision in schools. ([S7O-00275](#))

8. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Audit Scotland's report, *Scotland's colleges 2026*. ([S7O-00276](#))

9. Steven Bonnar: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the new national approach to additional support for learning delivers more consistent support for children and young people across Scotland, and provides schools and families with greater clarity about what support is available. ([S7O-00277](#))

10. Jack Middleton: To ask the Scottish Government how the Programme for Government aims to benefit cultural organisations in Aberdeen city centre. ([S7O-00278](#))

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

[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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01283.2](#) Donald MacKinnon: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), leave out from "acknowledges" to "preparedness" and insert "calls on the Scottish Government to increase and guarantee funding for the remaining incomplete flood protection schemes from Cycle 1 and to ensure that future funding cycles are adequately resourced and provide flexibility to accommodate increased costs; believes that further Scottish Government support is required for nature-based solutions and community preparedness".

[S7M-01283.4](#) Jamie Langan: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing

Climate), leave out from "as" to end and insert "and that its contribution to global emissions is negligible; believes that this Parliament cannot control global weather patterns and that flooding risks will persist regardless of future emissions reductions; further believes that government policy must therefore place a greater emphasis on Scotland's ability to adapt, prepare for and recover from flooding and on protecting homes, businesses and infrastructure from its effects."

[S7M-01283.5](#) Mark Ruskell: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), insert at end "; recognises the range of actions that communities across Scotland are taking to reduce their flood risk; is concerned that small communities can miss out on funding opportunities under the current model; believes that communities must have an active role in developing flood management plans; further believes that such plans must be developed on a catchment-wide scale, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with landowners to take forward nature-based solutions to flooding through public land management and agriculture support schemes."

[S7M-01283.3](#) Finlay Carson: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), leave out from "Scotland's" to end and insert "that Scotland is facing an increasing risk of flooding; further recognises that flooding is becoming more frequent, more intense, more damaging and more costly due to changes in the climate; highlights that the impact of flooding is felt throughout Scotland, including in urban, rural and coastal communities; further highlights that it affects homes, businesses and livelihoods across Scotland; appreciates the funding announcement made in the 2026-31 Programme for Government but questions whether further support is needed; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the public is aware of the risks and mitigation efforts related to flooding; urges the Scottish Government to ensure that national strategies are in place to target flood prevention and support when flooding does happen, and also urges local authorities to consult widely and transparently on proposed flood defence plans and to take full account of local views, and asks all involved to make sure that efforts to prevent, mitigate and tackle flooding are directed at all parts of Scotland facing a substantial and rising threat."

[S7M-01283.1](#) Willie Rennie: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), insert at end "; believes, however, that the mix of financial support can be complex and fails to recognise the economic value of land; further believes that the SEPA permissions process can be demanding, confusing and a barrier to action, and calls for the value of grants to reflect the economic value of land and for the appointment of catchment coordinators to work with communities and land owners to develop a plan of action."

followed by Business Motions

[S7M-01295](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister’s Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Communities and Strengthening Local Democracy

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 Debate: Scotland’s Priorities for the UK Budget

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 October 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 September 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S7M-01296](#) Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved. **[S7M-01297](#) Jamie Hepburn: Membership of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group**—That the Parliament agrees to nominate Pauline Stafford as a full member and David Green as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group.

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

[S7M-01166](#) Jackie Baillie: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month—That the Parliament recognises that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; understands that around 320 children and young people in Scotland are diagnosed with cancer each year, and that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for that age group; further understands that children and young people with cancer have unique needs and experiences compared with older adults, including in relation to diagnosis, treatment, mental health, research, and the financial impact of cancer for them and their families; notes that the current strategy, *Collaborative and Compassionate Cancer Care: The Cancer Strategy for Children and Young People in Scotland 2021-2026* reaches the end of its lifecycle in 2026; notes what it sees as the significant financial impact that cancer has on children and young people and their families, including the cost of travelling to treatment, with research from Young Lives vs Cancer showing costs averaging £700 every month, of which £250 is spent on travelling to treatment, and that one in 10 report missing or delaying treatment because of travel costs; commends the work of Young Lives vs Cancer and other third sector organisations supporting young cancer patients across Scotland, and notes the belief that Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity for the Parliament to reflect on the unique, practical, emotional and financial impact of cancer on children and young people in Scotland and their families.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs Committee 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, Simon Girling, Veterinary Advisor, and Grant McLarty, Solicitor, 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.

Criminal Justice Committee 6th 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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 (2026/212).
3. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.
4. **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.
5. **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;
Dr Emma Forbes, National Lead for Domestic Abuse and Fraser Gibson, Procurator Fiscal, Glasgow and Strathkelvin, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
6. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – report:** The Committee will consider a draft report on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-3.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 6th Meeting, 2026

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

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

Health, Care and Sport Committee 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.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee 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.

Transport Committee 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.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 16 September 2026

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

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

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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

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Chamber Seòmar				

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

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followed by Scottish Government Business

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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>

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24 September 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

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

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 6 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, Anna Donald, Deputy Director, Criminal Justice Division, Denise Swanson, Deputy Director for Civil Law,, and Jo Gillies, Mainstreaming and Inclusion Strategic Lead, Scottish Government.

3. **Instruments relating to fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on 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 \(SSI 2026/252\)](#) from—

Danielle McLaughlin, Interim Director, Scottish Civil Justice Council;
Andrew Campbell, Lord President's Private Office.

4. **Instruments relating to fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers – motions recommending annulment:** Holly Bruce to move—

S7M-01282—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, and

S7M-01284—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.

5. **Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the [Act of Sederunt \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2026 \(SSI 2026/238\)](#).

6. **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

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;

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Committees Comataidhean				

Derek Hoy, Senior Manager and Ray Buist, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **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

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

Climate Action Committee 24 September 2026 4th Meeting, 2026

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Committees Comataidhean				

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

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

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

Motions for debate

***[S7M-01304](#) Màiri McAllan: Growing Scotland's Creative Economy**—"That the Parliament recognises the significant contribution that Scotland's culture and creative sectors make to the nation's economy, communities and international reputation; notes that these sectors support employment, innovation and skills development across all parts of Scotland; celebrates the success of Scotland's artists, creative businesses, festivals, cultural organisations and screen sector in showcasing Scottish creativity at home and abroad; welcomes the commitment to establish Screen Scotland as a distinct public body, in light of the sector's potential for growth and the benefits of inward investment and domestic production to the Scottish economy; notes the value of the public service broadcasting ecosystem to the wider screen sector and the importance of broadcasters fulfilling their obligations to Scottish audiences and creative industries; acknowledges the importance of ensuring that creative career pathways are accessible and sustainable for people from all backgrounds; recognises the role that culture and creativity play in strengthening community cohesion and improving wellbeing; welcomes the Scottish Government's ongoing efforts and increased investment to support growth within the creative economy and to develop opportunities for creative workers and businesses; recognises also the unique and welcome contribution that Gaelic and Scots language and culture make to enriching Scotland's society and economy, and supports continued collaboration across all of society to realise the full economic, cultural and social potential of Scotland's creative industries."

Supported by: Alyn Smith*, Siobhian Brown*

[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

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S7M-01283.5](#) Mark Ruskell: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), insert at end "; recognises the range of actions that communities across Scotland are taking to reduce their flood risk; is concerned that small communities can miss out on funding opportunities under the current model; believes that communities must have an active role in developing flood management plans; further believes that such plans must be developed on a catchment-wide scale, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with landowners to take forward nature-based solutions to flooding through public land management and agriculture support schemes."

***[S7M-01283.4](#) Jamie Langan: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), leave out from "as" to end and insert "and that its contribution to global emissions is negligible; believes that this Parliament cannot control global weather patterns and that flooding risks will persist regardless of future emissions reductions; further believes that government policy must therefore place a greater emphasis on Scotland's ability to adapt, prepare for and recover from flooding and on protecting homes, businesses and infrastructure from its effects."

***[S7M-01283.3](#) Finlay Carson: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), leave out from "Scotland's" to end and insert "that Scotland is facing an increasing risk of flooding; further recognises that flooding is becoming more frequent, more intense, more damaging and more costly due to changes in the climate; highlights that the impact of flooding is felt throughout Scotland, including in urban, rural and coastal communities; further highlights that it affects homes, businesses and livelihoods across Scotland; appreciates the funding announcement made in the 2026-31 Programme for Government but questions whether further support is needed; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the public is aware of the risks and mitigation efforts related to flooding; urges the Scottish Government to ensure that national strategies are in place to target flood prevention and support when flooding does happen, and also urges local authorities to consult widely and transparently on proposed flood defence plans and to take full account of local views, and asks all involved to make sure that efforts to prevent, mitigate and tackle flooding are directed at all parts of Scotland facing a substantial and rising threat."

***[S7M-01283.2](#) Donald MacKinnon: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), leave out from "acknowledges" to "preparedness" and insert "calls on the Scottish Government to increase and guarantee funding for the remaining incomplete flood protection schemes from Cycle 1 and to ensure that future funding cycles are adequately resourced and provide flexibility to accommodate increased costs; believes that further Scottish Government support is required for nature-based solutions and community preparedness".

***[S7M-01283.1](#) Willie Rennie: Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01283 in the name of Gillian Martin (Building a Flood Resilient Scotland: Delivering Action for Communities in a Changing Climate), insert at end "; believes, however, that the mix of financial support can be complex and fails to recognise the economic value of land; further believes that the SEPA permissions process can be demanding, confusing and a barrier to action, and calls for the value of grants to reflect the economic value of land and for the appointment of catchment coordinators to work with communities and land owners to develop a plan of action."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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Motions Glusadan				

***[S7M-01299](#) Fulton MacGregor: President of Ireland's Visit to Coatbridge**—That the Parliament welcomes the official visit to Scotland by Uachtarán na hÉireann, President Catherine Connolly, and her visit to St Patrick's Primary School in Coatbridge on 17 September 2026; recognises the significance of the visit in celebrating the longstanding cultural, community and family links between Ireland and Scotland; commends the pupils of St Patrick's Primary School, together with pupils from St Augustine's, St Bartholomew's and St Mary's primary schools, for the warm welcome that they gave to President Connolly through Gaelic football, Irish dancing, singing and other displays of Irish culture; congratulates the pupils and staff for representing their schools with such enthusiasm, confidence and pride; recognises the work of school staff, parents and the wider school community in promoting and celebrating Coatbridge's rich Irish heritage; acknowledges the generations of Irish people who made Coatbridge and Scotland their home and the significant contribution that the Irish community has made to the social, cultural and civic life of Scotland; notes that President Connolly also met with members of the Coatbridge Irish diaspora community in St Patrick's Parish hall; commends the Coatbridge Irish Heritage Committee for its work in preserving and celebrating the history, heritage and traditions of the local Irish community; notes President Connolly's remarks on the strong ties of friendship, culture and language between Ireland and Scotland and on the interwoven nature of Irish and Scottish identities, and celebrates the enduring friendship between the people of Ireland and Scotland and the important role that schools, families and community organisations play in passing this shared heritage on to future generations.

Supported by: Patricia Gibson*, Gillian Mackay*, Colm Merrick*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Steven Bonnar*, Heather Anderson*

***[S7M-01298](#) Holly Bruce: UK AIDS Memorial Quilt Displayed at Tramway**—That the Parliament welcomes the continued preservation and display of the UK AIDS Memorial Quilt at Tramway, in Glasgow Southside; notes that the quilt is a deeply moving and historically significant piece of social history, made up of panels handmade by loved ones to commemorate over 600 individuals who lost their lives to HIV and AIDS; understands that the quilt forms part of the world's largest community art project and that Scottish activist Ally Van Tilo (formerly Alastair Hume) began curating the UK version; understands that the quilt serves as a powerful reminder of the human cost of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and as a testament to the resilience, love and activism of the LGBTQ+ community and its allies; appreciates the vital work of the UK AIDS Memorial Quilt Partnership and charities, including Waverley Care, in keeping these memories alive and using the quilt to educate younger generations; recognises that while medical advancements mean HIV is now a manageable long-term condition, stigma and late diagnosis remain significant challenges, and supports ongoing efforts to achieve zero new HIV transmissions in Scotland by 2030, ensuring that the legacy of those remembered in the quilt continues to inspire a more compassionate and informed society.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Ross Greer*, Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*, Iris Duane*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, Kate Nevens*

***[S7M-01297](#) Jamie Hepburn: Membership of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group**—That the Parliament agrees to nominate Pauline Stafford as a full member and David Green as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group.

***[S7M-01296](#) Jamie Hepburn: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

***[S7M-01295](#) Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 September 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Communities and Strengthening Local Democracy

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 Debate: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 October 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans; Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

***[S7M-01294](#) Lloyd Melville: Newton Farm Holidays Wins Innovation Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Louise and Graeme Nicoll and the team at Newton Farm Holidays, near Forfar, on winning the Innovation Award at the 2026 Central and East of Scotland Thistle Awards; understands that four generations of the Nicoll family have farmed at Newton of Fotheringham and that Louise and Graeme have continued to develop and diversify the business since taking over its day-to-day running in 2001; recognises its innovative approach to sharing authentic working farm life through accommodation, farm tours, Highland cattle experiences, family activities, education and events; commends Louise, Graeme and staff for their hard work, creativity and contribution to Angus tourism and the wider rural economy; notes that Newton Farm will now progress to the Scottish Thistle Awards National Final in November 2026, and wishes the team every success.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Alex Kerr*

***[S7M-01293](#) Stuart McMillan: Have a Wee Read on 7 October 2026**—That the Parliament commends the Wee Read campaign from the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC), encouraging everyone across Scotland to stop and enjoy just a few minutes of reading; understands that reading for pleasure reduces stress, contributes to positive wellbeing and is the single most important indicator of a child's future success; believes that no matter who you are, there is reading material for you through books, comics, newspapers and magazines, or audiobooks; recognises that libraries across Scotland are the perfect place to start or to continue a person's reading journey and encourages more people into libraries as one of Scotland's most cherished institutions; notes that thousands of people across Scotland have already signed the pledge to take part in the Wee Read on 7 October 2026, and urges schools, libraries, workplaces, community groups, families and individuals to also pledge their support and help make Scotland a country where reading for all is valued, shared and enjoyed.

Supported by: Fulton MacGregor*

***[S7M-01292](#) Keith Brown: Alva Academy Raises £750,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support**—That the Parliament congratulates the pupils, staff and wider school community of Alva Academy on raising more than £750,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support since beginning its fundraising efforts in 2001; understands that, each year, sixth-year pupils lead a month-long programme of activities, including sponsored treks, cycle rides, duck races and bag packing, culminating in a major community coffee morning; recognises the dedication of the staff team that supports the pupils and the invaluable contribution made by families, local businesses and the wider community; believes that this remarkable 25-year fundraising partnership demonstrates community spirit at its very best; acknowledges the vital difference that the funds raised will make to people living with cancer and their families; recognises the warmth, hope and sense of togetherness that the school's fundraising brings to the local community, and commends everyone who has contributed to this outstanding achievement.

Supported by: Alex Kerr*, Gary Bouse*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Heather Anderson*

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Motions Gluasadan				

***[S7M-01291](#) Kristopher Leask: LGBTQ+ Group, Stepping Out, Co-founder Charlotte Garscadden Recognised at Highland Third Sector Interface Awards 2026**—That the Parliament congratulates Charlotte Garscadden on winning the Highland Third Sector Interface Volunteer of the Year Award for her work supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Caithness; recognises her work as co-founder and chair of Stepping Out, a community group that supports LGBTQ+ people in Caithness by creating a safe space and helping to build the confidence of its users through regular groups as well as themed events; acknowledges her contribution to the organisation of Caithness Pride in 2025 and 2026, celebrating diversity, love and community with a day of parades, stalls, workshops and entertainment; understands that these were the first Pride events to be held in the area and are mainland UK's most northerly Pride events; wishes Charlotte success in all her future endeavours, and thanks her for volunteering her time so generously for this important work in Caithness.

Supported by: Holly Bruce*, Laura Moodie*, Ariane Burgess*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01290](#) Martyn Day: Celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight in Linlithgow**—That the Parliament congratulates Linlithgow Fairtrade Partnership on going from strength to strength since Linlithgow became Scotland's fourth Fairtrade Town in 2004; acknowledges the dedication and hard work of all those involved in fostering Fairtrade in the town and celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight every year; recognises that in 2026, Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 21 September to 4 October under the 'Do it Fair' banner, and encourages locals to support Fairtrade Fortnight, champion fair pay, support producers against climate change impacts and secure sustainable futures for global farmers and workers.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S7M-01288](#) Cara McKee: Welcoming Occupational Health Awareness Week 2026**—That the Parliament notes that Occupational Health Awareness Week is taking place from 21 to 27 September 2026, with a focus on communicating that occupational health professionals are experts in work and health, and encouraging people to use occupational health early; recognises the importance of integrating occupational health into workplace risk management and organisational decision-making to ensure that wellbeing is promoted, ill-health is prevented and employees are supported with rehabilitation and returning to work; highlights the resources created by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, which enable organisations to strengthen their occupational health management; notes the findings from its recent report, *Fixing Sick Britain*, which indicated that many workers lack confidence that they would receive adequate support if they experienced a long-term health condition, disability or mental health condition, with only 45% of UK workers currently having access to occupational health provision; notes and appreciates the vital work of Occupational Health professionals and organisations, and recognises their importance within the wider health and social care sector.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Laura Moodie*, Gillian Mackay*, Monica Lennon*, Holly Bruce*, Victor Currie*, Iris Duane*, Kate Nevens*, Dawn Black*, Jackie Baillie*, Ross Greer*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01289](#) Patricia Gibson: Developing the Young Workforce in Ayrshire (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01287](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating the Coasts and Waters Recognition of the Back Burn Restoration project in Glenrothes and Markinch (lodged on 21 September 2026)

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Motions Gluasadan				

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Alex Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*, Julie MacDougall*

[S7M-01286](#) **Claire Baker: Welcoming Perth and Kinross Council funding of £5000 for Royal Voluntary Service's minibus project** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Murdo Fraser*, Alex Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Mark Ruskell*

[S7M-01285](#) **Claire Baker: Perthshire Highland Dancer Crowned Junior Highland Dance World Champion** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Murdo Fraser*, Alex Kerr*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Baillie*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01277](#) **David Green: Congratulating Caithness Ladies on Winning the ScottishPower Highland and Island League** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*, Helen McDade*, Liam McArthur*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Stuart McMillan*, Tim Eagle*, Lloyd Melville*, Gary Bouse*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01276](#) **Colin Beattie: Inclusive Play Receives Manufacturer of the Year Award** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01275](#) **Colin Beattie: Saltire Patisserie Receives Best Innovation in Business Award** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01274](#) **Colin Beattie: McSence Receives High Growth Business of the Year Award** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alex Kerr*, Heather Anderson*, Gary Bouse*

[S7M-01271](#) **Colm Merrick: Whiteinch Centre Celebrates 20 Years at the Heart of the Community** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Clare Haughey*, Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Miles Briggs*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01270](#) **Liam Kerr: Opening of the Denis Law Institute of Sport and Wellbeing** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Stephen Kerr*, Tim Eagle*, Monica Lennon*

[S7M-01269](#) **Stuart McMillan: Celebrating Port Glasgow Juniors FC's Strathclyde Cup Victory** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01268](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Congratulating Hawick High School on its Macmillan Coffee Morning** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01267](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Digitalising Dairy and Supporting Dairy Farming and Rural Jobs in Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, R, Lloyd Melville*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01266](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating His Majesty's Theatre on Raising £25,000 at HMT 120 Gala Dinner** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*, Karen Adam*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01265](#) **Colin Beattie: 100 Years of Welfare Park** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01264.5](#) **Gillian Mackay: Scotland's Right to Decide** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Ross Greer*

[S7M-01263](#) **Stephen Kerr: Congratulating the University of Stirling on Rising 18 Places in Good University Guide 2027** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*, Liam Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Julie MacDougall*, Tim Eagle*

[S7M-01262](#) **Kate Campbell: Formal Volunteering Participation Rises Again to 27%** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Heather Anderson*, Jackie Baillie*, Miles Briggs*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01261](#) **Zen Ghani: AWARE Scotland's Aviemore Residential Trip 2026** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01260](#) **Emma Roddick: Protecting Scotland's Seafloor** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Neil Bibby*

[S7M-01255](#) **Jackie Baillie: Congratulates Ridings Sawmills on its 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*

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

New Support: Lloyd Melville*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Carol Mochan*, Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Neil Bibby*, Stuart McMillan*, Gary Bouse*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Murdo Fraser*, Julie MacDougall*, Alex Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Neil Bibby*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Lloyd Melville*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle* R

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Motions Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, David Smith*, Victor Currie*, Amanda Lindsay*, Mark Simpson*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[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: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Liam Kerr*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

New Support: Finlay Carson*, Fulton MacGregor*, Mark Ruskell*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, Mark Ruskell*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

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New Support: Julie MacDougall*

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

New Support: Julie MacDougall*

[S7M-01226](#) **Laura Mitchell: 100 Years of the Anderson's Primary School Building** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01225](#) **Liam Kerr: Bothy Butter Marks Expansion with Move of Production to ONE SeedPod** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01224](#) **Patricia Gibson: Geco Connect Ltd Secures EDGE Awards** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Victor Currie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01219](#) **Collette Stevenson: Recognition of Lewis's Summer Fundraising Challenge for Maxwellton Primary School** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01216](#) **David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society Invited to Perform at RSNO Season Opening** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01213](#) **David Torrance: Lang Toun Fest Expands to Six Weeks for 2027** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01207](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming Aberdeen's New General Practice and Mental Health Teaching Centre** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Mark Ruskell*

[S7M-01205](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Builders (Contractors) Limited Named Top Small Scottish House Builder** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

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New Support: Bob Doris*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01199](#) **Tim Eagle: Award Winning Argyll Coffee Roasters Feature at The Clachan** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Miles Briggs*, Tim Eagle*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Kristopher Leask*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Calum Kerr*

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

New Support: Calum Kerr*

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

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*

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

New Support: Pauline Stafford*

[S7M-00747](#) **Gary Bouse: World Stroke Day 2026** (lodged on 29 July 2026)

New Support: Duncan Dunlop*, Kate Campbell*

[S7M-00708](#) **Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026** (lodged on 22 July 2026)

New Support: Lloyd Melville*

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Questions

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 24 September 2026

1. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00046](#))
2. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00047](#))
3. **Gillian Mackay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00048](#))
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00049](#))
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00050](#))

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 22 September 2026

[S7W-03448](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans NHS Scotland has to offer superior cluneal nerve (SCN) hydro-dissection and pulsed radio frequency treatment for carpal tunnel syndrome, ulnar nerve entrapment and other peripheral nerve or fascial impingements, which is available in England.

[S7W-03477](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on establishing a presumption that publicly funded public health education and prevention programmes should be developed without input from, or influence by, the industries whose products are the subject of those programmes.

[S7W-03478](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on developing and publishing guidance to manage conflicts of interest arising from engagement by ministers, officials and public bodies with industries whose products contribute to preventable ill health.

[S7W-03479](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on requiring responses to public health consultations from trade associations, industry-funded organisations and third-party organisations to disclose the commercial interests that fund or support them.

[S7W-03487](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of ScotRail's restrictions on the size of bicycles permitted on trains on disabled passengers who rely on larger, cargo or adapted cycles for independent mobility.

[S7W-03488](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding how to ensure that its cycle carriage policies allow for reasonable adjustments where a cycle exceeds a dimensional limit but can safely be accommodated within the designated cycle space.

[S7W-03489](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the current and projected demand for qualified town planning professionals across Scotland, and what action it is taking to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to meet that demand.

[S7W-03490](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government how its commitments regarding apprenticeships will support the recruitment and training of the next generation of town planning professionals, and whether planning will be identified as a priority area within those commitments.

[S7W-03491](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with universities and other education providers regarding the number of planning courses and places

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required to meet Scotland's future workforce needs.

[S7W-03492](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether the national planning and spatial guidance on hyperscale data centres that it has committed to publish will apply to planning applications that were registered before the guidance is published, and, if so, what consideration it has given to how that guidance will be taken into account in the determination of such applications.

[S7W-03493](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what written instructions, advice or guidance it has issued to planning authorities since 16 September 2026 regarding the determination of planning applications for hyperscale data centres that were already registered and under consideration before that date, including whether planning authorities have been asked to defer, pause or otherwise delay determination of such applications pending the publication of national planning and spatial guidance.

[S7W-03494](#) Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has advised planning authorities to seek agreement with applicants to extend the period for determining planning applications for hyperscale data centres pending the publication of national planning and spatial guidance, and, if so, when and to which planning authorities such advice has been issued.

[S7W-03495](#) Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the commitment in the Scottish National Party manifesto to enact a statutory price cap on essential food items, what its response is to comments from the Federation of Small Businesses and Scottish Grocers Federation published in *The Scottish Sun* on 19 September 2026 that the policy could have adverse implications for both smaller food retail stores and small food suppliers.

[S7W-03496](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the community benefit and just transition conditions attached to each award from the Grangemouth Just Transition Fund, together with details of the arrangements for monitoring compliance.

[S7W-03497](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the Grangemouth Just Transition Fund has been allocated specifically to community-led or third sector projects, and how much has been allocated to commercial developments.

[S7W-03498](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what targets and reporting requirements have been placed on recipients of grants from the Grangemouth Just Transition Fund regarding procurement from businesses in Grangemouth and the wider Falkirk Council area.

[S7W-03499](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on the apprenticeships it expects will be created by projects supported through the Grangemouth Just Transition Fund, broken down by project and anticipated start date.

[S7W-03500](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce any interim public reporting on the delivery of the Grangemouth Industrial Just Transition Plan, including information on local jobs, apprenticeships, training outcomes, local procurement and community benefits, in advance of the publication of the first full monitoring and evaluation report.

[S7W-03501](#) Martyn Day: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in establishing a ratified mechanism through which community representatives can participate in the work and decision-making of the Grangemouth Future Industry Board.

[S7W-03502](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government when it will introduce legislation to deliver the Scottish National Party manifesto commitment to create a new offence of abusing or assaulting a public transport worker at work.

[S7W-03503](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made with implementing the recommendations of the Rail Enforcement Powers Working Group to address antisocial behaviour and improve safety on railways, further to its agreement in February 2026 to implement these recommendations in full.

[S7W-03504](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions have taken place between Transport Scotland and the Justice Directorate to progress the recommendation of the Rail

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Enforcement Powers Working Group that new legislation should be introduced to improve legal protections for public transport workers against abuse and assault at work.

[S7W-03505 Kristopher Leask:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with ports and harbour authorities regarding the development of guidance for floating wet storage of offshore wind turbines in harbour authority areas.

[S7W-03506 Kristopher Leask:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to develop licensing and/or consenting guidance for the floating wet storage of offshore wind turbines.

[S7W-03507 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the potential impact on the 5,583 civil nuclear jobs in Scotland if no new nuclear projects are developed.

[S7W-03508 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution of the 5,583 civil nuclear workers in Scotland to developing and maintaining the country's highly skilled workforce.

[S7W-03509 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has never undertaken a comprehensive assessment of adoptees as a distinct group across their whole life course under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

[S7W-03510 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the position of adult adoptees, including any lifelong legal consequences of adoption, was considered as part of any equality framework during its work on the Independent Care Review and the implementation of The Promise.

[S7W-03511 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government since its formal apology in July 2026 regarding adoption practices, including in relation to lifelong consequences, records, health, support, human rights and equality.

[S7W-03512 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the investment by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in new equipment to tackle wildfires over the last 10 years.

[S7W-03513 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the quality of the equipment that operational firefighters have at their disposal to tackle wildfire, including (a) breathing apparatus, (b) communications equipment and (c) appropriate PPE.

[S7W-03514 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of public opposition to the closure of fire stations, as proposed in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's *Service Delivery Review*.

[S7W-03515 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the (a) workplace and (b) management culture within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

[S7W-03516 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the ability of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to retain staff.

[S7W-03517 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the provision of (a) safety critical training and (b) wildfire training by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

[S7W-03518 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people in Scotland have received a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in each of the last five years, broken down by NHS board, whether diagnoses of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder are recorded in national datasets in a way that allows reporting, and if there is no Scotland-specific prevalence data for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder currently available, whether it will commission an active case ascertainment study in Scottish schools, to establish a baseline.

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[S7W-03519 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether any of the £3.4 million of additional neurodevelopmental investment it announced in 2026 has been allocated to support those living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and, if so, how much.

[S7W-03520 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken any economic assessment of the lifetime cost to Scottish public services of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and, if not, whether it has any plans to do so.

[S7W-03521 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to undertaking a comprehensive review of the equality and human rights position of adopted people across their whole life course, and, if so, whether it will ensure that adult adoptees and adoptee-led organisations are directly involved in determining the scope of that review.

[S7W-03522 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the final amount spent on proposals for a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill was, broken down by category of expenditure.

[S7W-03523 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02224 by Maree Todd on 31 August 2026 regarding the introduction of Vaping Products Duty and the Vaping Duty Stamps Scheme, what specific operational arrangements have been agreed for intelligence sharing and coordinated enforcement, including the respective roles of Police Scotland and COSLA, which body will lead this work in Scotland, and what route will be available for retailers to report suspected illicit or non-compliant products.

[S7W-03524 Martyn Day:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02223 by Maree Todd on 31 August 2026 regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026, what quantified assessment it has made to date of the additional staffing, training, systems and financial costs that local authority trading standards services will incur, whether it will publish this assessment, and whether it will provide dedicated funding to support the implementation before the registration offences come into force on 29 April 2027.

[S7W-03529 Emma Roddick:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when, and whether, it plans to take action regarding provisions in the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 that would enable the removal of the licensing exemption, provided for at section 22(1)(c) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, for a vehicle while it is being used for carrying passengers for its exclusive hire for a period of not less than 24 hours.

[S7W-03530 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what the outcome was of the investigation into the burial of salmon mortalities at the Whiteshore Cockles site on North Uist in May 2024, including what enforcement action, if any, was taken as a result of the investigation.

[S7W-03535 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether the posts of chief executive for its proposed West and East NHS boards would be subject to open competition.

[S7W-03536 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will share any legal advice that it has received to date in relation to the direct award of contracts to Ferguson Marine.

[S7W-03537 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it first contacted the Competition and Markets Authority regarding the direct award of contracts to Ferguson Marine.

[S7W-03538 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport has met with the Competition and Markets Authority since taking office regarding the direct awards to Ferguson Marine.

[S7W-03539 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it received legal advice before it announced the direct awards to Ferguson Marine.

[S7W-03540 Daniel Johnson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether any legal advice that it received ahead of the announcement of the direct awards to Ferguson Marine supported the position that a direct award would be possible.

[S7W-03541](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will share the most up to date legal advice that it has received to date regarding the direct awards to Ferguson Marine.

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 September 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Visitor Levy \(Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 28A(3) of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Introduced, 9 September 2026

Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

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)

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

[Visitor Levy \(Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (22 September 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government 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

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

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[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Sporting Events Bill \(UK Parliament legislation\) - delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence, with reference to LCM-S7-1, LCM-S7-1a and LCM-S7-1b \(SP Paper 8\).](#), publication date: 18 September 2026

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Other Documents

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