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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

followed by 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

Committee Meetings

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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

9:30am Public Audit Committee

9:30am Public Service Reform Committee

10:00am Climate Action Committee

10:00am Public Petitions Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

1. Amanda Bland: [Not Lodged] ([S7O-00279](#))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Katherine Sangster: [Not Lodged] ([S7O-00287](#))

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

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

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](#))

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

1. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it considers it equitable that staff employed by MSPs receive lower employer pension contributions than staff it and the Scottish Government directly employ, and what action it is taking to address any such disparity. ([S7O-00298](#))

2. Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body how it developed the four job families and pay scales for MSP staff, including the criteria used to weigh different functions within and between families, and when these will next be reviewed. ([S7O-00293](#))

3. Kate Nevens: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, regarding its proposed facial authentication security access system, when is it due to be introduced and whether MSPs and parliamentary staff will be permitted to opt out of its use. ([S7O-00297](#))

4. Kristopher Leask: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider reviewing the MSP staff travel expenses scheme to ensure that it takes account of the differences in travel distance and costs between geographically smaller parliamentary regions and larger ones, such as the Highlands and Islands. ([S7O-00290](#))

5. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will develop a memorandum of understanding with MSP staff trade unions concerning the matters for which it is responsible. ([S7O-00250](#)) **R**

6. Katherine Sangster: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it consulted MSP staff trade unions on the contents of the employer pledge that MSPs were asked to sign up to. ([S7O-00300](#))

7. Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether, with respect to the standards applied by the Parliament's Allowances Office for MSP constituency offices, it will establish technical standards for fire detection, ventilation, heating, lighting and other safety and wellbeing factors that are recognised by surveyors and solicitors across the Scottish property sector. ([S7O-00295](#))

8. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what assessment it has undertaken of the impact on school visits to the Scottish Parliament of the changes to the timing of First Minister's Questions. ([S7O-00291](#))

9. Laura Moodie: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it collects data on MSP staff pay including data on the gender pay gap. ([S7O-00294](#))

10. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what assessment and engagement with building users informed its decision to introduce facial template authentication for passholders on the parliamentary estate, whether it is aware of similar technology being used in any other UK parliament and whether it will consult with MSPs further before implementation. ([S7O-00292](#))

11. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body how it is supporting MSPs to offer benefits to their employees, including those which promote healthy living and wellbeing. ([S7O-00299](#))

12. Cara McKee: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what additional measures can be taken to ensure compliance with best practice regarding clear allergen labelling for non-pre-packaged food offered for sale in the catering outlets across the parliamentary estate. ([S7O-00289](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Growing Scotland's Creative Economy

[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."

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01304.3 Katherine Sangster: Growing Scotland's Creative Economy—As an amendment to S7M-01304 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Growing Scotland's Creative Economy), insert at end "recognises that, despite Scotland's wealth of talent, the creative industries in Scotland have grown at a slower rate than the UK average; believes that a strong creative sector needs a strong skills pipeline and effective business support, and calls on the Scottish Government to take action to ensure that Scotland's skills system meets the needs of modern creative businesses and that Scotland's enterprise agencies have the expertise and resources to support the growth of the creative industries."

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S7M-01304.5 David Green: Growing Scotland's Creative Economy—As an amendment to motion S7M-01304 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Growing Scotland's Creative Economy), insert at end "; notes that the games sector contributes around £200m annually to the Scottish economy, employs over 2,000 people and has produced internationally recognised success stories; considers, however, that there are opportunities to grow the sector further and better compete with other countries around

Europe, and calls on the Scottish Government to unlock investment and growth in the games sector by establishing a national games innovation centre alongside regional hubs as a means of developing expertise, research, fair work, business skills and low-cost office space for start-up studios."

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes

[S7M-00947](#) Thomas Kerr: Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes—That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the crucial issues raised by the independent *Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes*; notes the belief that the statistics it highlighted are valid within Scotland, including in the Glasgow parliamentary region, as *analysis of UCAS annual reports, Scottish Government school leaver destination data and Scottish Funding Council Widening Access reports,* reportedly indicates that for more than a decade, in both the UK and Scotland, white working class boys are the group least likely to go to university; recognises what it sees as the importance of ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to urgently undertake an assessment of the extent to which white working-class boys and young men experience educational or socio-economic disadvantage and to explore targeted measures to address this where such disadvantage is identified.

Committee Meetings

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 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.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 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.

Public Audit Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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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5. **The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2026** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 2 and take further evidence from—
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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.

Public Service Reform Committee 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.

Climate Action Committee 4th Meeting, 2026

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

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

Public Petitions Committee 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.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 23 September 2026

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 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: Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026

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: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks

Thursday 1 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands

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: 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)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

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

Motions for debate

[S7M-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

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Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S7M-01325 Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Lothian Buses, Formerly Lothian Region Transport](#)**—That the Parliament celebrates the 40th anniversary of Lothian Buses, which was formerly Lothian Region Transport and is the UK's largest municipal bus company; commends the foresight of then Lothian Region, which established Lothian Regional Transport plc following the Transport Act 1985, which mandated that bus operators be run as commercial entities; notes the efforts of the Lothian Region administration and trades unions for resisting a management buyout in 1992, ensuring that Lothian Buses was the only major publicly owned bus company in Scotland; believes that the deregulation and privatisation of bus services has failed on its own terms; notes the continued municipal ownership model in the Lothians; believes that this ensures profits are reinvested into new routes, low ticket prices and fleet improvements; notes the crucial role that it believes public transport has in addressing carbon emissions and growing local economies, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to urgently simplify bus franchising legislation as a stepping-stone to municipal ownership, to ensure that other regions can build better bus services.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

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***[S7M-01326](#) Marie McNair: Formation of Duntocher in Bloom**—That the Parliament congratulates the residents of Duntocher, Clydebank, on the establishment of Duntocher in Bloom; understands that the group has been formed by local business owners, Suzie McSwiggan and Annemarie Stewart, and has helped to restore green spaces in Davies Square and along part of Dumbarton Road; considers that the group has brought colour and cheer to the village, by introducing flower planters and benches to the area; welcomes this positive action taken by volunteers to enhance the local area for residents; thanks all volunteers, and residents who have donated gardening supplies to support the new group, and wishes Duntocher in Bloom all the very best for the future.

***[S7M-01324](#) Liam McArthur: Linsey Drever Named Outstanding Scottish Community Link Worker**—That the Parliament congratulates Linsey Drever from Orkney on winning the Outstanding Scottish Community Link Worker award at the 2026 Scottish Community Link Network Annual Conference and Awards, held in Edinburgh on 22 September 2026; understands that this award is given to an individual who has demonstrated the incredible impact that Community Link Workers have in addressing social inequalities and improving individual and community wellbeing; notes that Linsey works within Orkney's Community Link Practitioner Service, which is a partnership between NHS Orkney and Voluntary Action Orkney delivered within local GP practices; believes that through her work as a social prescriber in Orkney, Linsey has been an exceptional advocate for individuals struggling with housing insecurity, isolation, financial difficulties and other challenges and that she has helped to connect them with local support and resources that they might have otherwise been unaware of or found inaccessible given their personal circumstances; considers that Community Link Workers provide an invaluable service across communities in Scotland and that they are an essential part of local health and care networks; congratulates Linsey on this well-deserved recognition, and wishes her and all of Scotland's Community Link Workers the very best as they continue to deliver what it sees as this essential support within communities.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01323](#) Miles Briggs: Poppy Cabs 2026**—That the Parliament recognises the Poppy Cabs 2026 campaign on 8 November, Remembrance Sunday; understands that, as with previous years, members of the Edinburgh black cab trade will be giving up time to transport veterans free of charge to and from remembrance services across Edinburgh and the Lothians area on the day; notes that there are two variations of taxi poppy badges available for sale and that all funds are distributed among veteran charities in the region; commends all those involved, and wishes Poppy Cabs all the very best.

***[S7M-01322](#) David Linden: La Vita Barrachnie Wins Just Eat Best in Scotland Takeaway Award**—That the Parliament congratulates La Vita Barrachnie on being named Scotland's best takeaway restaurant at the Just Eat Awards; notes that the restaurant on Baillieston Road secured the accolade following a public vote involving more than 114,000 takeaway customers; recognises the hard work, dedication and commitment to quality food and customer service shown by owner Mario Arcari and his staff; commends La Vita Barrachnie's contribution to the local economy and its role as a valued community business in Baillieston and the wider east end of Glasgow; acknowledges the restaurant's success in showcasing Scottish Italian hospitality and cuisine, and wishes Mario, and everyone at La Vita Barrachnie, continued success.

***[S7M-01320](#) Bob Doris: Honouring David McCallum with a Blue Plaque in Hillhead**—That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of a Blue Plaque in Hillhead, Glasgow, honouring the life and achievements of the internationally acclaimed actor and musician, David McCallum; notes that the plaque was unveiled at 24 Kersland Street, where he was born in 1933; recognises that the honour arose from a partnership between Glasgow Clyde College and The Rt Hon The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Councillor Jacqueline McLaren, to identify a recipient for a new Blue Plaque in the city; acknowledges that David enjoyed a distinguished career spanning more than seven decades across film, television and music; notes that he achieved international recognition for his portrayal of Ilya Kuryakin in *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* and, later, Dr Donald "Ducky" Mallard in *NCIS*, a role he performed for 20 seasons until his passing in 2023; further notes his appearances in major films

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including, *The Great Escape* and *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, and that his work earned Emmy and Golden Globe nominations; commends the efforts of the staff and students of Glasgow Clyde College, led by James McIvor, in bringing the project to fruition; recognises the importance of celebrating the achievements of Glaswegians who have made a lasting contribution to the arts and culture internationally, and believes that the plaque will serve as a fitting tribute to David's legacy while inspiring future generations to pursue their ambitions from Glasgow to the world.

***[S7M-01319](#) Bob Doris: Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church—**

That the Parliament recognises that 2026 marks the 200th anniversary of Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church; understands that the current congregation brings together the heritage of a number of churches that have served the wider Maryhill community over many decades, including Maryhill Old and High, Ruchill, North Kelvinside, KSM, Gairbraid and Queen's Cross churches; notes that a civic reception was held at Glasgow City Chambers on 18 June 2026 to mark this important milestone, and that a special anniversary service took place on 20 September 2026, led by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rev Gordon Kennedy; recognises what it sees as the church's longstanding contribution to community life in Maryhill through activities, including the Gaffe Caff warm welcome initiative, Stay and Play, Friday Focus, Girlguiding groups and the provision of Citizens Advice Bureau drop-in services; acknowledges the church's close partnership working with local charities, faith groups and community organisations; commends Rev Stuart Matthews, Jim Hamilton DCS and all those who have contributed to the church's service to the community over the last 200 years, and wishes Maryhill Ruchill Parish Church every success as it continues its work at the heart of the Maryhill community for the next 200 years and beyond.

***[S7M-01318](#) Thomas Kerr: Drug Deaths in Scotland—**That the Parliament notes with deep concern the latest National Records of Scotland figures showing that 1,133 people died from drug-related causes in 2025, an increase of 11% on the previous year; recognises the devastating impact these deaths have on families and communities; notes the continuing threat from cocaine and dangerous synthetic opioids, including nitazenes; commends the frontline workers, treatment services and community organisations working to save lives, and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together urgently to reduce drug-related deaths and ensure people affected by addiction can access timely treatment, recovery and harm-reduction support.

Supported by: Kim Schmulian*, Duncan Dunlop*, Julie MacDougall*, Helen McDade*, Jamie Langan*, Duncan Massey*, Max Bannerman*, David Smith*, Amanda Lindsay*, Graham Simpson*, Mark Simpson*, Angela Ross*, Amanda Bland*, Senga Beresford*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-01317](#) Thomas Kerr: Glasgow North East Foodbank—**That the Parliament recognises the vital work of Glasgow North East Foodbank and the Trussell Trust in supporting people and families experiencing food insecurity; thanks Foodbank Manager, Daniele Cardoso, and all the volunteers for their dedication and tireless work supporting the community; commends the generosity of local donors; notes the continuing need for emergency food support, and calls on the Scottish Government to take action to address the underlying causes of food poverty and to support households facing financial hardship.

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***[S7M-01316](#) Thomas Kerr: Respecting the Falkland Islanders' Right to Self-determination—**That the Parliament believes in the generational, long-lasting mandate of referendums, and is opposed to those who desire to ignore the outcomes; stands in solidarity with the Falkland Islanders' expressed desire to remain an Overseas Territory of the UK via the 2013 referendum, where 99.8% of voters voted "yes" to remain, and opposes the Argentine Government's continuing claim to sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and any attempts to undermine the islanders' democratic right to determine their own political future.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, David Smith*, Kim Schmulian*, Max Bannerman*, Jamie Langan*, Amanda Bland*, Helen McDade*, Julie MacDougall*, Senga Beresford*, Mark Simpson*, Amanda

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***[S7M-01315](#) Katy Clark: Rape Crisis Funding**—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that women and girls are waiting 170 days, on average, to access specialist support services after experiencing sexual violence; recognises that 800 women and girls are currently waiting for support across the West Scotland and Glasgow and Clyde areas; understands that only two-thirds of these women and girls will be able to receive support on current funding levels for both the STAR Centre and Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis; recognises research by the Scottish Rape Crisis Alliance, which suggests that over 3,000 women and girls in these areas will be waiting for support if there is no change in current funding levels for the STAR Centre and Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis; notes that the STAR Centre, which covers all of Ayrshire, is providing support to over 150 women and girls with around five support and advocacy workers; acknowledges that Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis faces significant logistical challenges, including transport costs, due to covering six separate local authority areas; believes that those who have been a victim of sexual violence should have prompt access to the best available support, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently bring forward proposals to provide rape crisis centres with desperately needed funding to deliver vital services.

Supported by: Pauline McNeill*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Amanda Bland*, Cara McKee*, Monica Lennon*

***[S7M-01314](#) Heather Anderson: Abertay University Plays Leading Role in Major European Environmental Research Project**—That the Parliament congratulates Abertay University on its involvement in the Horizon Europe-funded EmerGO project, a €6.8 million international research initiative bringing together 18 partners from 10 countries to address persistent and emerging pollutants released into the environment by the food and drink industry; notes that Abertay is leading a key strand of the four-year project and focuses on identifying, assessing and prioritising pollutants in industrial wastewater, including microplastics and nanoplastics, Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), endocrine disruptors, antibiotic residues, disinfectants and detergents; recognises the contribution of Abertay researchers, Professor Alberto Fiore, Dr Kimberley Bennett, Dr Boon Chu Seang and Dr Slim Blidi, in establishing an evidence base to support the development of innovative technologies that can detect, treat and reduce pollution; notes that the project's findings are expected to help protect ecosystems and human health, support more sustainable food and drink production and inform future approaches to industrial pollution management; welcomes Abertay University's leadership in this important international collaboration, and wishes all partners every success with the delivery of the EmerGO project.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Alex Kerr*, Monica Lennon*, Bob Doris*, Stuart McMillan*, Dawn Black*, Colm Merrick*

***[S7M-01313](#) Jack Middleton: SpinLab Opens In Aberdeen** —That the Parliament welcomes the opening of SpinLab, Aberdeen's first dedicated table tennis venue; understands that the venue, which is located on the city's South College Street, offers eight tables for locals to learn, practice and play table tennis; notes the stated goals of SpinLab in using sport to help tackle child poverty, food insecurity and inequality across Aberdeen; commends the founder of SpinLab, international table tennis player Murhad Hussain, in his pursuit to widen access to sport for children, particularly those living in disadvantaged areas; congratulates the team at SpinLab for the work that they put in to get the project and venue off the ground ahead of its official launch event on 24 September 2026, and hopes that the widening of access to sport continues to inspire future generations of athletes across Aberdeen.

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***[S7M-01312](#) Rachael Hamilton: Selkirk Mother and Daughter Katie and Hannah Francis Complete John O'Groats to Land's End Charity Challenge**—That the Parliament congratulates Selkirk mother and daughter, Katie and Hannah Francis, on successfully running the length of Great Britain from John O'Groats to Land's End in just 26 days; understands that Katie, who was raised on her family farm at Whitmuir, Selkirk, and now farms in the Scottish Borders, completed the challenge

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alongside her 20-year-old daughter Hannah, who is studying at the Scotland College of Chiropractic in Edinburgh; notes that the pair set off from John O’Groats on 4 August 2026 and covered around 1,300 km on their journey south; understands that they undertook the challenge to raise funds for three causes close to their hearts, Farmstrong Scotland, Tariro UK and the Scotland College of Chiropractic; notes that Tariro, which means “hope” in the Shona language, supports young people in need in Zimbabwe through education and practical support; understands that Katie and Hannah wished to give back to a profession that they say supported them through training, injuries and preparation for their challenge, while also supporting the education of the next generation of chiropractors; recognises in particular Katie’s connection to the Borders farming community and the important work of Farmstrong Scotland in supporting the wellbeing of farmers and crofters, including addressing the isolation and pressures that can accompany life in agriculture; commends Katie and Hannah for their considerable determination and resilience to complete such an endurance challenge and for using their achievement to raise funds and awareness for these three causes, and congratulates them on this remarkable achievement.

Supported by: Amanda Lindsay*, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Jamie Langan*, Laura Moodie*, Bob Doris*, Colm Merrick*

***[S7M-01311](#) Rachael Hamilton: Celebrating 150 Years of Swinton Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates Swinton Primary School on celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2026; understands that the rural village school first opened in 1876 and has served generations of children and families in Swinton and the surrounding area; recognises the important role that the school has played at the heart of village life for a century and a half, providing generations of children with their education while fostering strong and enduring links between the school, families and the wider community; believes that schools such as Swinton Primary make an important contribution to the life and vitality of Scotland’s rural communities; recognises the school’s strong links across the wider Berwickshire learning community; welcomes its Eco-Schools Silver status and its commitment to encouraging pupils to engage with environmental issues; further welcomes the positive findings of the Education Scotland inspection, which was published in March 2026 and highlighted the enthusiastic and motivated children, their success in working together and supporting one another and the calm, inclusive and nurturing learning environment created by staff; notes that inspectors also recognised the rich curriculum and high-quality play experiences provided in the school’s nursery; congratulates the pupils, staff, parents, carers and wider Swinton community, who are coming together to mark this significant milestone, with the 150th anniversary celebrations on 8 October 2026; recognises the contribution of everyone, past and present, who has played a part in the life of Swinton Primary School over the last 150 years, and wishes the school community every success for its anniversary celebrations and for the future.

Supported by: Craig Hoy* **R**, Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Russell Findlay*, Duncan Dunlop*, Jamie Langan*

***[S7M-01310](#) Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Steps Up Action to Reduce Ketamine-related Harm**—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of NHS Grampian, which is stepping up its efforts to reduce ketamine-related harm through the launch of a specialist new ketamine bladder clinic; understands that the clinic launch comes at the same time as the NHS board’s new social media campaign, targeting people aged 13 to 25 to raise awareness of the serious health risks associated with the drug; believes that the new clinic will mean that patients who are referred to hospital with ketamine-related harm will receive optimised care and specific education and resources as well as access to services to prevent the consumption of the drug; notes that NHS Grampian’s Public Health Directorate, in partnership with Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership, has designed a new campaign, *Use Ketamine? Stop and Think*, which aims to provide clear, non-judgemental information about the potential harms of ketamine, including the dangers of mixing substances, taking drugs alone, taking unknown substances and the long-term impact on physical and mental health; commends the efforts of NHS Grampian and its partner organisations

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involved in bringing forward both the clinic and the social media campaign, and hopes for its success going forward.

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***[S7M-01309](#) Lorna Slater: Recognising the Role of Community Repair Organisations** —That the Parliament recognises the important role that community repair organisations play in their areas by providing affordable services that extend the life of products and reduce the need to buy new; welcomes that the community repair movement is growing and that there are now 63 groups providing repair services to communities across nearly all parts of Scotland; further welcomes that over 2,000 repair events took place in the last year alone, and that Circular Communities Scotland will host the first-ever repair cafe in the Parliament on 6 October 2026; notes that International Repair Day will take place on 17 October, and thanks all those involved in helping to reduce waste, build stronger communities, share skills and save households money.

Supported by: James Adams*, Kate Nevens*, Karen Adam*

***[S7M-01308](#) Rachael Hamilton: Eyemouth and St Abbs Host Women in Search and Rescue Scotland Event**—That the Parliament congratulates all at Eyemouth RNLI Lifeboat Station and St Abbs Independent Lifeboat on hosting the Women in Search and Rescue Scotland event on 19 and 20 September 2026; understands that Eyemouth and St Abbs were two of only three lifeboat stations to host the Scotland-wide event, welcoming 42 women from 24 lifeboat stations from communities across Scotland to the Berwickshire coast; notes that this was only the second Women in Search and Rescue Scotland event, following the inaugural event in Inverness in 2025; understands that the weekend included practical exercises involving four lifeboats, shore-based training, skills workshops and opportunities for volunteers to share knowledge and experience; recognises the contribution of Caroline White of Eyemouth RNLI, a veterinary nurse who joined the crew earlier in 2026 after being inspired by her son, Aidan, who is currently the station's youngest crew member; further recognises the contribution of Julie McBirnie of St Abbs Independent Lifeboat, who joined the volunteer crew following her retirement as a consultant orthopaedic surgeon and has served with the independent lifeboat for four years; commends the volunteers at Eyemouth and St Abbs for helping to welcome women involved in search and rescue from communities across Scotland to the Berwickshire coast; recognises the important contribution made by women serving in search and rescue, as well as all those who volunteer to protect lives at sea; considers the hosting of this Scotland-wide event to be a testament to the important role that the lifeboat communities of Eyemouth and St Abbs play in maritime safety, and wishes Eyemouth RNLI, St Abbs Independent Lifeboat and everyone involved in Women in Search and Rescue Scotland continued success.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Paul McLennan*, Alex Kerr*, Carol Mochan*, Duncan Dunlop*, Russell Findlay*, Miles Briggs*, Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*

***[S7M-01307](#) David Green: Congratulating Nine-year-old Skye Mackay on Raising £1,245 for Charity**—That the Parliament congratulates nine-year-old Skye Mackay on raising £1,245 for Munlochy Animal Aid by cutting 15 inches of her hair, which was donated to Little Princess Trust; celebrates the bravery shown in doing so at such a young age; commends the essential work done by the Little Princess Trust in helping children with cancer and funding childhood cancer research; further commends the noble work of Munlochy Animal Aid in rehabilitating and rehoming animals in need, and celebrates the charitable work done by children and young people across Caithness, Sutherland and Ross, which brings great social benefit to the area.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Bob Doris*, Laura Moodie*, Amanda Bland*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-01306](#) Paul McLennan: Congratulations to Torness Runners** —That the Parliament congratulates the 43 Torness Power Station staff members who ran nearly 2,500 kilometres to raise money for Alzheimer Scotland; understands that runners signed up to complete either a 5km or 7km loop on the hour every hour from 8 am to 8 pm as part of a gruelling challenge for World Alzheimer's

Month; notes that the team has raised more than £6,700 for the charity, having smashed its initial target of £2,500; further notes that more than 90,000 people in Scotland are living with dementia, with thousands more supporting and caring for those who have the condition; recognises the importance of the long-term partnership between EDF and Alzheimer Scotland, which is improving the lives of people living with dementia across the country; commends participants for their commitment, generosity and enthusiasm in rising to the challenge, and thanks all of those who donated money, which, it understands, will contribute to funding vital national prevention programmes, research, resource centres and the 24-hour dementia helpline.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, David Smith*, David Torrance*, Alex Kerr*, Miles Briggs*, Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Clare Haughey*, Kim Schmulian*, Colm Merrick*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-01305](#) Clare Haughey: Tam Slaven Demonstrates the Spirit of Blantyre**—That the Parliament congratulates Tam Slaven, the Head Coach of Priestfield Boxing in Blantyre, on being awarded a Spirit of Blantyre Award from Blantyre Community Council in recognition of his service to the local community; understands that Tam has devoted almost 30 years to the development and promotion of boxing in Blantyre, spending countless hours coaching young people and adults, offering support and encouragement and helping them reach their goals; notes that the community council recognised that Tam is well known in the wider community for his acts of kindness over the years and that the club has an open door policy for anyone in need of support; commends Tam for his community spirit, and wishes him and all the Priestfield Boxing team all the very best for the future.

***[S7M-01303](#) Jackie Dunbar: Denis Law RGUplus Awards**—That the Parliament celebrates the success of the Denis Law RGUplus Awards, which have been established by Robert Gordon University in partnership with the Denis Law Legacy Trust; recognises the leadership shown by Robert Gordon University in creating opportunities for individuals across Aberdeen and beyond to engage in volunteering, community engagement, innovation and personal development, while contributing to a more positive future; notes that, since launching in summer 2024, the programme has recognised 145 Bronze, 52 Silver and 49 Gold awardees; further notes that participants have contributed more than 12,000 hours of volunteering in support of charities, community groups and local initiatives; understands the role of the awards in developing leadership skills, employability and civic responsibility among participants while delivering meaningful and lasting social impact in Aberdeen and its communities; acknowledges the positive contribution made by volunteers in strengthening local organisations, supporting vulnerable groups and fostering community wellbeing; congratulates Kelsey Seivwright and Dave Thompson, who were presented with their Gold Denis Law RGUplus Awards at the opening of the Denis Law Institute of Sport and Wellbeing on 18 September 2026, in recognition of their exceptional commitment to volunteering and community engagement; applauds the enduring legacy of Denis Law in inspiring future generations to give back to their communities, and congratulates Robert Gordon University, the Denis Law Legacy Trust and all award recipients on their achievements and commitment to volunteering, public service and community engagement.

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*, Clare Haughey*, Liam McArthur*, Heather Anderson*, Dawn Black*, Stuart McMillan*

***[S7M-01302](#) Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating New College Lanarkshire on the Scottish Institute for Dental Nursing Education**—That the Parliament congratulates New College Lanarkshire on the official opening of the Scottish Institute for Dental Nursing Education at its Coatbridge Campus; recognises the college's longstanding contribution to dental nursing education, with around half of Scotland's dental nurses having had some connection with it; notes that the college's BSc Dental Nursing, delivered in partnership with the University of the West of Scotland, is the first degree of its kind in the UK; welcomes the institute's focus on innovation and the development of skills in areas including AI, digital dentistry, computer-aided design and 3D modelling, alongside a continued focus on patient-centred care; recognises the opportunities that the institute will provide for people in Coatbridge, Lanarkshire and across Scotland to develop highly skilled careers within dental care and to access high-quality education; acknowledges the contribution of the college, its staff,

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students and partners to the future of dental nursing and the wider health service, and wishes the Scottish Institute for Dental Nursing Education every success for the future.

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***S7M-01301 Fulton MacGregor: Congratulating Ricky Burns on His Outstanding Boxing Career and Induction to British Boxing Hall of Fame**—That the Parliament congratulates Coatbridge boxer Ricky Burns on his outstanding career and achievements in boxing; recognises that Ricky is Scotland's only three-weight world champion, having won world titles across three different weight divisions; notes the immense dedication, sacrifice, hard work and determination required to reach the highest level of professional boxing; acknowledges the pride with which Ricky has represented Coatbridge and Scotland throughout his career; further recognises the lasting contribution he has made to Scottish boxing and the inspiration his achievements provide to aspiring boxers across Scotland; congratulates Ricky on his induction into the British Boxing Hall of Fame, and celebrates the legacy that he has established as one of Scotland's most distinguished boxers and a true legend of Scottish boxing.

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***S7M-01300 Clare Haughey: Chef Robert Recognised with Spirit of Blantyre Award** —That the Parliament congratulates Robert Steven, who is affectionately known to all as "Chef Robert", on receiving a Spirit of Blantyre Award from Blantyre Community Council for his services to the community; notes that Chef Robert is an employee of South Lanarkshire Council who delivers the Kids Kitchen project, which teaches key food preparation and cooking skills to primary school pupils and their families; understands that, above and beyond his day job, he has worked with the organisation Bonnie Blantyre to volunteer his time and talents on many occasions to teach cooking skills to young people and adults alike at the Blantyre Miners Community Garden, often using fresh vegetables and herbs grown there; believes that his enthusiasm and passion for his work is infectious and that he has given many people the confidence to try something new, and commends Chef Robert for his service to the people of Blantyre.

Supported by: Steven Bonnar*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S7M-01299 Fulton MacGregor: President of Ireland's Visit to Coatbridge (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Alex Kerr*, Martyn Day*, Stuart McMillan*, Laura Moodie*

S7M-01298 Holly Bruce: UK AIDS Memorial Quilt Displayed at Tramway (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Alex Kerr*, Liam McArthur*, Stuart McMillan*, Patrick Harvie*, Karen Adam*

S7M-01294 Lloyd Melville: Newton Farm Holidays Wins Innovation Award (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Jenni Minto*, Stuart McMillan*, James Adams*

S7M-01293 Stuart McMillan: Have a Wee Read on 7 October 2026 (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Jenni Minto*, Steven Bonnar*, Jackie Baillie*

S7M-01292 Keith Brown: Alva Academy Raises £750,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Julie MacDougall*, Jenni Minto*, Stuart McMillan*, Steven Bonnar*

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[S7M-01291](#) **Kristopher Leask: LGBTQ+ Group, Stepping Out, Co-founder Charlotte Garscadden Recognised at Highland Third Sector Interface Awards 2026** (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Jenni Minto*

[S7M-01290](#) **Martyn Day: Celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight in Linlithgow** (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto*, Steven Bonnar*

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

New Support: Martyn Day*, Jenni Minto*, Laura Moodie*, Steven Bonnar*

[S7M-01288](#) **Cara McKee: Welcoming Occupational Health Awareness Week 2026** (lodged on 22 September 2026)

New Support: Jenni Minto*, Stuart McMillan*

[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)

New Support: Jenni Minto*

[S7M-01278](#) **Andrew Baxter: Celebrating The Puffin Pool** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: David Smith*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Stuart McMillan*, Colm Merrick*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*, Andrew Baxter*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Martyn Day*, Jenni Minto*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: Martyn Day*, Jenni Minto*, David Torrance*, Patricia Gibson*

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

New Support: Martyn Day*, David Torrance*

[S7M-01273](#) **Jenny Young: Welcoming the Publication of Universities Scotland's Future Jobs Scotland Report** (lodged on 21 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Bob Doris*, Liam McArthur*, Dawn Black*

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

New Support: David Torrance*

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

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Meghan Gallacher*, Stuart McMillan*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Russell Findlay*, Jamie Langan*

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[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: Russell Findlay*, James Adams*, Laura Moodie*, Jamie Langan*

[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: James Adams*

[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: Russell Findlay*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

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

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Bob Doris*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*, David Torrance*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, James Adams*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*

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

New Support: Patricia Gibson*, Jamie Langan*

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

New Support: Cara McKee*

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

New Support: Jenni Minto*

[S7M-01182](#) **Thomas Kerr: Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding Between Reform UK and Rassemblement National** (lodged on 15 September 2026)

New Support: Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01179](#) **Steven Bonnar: Congratulating Mark Sommerville, a Powerful Voice for MND** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Joe Fagan*

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

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New Support: Kate Nevens*

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

New Support: Amanda Lindsay*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Jamie Langan*

[S7M-01051](#) **Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: 21st Abbeyhill Colony of Artists Festival** (lodged on 3 September 2026)

New Support: Ben Macpherson*

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

New Support: Lorna Slater*, Q Manivannan*

[S7M-00952](#) **Jackie Baillie: Hermitage Park** (lodged on 26 August 2026)

New Support: Joe Fagan*

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Questions

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 30 September 2026

Social Justice and Housing

- 1. Donald MacKinnon:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure that housing policy supports population retention and growth in the Western Isles, in light of concerns reportedly raised by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar regarding barriers to housing delivery. ([S7O-00309](#))
- 2. David Barratt:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of its support for local authority acquisition and buy-back schemes in reducing homelessness and the use of temporary accommodation. **R** ([S7O-00310](#))
- 3. Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest annual homelessness statistics. ([S7O-00311](#))
- 4. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the latest homelessness statistics showing that 19,004 households are in temporary accommodation, the highest recorded figure, whether it considers that it has met its 2023 commitment to reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation by 2026. ([S7O-00312](#))
- 5. James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to its annual homelessness statistics, which show that homelessness is at its highest recorded level in many parts of the country. ([S7O-00313](#))
- 6. Amanda Lindsay:** To ask the Scottish Government what immediate steps it will take to reduce waiting times for home adaptations to ensure that disabled people are allocated properties that meet their individual needs. ([S7O-00314](#))
- 7. Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to meet the housing needs of veterans who are either at risk of becoming or have already become homeless. ([S7O-00315](#))
- 8. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government how its proposed approach to addressing poverty, No Wrong Door, will ensure that families experiencing financial hardship receive joined-up support at the earliest opportunity. ([S7O-00316](#))
- 9. Jenny Young:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the uptake of the First Homes Fund since its introduction. ([S7O-00317](#))
- 10. Dawn Black:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce barriers and to support housing providers to accelerate the delivery of affordable homes across Scotland. ([S7O-00318](#))

Economy, Tourism and Transport

- 1. Amanda Bland:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the limited evening and Sunday bus provision in some parts of Central Scotland and Lothians West, whether it will commit to working with local authorities and bus operators to ensure that communities currently without adequate services

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have access to reliable and affordable public transport throughout the week, including evenings and weekends. ([S7O-00319](#))

2. Heather Anderson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is planning to support the proposed Eden Project development in Dundee through to delivery. ([S7O-00320](#))

3. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the bus and haulage sector to decarbonise. ([S7O-00321](#))

4. Duncan Massey: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns from groups representing retail, farming and food manufacturing bodies calling for its proposed statutory food price cap policy to be withdrawn. ([S7O-00322](#))

5. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of its plans, including preparation of the Business Case and a timetable, to dual the A96. ([S7O-00323](#))

6. Zen Ghani: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to support large commercial retailers, such as Silverburn Shopping Centre in the Cathcart and Pollok constituency, which contribute £414 million in economic activity annually and support 8,713 jobs. ([S7O-00324](#))

7. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that CMAL will no longer publish the names or locations of shipyards bidding for the *MV Lord of The Isles* replacement contract or any future vessel tenders. ([S7O-00325](#))

8. Gary Bouse: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to boost the decarbonisation of bus networks while supporting domestic bus manufacturing. ([S7O-00326](#))

9. Q Manivannan: [Not Lodged]

10. Duncan Dunlop: To ask the Scottish Government what commitment it will give to extending the Borders Railway beyond Tweedbank to Hawick and Carlisle. ([S7O-00328](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 29 September 2026

1. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with NASUWT and other campaigners regarding asbestos in school buildings. ([S7O-00301](#))

2. Holly Bruce: [Not Lodged]

3. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to implement a universal library offer, as recommended by the Scottish Library Information Commission in its report on how public libraries are supported, measured and funded. ([S7O-00303](#))

4. Senga Beresford: To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding when the public inquiry into the response to group-based child sexual abuse and exploitation will begin. ([S7O-00304](#))

5. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of its plans to replace the 14 territorial NHS boards with two strategic health boards on healthcare provision in Dumfriesshire, including access to locally delivered services. ([S7O-00305](#))

6. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of projected costs and savings associated with its proposed restructuring of local government. ([S7O-00306](#))

7. David Green: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to democratically empower communities across rural Scotland. ([S7O-00307](#))

8. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will develop a strategy to respond to disinformation. ([S7O-00308](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 1 October 2026

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- 1. David Linden:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to ensure that expanded childcare is available to all families. ([S7O-00329](#))
- 2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on patient engagement within NHS Scotland, including pilots for Martha's Rule. ([S7O-00330](#))
- 3. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports rural health boards, including NHS Borders. ([S7O-00331](#))
- 4. Laura Moodie:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the Town of Culture 2028 bidding process, how it will further support local authorities in the South Scotland region to use culture to tell stories about their communities. ([S7O-00332](#))
- 5. Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on actions NHS Scotland is taking to reduce waiting times for assessments of children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism and ADHD. ([S7O-00333](#))
- 6. Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government what process it followed in selecting SAMH to deliver its new network of mental health drop-in hubs, including how it took account of existing local provision, such as Hope Point at The Centre in Dundee and the original Nook in Perth, when reaching its decision. ([S7O-00334](#))
- 7. Sanne Dijkstra-Downie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will commission feasibility studies on bringing sections of the Water of Leith and Wardie Bay into safe public usage, in light of its Programme for Government commitment. ([S7O-00335](#))
- 8. Max Bannerman:** To ask the Scottish Government what role, if any, Police Scotland has in monitoring the activities of people studying in Scotland on student visas, including what information it receives or holds regarding such individuals. ([S7O-00336](#))
- 9. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to strengthen partnerships between Police Scotland and other public sector bodies to improve multi-agency approaches to community policing. ([S7O-00337](#))
- 10. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what urgent action it is taking in response to reported warnings from the Governor of HMP Barlinnie about overcrowding and the risk of critical failure arising from the prison's ageing infrastructure. ([S7O-00338](#))

Written Questions

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 23 September 2026

[S7W-03572](#) **Patricia Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the modern apprenticeship contribution rates review.

SPCB Written Questions lodged on 23 September 2026

[S7W-03610](#) **Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider offering discounted gym memberships for MSPs, MSP staff and SPCB staff at locations outwith Edinburgh.

Written Questions lodged on 23 September 2026

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[S7W-03533](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is satisfied that an application made under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 accurately reflects the development that an applicant plans to construct, particularly where an applicant is simultaneously progressing materially different generating capacity, storage capacity or other project parameters through separate regulatory processes.

[S7W-03534](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Energy Consents Unit has sought clarification from Loch Kemp Storage Ltd regarding the discrepancy between the 600 MW development application currently being considered under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and the application for 660 MW capacity submitted through Ofgem's Long Duration Electricity Storage scheme, and, if so, what clarification it has received.

[S7W-03542](#) **Helen McDade:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it is providing to support (a) an 'earn while you learn' degree pathway for existing NHS ambulance staff to progress to become paramedics through an employer-supported training route while working and (b) a Technician-to-Paramedic pathway, involving the completion of a diploma with academic and vocational training, that enables staff to qualify as paramedics without leaving the service or their full-time role to undertake full-time study at one of the higher education institutions offering paramedic education.

[S7W-03543](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the effectiveness of its National Productivity Programme, in light of the proportion of businesses classified as innovation active falling from 32.4% in 2020-22 to 29.4% in 2022-24.

[S7W-03544](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the reasons for the fall in the proportion of businesses that are innovation active, from 32.4% in 2020-22 to 29.4% in 2022-24.

[S7W-03545](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any reason why 29.4% of Scottish businesses were innovation active in 2022-24, compared with 34.0% across the UK.

[S7W-03546](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it remains committed to delivering its National Innovation Strategy.

[S7W-03547](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in delivering the National Productivity Programme that it committed to in the National Innovation Strategy 2023 to 2033, including the innovation marketplace and the customer platform, and how many businesses have benefited from each element of the programme to date.

[S7W-03548](#) **Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much public funding has been committed to each of the four programmes of its National Innovation Strategy since June 2023, and how much of that funding has been spent to date.

[S7W-03549](#) **David Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution to the local economy of the 375 people employed in the civil nuclear sector at Hunterston.

[S7W-03550](#) **David Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the role of the 375 people employed at Hunterston in maintaining Scotland's nuclear skills and industrial base.

[S7W-03551](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Smiths News PLC regarding its ten-year distribution agreements with News UK and DMG Media, and the company's ability to maintain a high standard of regional newspaper distribution in rural and island communities.

[S7W-03552](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-00018 by Maree Todd on 26 May 2026, what progress has been made by NHS Highland, NHS Orkney, NHS Shetland and NHS Western Isles towards pooling resources and collaborating to provide support for people with long COVID, ME/CFS and other similar conditions, and whether any formal partnership agreement has been established.

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[S7W-03553](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people with long COVID, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) and other similar conditions in the Highlands can access appropriate specialist support while the new Post-Infection Recovery Service is being established.

[S7W-03554](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made by NHS Highland towards the recruitment of staff for its Post-Infection Recovery Service, including how many posts (a) have been filled and (b) remain vacant.

[S7W-03555](#) **Irshad Ahmed:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish an evaluation of the impact of changes to health and work services that were committed to in its 2024-25 Programme for Government.

[S7W-03556](#) **Irshad Ahmed:** To ask the Scottish Government what work it is undertaking with Public Health Scotland to encourage employers to deliver healthy workplaces.

[S7W-03557](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to amend the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 as part of its proposed local government reforms and, if so, which provisions it anticipates amending.

[S7W-03558](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its proposed regional authorities would become the planning authorities responsible for preparing Local Development Plans and, if so, what statutory changes would be required to give effect to that arrangement.

[S7W-03559](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to whether existing Local Development Plans would remain in force following any reorganisation of local government, and, if so, for how long they would remain in force.

[S7W-03560](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any planning authorities affected by its proposed local government reforms will be required to review, revise or recommence the preparation of their Local Development Plans.

[S7W-03561](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its local government proposals, what planning functions would be exercised by (a) regional authorities and (b) community authorities.

[S7W-03562](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential implications of its proposed local government reform for planning application fees, including whether applicants would face different fee arrangements during or following the transition to a potential new structure of regional and community authorities.

[S7W-03563](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it plans to undertake with planning authorities, professional planning bodies, community organisations, developers and other planning stakeholders before finalising its proposals for local government reform.

[S7W-03564](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its proposals for local government reform would result in any change to the constitutional, administrative or statutory status of Scotland's two national park authorities.

[S7W-03565](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans for national park authorities to form part of its proposed regional authority structure, and, if not, what relationship it anticipates national park authorities will have with any such regional authorities.

[S7W-03566](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether national park authorities will continue to be designated planning authorities following the implementation of its proposed reforms to local government.

[S7W-03567](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans that its proposed new regional authorities will have any planning functions within the boundaries of a national park, and, if so, how those functions would interact with the statutory functions of the relevant national park authority.

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[S7W-03568](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the delivery of suicide prevention education in secondary schools.

[S7W-03570](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported calls by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation that people affected by major energy infrastructure projects "should be properly compensated".

[S7W-03571](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01986 by Jim Fairlie on 17 August 2026, which stated that the Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team had concluded its enquiries into the possible pollution incident at Loch Hourn and that findings would be confirmed by the end of August 2026, (a) what is causing the delay in confirming the findings and (b) when the findings will be made available.

[S7W-03573](#) **Paul McLennan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to housing associations whose properties have been subject to vandalism, deliberate damage or other criminal activity that can result in the loss of much-needed social housing.

[S7W-03574](#) **James Adams:** To ask the Scottish Government how many accidents on the (a) Dundee-Stonehaven, (b) Stonehaven-Aberdeen, (c) Aberdeen-Peterhead and (d) Peterhead-Fraserburgh section of the A90 have been reported in each quarter since 1 January 2021, broken down by (i) the number of people injured in, and (ii) the number of fatalities arising from these accidents.

[S7W-03576](#) **Kristopher Leask:** To ask the Scottish Government how many performances were supported by funding from its Scotland on Tour Fund in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023, how many audience members these performances reached, and whether it has produced a report evaluating the outcomes of the fund.

[S7W-03581](#) **Martyn Day:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on rail freight services in Scotland of proposed changes to rail network access and charging under the Railways Bill, and how it will represent the interests of Scotland's freight operators in the development of Great British Railways' Access and Use Policy.

[S7W-03582](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is still committed to ending the need for food banks, and, if so, what actions it plans to take to deliver this commitment.

[S7W-03583](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent phase two delivery plan it has published with COSLA, *Ending Destitution Together*, whether it will provide further details regarding how it plans to address food insecurity and systematic reliance on food banks among people with no recourse to public funds.

[S7W-03584](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have applied to the Scottish Welfare Fund for a crisis grant in each of the last three years.

[S7W-03585](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how many applications for a crisis grant from the Scottish Welfare Fund were declined in each of the last three years.

[S7W-03586](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, of all the applications for a crisis grant from the Scottish Welfare Fund that were declined in the last three years, what percentage were declined on the grounds that the applicant had previously received support and was assessed as not meeting the qualifying criteria for a further award.

[S7W-03587](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the historically high numbers of people presenting as homeless and being housed in temporary accommodation for extended periods of time, what action it plans to take to ensure that people experiencing homelessness can eat well and maintain good nutrition during periods spent in temporary accommodation and while longer term ambitions to reduce the numbers of people housed in temporary accommodation are realised.

[S7W-03588](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been spent on vessel charter costs to cover (a) breakdowns and (b) drydock periods across the Clyde and Hebridean ferry network in each year since 2021.

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[S7W-03589](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the 252 new zero-emission buses and coaches that it announced on 23 July 2024 have been delivered.

[S7W-03590](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £41.7 million grant funding that it announced on 23 July 2024 for the purpose of delivering 252 new zero-emission buses and coaches was spent, and whether any additional funding was requested by any of the eight operators that received the funding.

[S7W-03592](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of what the £20 million fund for Orkney and Shetland, which was announced on 11 December 2024, was spent on.

[S7W-03593](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of how many investments the Scottish National Investment Bank made on renewables projects in the Highlands and Islands Region, broken down by the (a) recipient, (b) total award of funding and (c) the return of investment to date.

[S7W-03594](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-02595 by Alyn Smith on 17 September 2026, what the policy rationale is for the Student Awards Agency Scotland paying the student contribution fee for eligible Scottish-domiciled students undertaking approved first-degree courses at specified higher education institutions in the Republic of Ireland, while Scottish-domiciled students undertaking courses elsewhere in the UK are required to fund their tuition fees through a repayable tuition fee loan, including where the chosen course is unavailable at any higher education institution in Scotland.

[S7W-03595](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it spent on its plan to re-establish the ferry service between Rosyth and Dunkirk, which was scrapped in September 2026.

[S7W-03596](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the total spend on consultancy services by Transport Scotland has been in each year since 2021.

[S7W-03598](#) **Irshad Ahmed:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the decision to discontinue the Health and Wellbeing Census, what data it collects on young people's health, wellbeing and lifestyle, including smoking, alcohol and drug use.

[S7W-03599](#) **Irshad Ahmed:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce closure order powers to enable enforcement authorities to close retail premises that have breached the law relating to (a) underage sales of tobacco and vaping products and (b) the sale of tobacco and vaping products that do not comply with relevant regulations.

[S7W-03602](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to its answer to question S7W-02315 by Gillian Martin on 24 August 2026, and in light of the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010, which require a programme of measures necessary to achieve or maintain Good Environmental Status, whether it considers that the measures currently in place in Scottish waters are sufficient to achieve Good Environmental Status for seafloor integrity, and, if it has not yet established that they are sufficient, under which provision of the Regulations it considers that implementation of any necessary additional measures may lawfully be deferred.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Introduced, 9 September 2026

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

Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (1st Report, 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)*

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>
Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Affirmative Instruments

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)

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)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[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

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

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

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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

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

[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/254\)](#) (4 September 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/259\)](#) (10 September 2026) (Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee)

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

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

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2026

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

Petitions

The following petitions were lodged by the Parliament on 23 September 2026:

PE2260: Do not introduce the planned Digital Proof of Age app, or any other form of Digital ID

PE2261: Reinstate the local connection rule for homeless people in Scotland

PE2262: Regulate the role of Curator Ad Litem for adults in Scotland

PE2263: Address non-contact and peer-on-peer sexual offending

PE2264: Include perimenopause and menopause education in Scotland’s school curriculum

PE2265: Review Scotland's response to the UK Supreme Court judgment on fair trial rights in Scotland

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

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 September 2026 \(SP Paper 9\)](#), publication date: 22 September 2026

[Criminal Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2026 \(Session 7\): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill](#), publication date: 23 September 2026

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or access the webpage (see the end of Bulletin for contact details and website information).

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Implementation of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009: Implementation Report (2021 - 2025) (SG/2026/213) laid under section 52 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2026 (INWO/2026/06) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

King’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/172) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2026 (SPSO/2026/08) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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