

Monday 28 September 2026

Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 30 September: Social Justice and Housing - Questions 3, 4 and 5, and Economy, Tourism and Transport - Questions 3 and 8.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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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: Frank Strang, Founder, Scotland's Four Words of Hope

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 Debate: Energy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance

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

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Education and Gaelic Committee

29 September 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in Committee Room 1

- 1. Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andrea Bradley, General Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);
Tara Lillis, Policy Official (Scotland), NASUWT;
David Barnett, General Secretary, School Leaders Scotland.
and then from—
Claire Burns, Director, CELCIS;
Alison Gordon, Member, Children's Services Planning Strategic Leads Network;
Simon Cameron, Chief Officer - Children and Young People Team, COSLA;
Joanna Macdonald, Chief Executive, National Social Work Agency;
David Anderson, Chair, The Oversight Board for the Promise.

- 2. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on
EducationAndGaelic.committee@parliament.scot.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

29 September 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Scottish Government Priorities for Economy and Tourism:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport, Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, Aidan Grisewood, Director of Jobs and Wellbeing Economy, and Frances Pacitti, Director Business and Better Regulation, Scottish Government.
- 2. Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-1, and on supplementary legislative consent memorandums LCM-S7-1a and LCM-S7-1b from—

Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport, Lucy Carmichael, Head of UEFA EURO 2028 Unit, Catriona Mackenzie, Major Events Legislation Team Leader, and Ninian Christie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

3. **Scottish Government Priorities for Energy:** The Committee will take evidence from— Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy, Catherine Williams, Deputy Director, Onshore Electricity & Strategy, Ragne Low, Deputy Director, Offshore Wind Programme & Investment, and Frances Murphy, Head of Heat in Buildings Delivery Unit, Scottish Government.
4. **Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]:** The Committee will take evidence from— Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy, Ross Loveridge, Head of Heat in Buildings Assessment Unit, Patrick Mason, Head of Heat in Buildings Assessment Policy & Technical Team, and Mark Stewart, Head of Heat in Buildings Assessment Operational Delivery Team, Scottish Government.
5. **Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]:** Stephen Gethins (Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy) to move— S7M-00959—That the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee recommends that the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
6. **Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a response from Cabinet Secretary for Justice on supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-12.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 29 September 2026 6th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its scrutiny preceding the Scottish Government's Budget 2027-28 from—
Liam Sinclair, Executive Director and Co-Chief Executive, National Theatre of Scotland;
Lucy Casot, Chief Executive Officer, Museums Galleries Scotland;
Joseph Peach, Director - Policy and Public Affairs, Culture Counts.
and then from—
Fiona Campbell, Convener, Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland;
Veronique AA Lapeyre, Director, Scottish Contemporary Arts Network;
Kenny McGlashan, Chief Executive, Federation of Scottish Theatre;
Alasdair Nicolson, Festival Director, St Magnus International Festival.

3. **Pre-Budget scrutiny – evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

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4. **Preparation for Conveners Group meeting:** The Committee will discuss preparations for the upcoming Conveners Group meeting with the First Minister.

5. **Standing legal adviser:** The Committee will consider whether to seek approval for the appointment of a standing legal adviser.

Proposed future business

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

29 September 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Draft instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider—

[The draft First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

[The draft Air Departure Tax \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

[The draft Air Departure Tax \(Administration\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

3. **Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—

[The Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/259\)](#)

[The Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/263\)](#)

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

[The Children \(Care, Care Experience and Services Planning\) \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/258 \(C. 25\)\)](#)

[The Tertiary Education and Training \(Funding and Governance\) \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/261 \(C. 26\)\)](#)

[The Police \(Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/262 \(C. 27\)\)](#)

[The Community Wealth Building \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/265 \(C. 28\)\)](#)

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5. **Health Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S7-6.
6. **Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will consider the response from the Scottish Government, with reference to LCM-S6-74, LCM-S7-7, and LCM-S7-7a.
7. **Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – delegated powers:** The Committee will further consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill, with reference to LCM-S6-66, LCM-S6-66a, and LCM-S7-10.

Proposed future business

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

Rural Affairs Committee 30 September 2026 6th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Marine and fisheries – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alistair Bally Philp, National Coordinator, Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation;
Elspeth MacDonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Elaine Whyte, Executive Secretary, Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance.
and then from—
Calum Duncan, Principal Policy Specialist, Marine Conservation Society;
Jessica Jones, Convenor, Marine Group, Scottish Environment LINK;
Annabel Lawrence, Member of CAOLAS, Member group, Coastal Communities Network;
Heather McFarlane, Senior Project Manager, Fidra;
Phil Taylor, Director, Open Seas.
3. **Marine and fisheries – evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Transport Committee 30 September 2026 7th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in Committee Room 3

1. Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):

The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-11 and supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S7-11a from—

Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport and Ronan Leslie, Solicitor, Scottish Government;
Terry Shevlin, Aviation Team, Transport Scotland.

2. Procurement: The Committee will take evidence from—

Alison Irvine, Chief Executive Officer, John MacIntyre, Head of Procurement and Contracts, Lawrence Shackman, Director, Infrastructure Projects, and Chris Wilcock, Director of Ferries and Ports, Transport Scotland.

and then from—

David Macdonald, Regional Director, CECA Scotland.

3. Civil Aviation (Consumer Protection and Regulatory Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) – review of evidence (In Private): The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

4. Procurement - review of evidence (In Private): The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Criminal Justice Committee

30 September 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.

2. Instrument subject to annulment: The Committee will consider the Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 (2026/212).

3. Custodial and community sentences – evidence: The Committee will take evidence from—
Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Community Wellbeing Spokesperson, COSLA;
Jackie Hamilton, Chief Social Work Officer, South Ayrshire, Social Work Scotland;
Karyn McCluskey, Chief Executive, Community Justice Scotland;
Sheriff Scott Pattison, Sheriff, Scottish Sentencing Council.

4. Victim perspectives across the justice system – evidence: The Committee will take evidence from—

Carol Eden, Head of Communications and External Affairs, Victim Support Scotland, The Victims' Organisations Collaboration Forum Scotland (VOCFS);
Jimmy Paul, Head, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit;
Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid.

5. Review of evidence: The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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6. Work programme (In Private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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Finance and Public Administration Committee

30 September 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Jennie Barugh, Director of Exchequer, Richard McCallum, Director of Public Spending, and Lucy O'Carroll, Director for Tax, Scottish Government.
- 2. Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on the duty of candour provisions included in the Supplementary LCM-S7-10 from—
Carolyn Low, Finance Director, Public Service Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland);
John Sturrock KC, Core Solutions Group Limited.
- 3. Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: Affordability and sustainability of Scotland's tax and spending plans: Review of evidence (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1
- 4. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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

Health, Care and Sport Committee

30 September 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Roundtable on palliative care: how can this be better supported in Scotland?:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care;
Amy Dalrymple, Associate Director for Policy & Public Affairs, Marie Curie Scotland;
Rami Okasha, Chief Executive, Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS);
Helen Malo, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager Scotland, Hospice UK.
- 2. Instruments subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider—

the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/213)

the Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/245)

the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/247)

- 3. Review of Evidence (In Private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under Item 1.
- 4. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee on

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee 30 September 2026 5th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Social security stakeholder roundtable – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tressa Burke, Chief Executive Officer, Glasgow Disability Alliance;
Fiona Collie, Head of Public Affairs and Communications, Scotland, Carers Scotland;
Emma Jackson, Assistant Director of Policy and Research, Citizens Advice Scotland;
Kirsty McKechnie, Early Earning System Project Manager, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland;
Dr Pauline Nolan, Head of Participation and Policy, Inclusion Scotland;
Paul Traynor, Head of External Affairs (Scotland), Carers Trust.
- 2. Social security stakeholder roundtable – consideration (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

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

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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
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- 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.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01366](#) Dawn Black: Recognising the Success of the Grampian Forest Rally**—That the Parliament congratulates the Stonehaven District Motor Club and all those involved in the successful running of the 2026 Voly Grampian Forest Rally; notes that the event attracted around 4,600 spectators and involved more than 990 competitors, officials, volunteers and support personnel; recognises its significant contribution to the local economy, with an estimated direct economic impact of almost £446,000 in Aberdeenshire; welcomes the rally's growing national and international profile, and wishes the organisers every success ahead of its proposed inclusion in the British Rally Championship in 2027.

Supported by: Alexander Burnett* R, Clare Haughey*

***[S7M-01365](#) Jackie Dunbar: Enhorabuena to EasyJet and Aberdeen International Airport on Two New Routes between Aberdeen and Spain**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that easyJet will launch two new summer routes from Aberdeen International Airport to Barcelona and Mallorca; understands that the new routes will be launched in 2027, with flights to Barcelona due to launch on 31 March 2027 and flights to Mallorca on 3 May 2027 with both routes operating twice weekly; notes that the two new routes mark further growth for easyJet at Aberdeen International Airport, following the addition of services to Paris Charles de Gaulle and Belfast International, giving customers more opportunities to travel directly from their local airport; hopes that this can strengthen ties between Aberdeen and Spain; wishes both easyJet and Aberdeen International Airport continued success in their partnership together, and congratulates both ahead of the launch of these new routes.

***[S7M-01364](#) Maggie Chapman: Marking the 90th Anniversary of Cable Street**—That the Parliament commemorates the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street on 4 October 2026; recalls that, on 4 October 1936, tens of thousands of people, including Jewish residents, trade unionists, socialists, communists and Irish workers, united to prevent Oswald Mosley and the British Union of Fascists marching through London's East End; notes that the police were deployed not to protect the anti-fascist community but to facilitate the march of the British Union of Fascists; celebrates the mass resistance of ordinary people who stopped that march and remembers their cry, "They shall not pass"; believes that this lesson remains urgent as the far right again organises, intimidates and scapegoats migrants, refugees and minority communities across Scotland and the UK; rejects the normalisation or accommodation of fascism and believes that it must be confronted through organised, democratic and peaceful community resistance; further believes that defeating the far right also means challenging the poverty, inequality and insecurity on which it feeds, and building

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communities rooted in solidarity, strong public services, workers' rights, climate justice and welcome for refugees; pays tribute to all those who have resisted fascism and racism, past and present, and affirms that, when communities stand together against fascism, "They shall not pass."

Supported by: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Ariane Burgess*, Gillian Mackay*, Carol Mochan*, Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*

***S7M-01363 Mark Simpson: Acknowledging Barclays' Contribution to Employment and Investment in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the economic contribution of Barclays in Scotland, including its significant employment presence in Glasgow and elsewhere; recognises the role played by major financial services employers in supporting high-skilled jobs, apprenticeships, graduate opportunities and professional development; notes the contribution made by the banking and financial services sector to economic activity, investment and tax revenues across Scotland and the wider UK; further notes Barclays' provision of retail, business and corporate banking services to households, charities, community organisations and businesses of all sizes; recognises the importance of maintaining Scotland as an attractive location for investment in financial and professional services; acknowledges the contribution of employees working within the financial services sector to Scotland's economy, and understands that Barclays identifies Glasgow as one of its key UK employment locations and that it continues to recruit across technology, operations, risk, compliance and customer service functions.

Supported by: David Smith*, Kim Schmulian*, Amanda Lindsay*, Thomas Kerr*, Senga Beresford*

***S7M-01362 Jack Middleton: Congratulating Vagrant Real Estate on his Scottish Album of the Year 2026 Nomination**—That the Parliament congratulates Aberdonian music producer and DJ, Vagrant Real Estate, on being nominated for the 2026 Scottish Album of the Year Award; understands that the album, *Neither Collar Nor Crown*, which features an all-star cast of 25 Scottish artists, with contributions including spoken word, choir and cutting-edge lyricism in both English and Gaelic, has been included on the longlist of 20 nominees for the prestigious music award; notes that Vagrant Real Estate has been releasing music independently since 2018, collaborating with local and international artists, achieving millions of streams across all platforms and featuring on national radio stations such as BBC Radio 1, 6 Music and BBC Xtra, and wishes him the best of luck on reaching the final shortlist of 10 ahead of the awards ceremony at Caird Hall in Dundee on 5 November 2026.

Supported by: Maggie Chapman*, Dawn Black*, Colin Beattie*

***S7M-01361 Stuart McMillan: Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland 2026, The Right Tools for the Job**—That the Parliament recognises Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland 2026, which is taking place from 28 September to 4 October, and its theme, The Right Tools for the Job; understands that the campaign, led by Dyslexia Scotland, highlights the importance of people with dyslexia having access to the right tools, practical support and reasonable adjustments to enable them to work and learn to their full potential; notes research by Dyslexia Scotland and the University of Glasgow, which found that only 41% of adults with dyslexia in Scotland receive reasonable adjustments in the workplace, with a quarter of those who receive adjustments reporting that they are not helpful; believes that having the right support in place can help to remove barriers and enable people with dyslexia to thrive in education, employment and wider society; commends Dyslexia Scotland, its staff, volunteers, partners and supporters for their continued work to make Scotland a dyslexia-friendly country; encourages employers, schools, colleges, universities, public bodies and organisations across Scotland to consider what more they can do to provide the right tools and create genuinely inclusive environments, and encourages MSPs and people across Scotland to support Dyslexia Awareness Week, raise awareness of dyslexia and show their support by wearing the blue dyslexia awareness ribbon.

***S7M-01360 Hannah Mary Goodlad: Budget (Scotland) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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Supported by: Jenny Gilruth*

***[S7M-01358](#) Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Congratulating Calum Barry and Edinburgh-based company Grant Westfield on Winning Community Link Worker Partnership of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Calum Barry, from the Edinburgh Community Link Worker Service, and Edinburgh-based company Grant Westfield on being named Community Link Worker Partnership of the Year 2026 at the Scottish Community Link Worker Network Annual Conference on 22 September; acknowledges that this charity-business partnership delivered crisis grants, clothing support and Christmas gifts to 30 people facing considerable hardship, and celebrates this partnership as an excellent example of the invaluable role and dedication of community link workers across Scotland.

***[S7M-01357](#) Jack Middleton: Scottish Football Fans Break Attendance Record**—That the Parliament recognises the dedication of Scotland's football fans following reports that, once again, Scotland has the highest per capita attendances for top flight football in Europe; notes that Scotland exceeded 4.1 million attendances across all matches during the 2025-26 season, with an average crowd of 17,903 at Scottish Premiership fixtures; acknowledges that Scotland had the seventh highest total attendances across Europe despite having only the 24th largest population in Europe; notes that this follows Scotland's participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which, it believes, inspired a new generation of fans through the example set by Scotland's fans; believes that the Tartan Army demonstrated in the summer that Scotland has the best football fans in the world, and hopes that the passion for football is acknowledged and continues to grow across Scotland.

Supported by: Dawn Black*, Heather Anderson*, Laura Mitchell*, Jamie Langan*, Colin Beattie*, Monica Lennon*, Helen McDade*, George Adam*, Paul McLennan*

***[S7M-01356](#) Rachael Hamilton: St Cuthbert's Way Earns Global Recognition**—That the Parliament congratulates St Cuthbert's Way on being named in Lonely Planet's *Best in Travel 2027*; understands that the historic 100-kilometre pilgrimage route is the only UK entry among the 50 destinations and travel experiences selected worldwide for the 2027 list; notes that the route begins in Melrose and travels through the Scottish Borders and Northumberland before finishing on Holy Island, Lindisfarne; further notes that sections of the route pass through the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency, including Yetholm and the surrounding Roxburghshire countryside; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that St Cuthbert's Way makes to the visitor economy in rural communities along the route, supporting accommodation providers, hospitality businesses and other local enterprises; acknowledges the route's rich history and cultural heritage and its association with St Cuthbert; considers that this international recognition provides an opportunity to showcase the landscape, heritage and communities of the Scottish Borders to visitors from across the UK and around the world; commends all those involved in maintaining, promoting and supporting St Cuthbert's Way, and wishes the communities and businesses along the route continued success in welcoming visitors to the area.

Supported by: Jamie Langan*, David Smith*, Craig Hoy*, Colin Beattie*, Russell Findlay*, Miles Briggs*, Maggie Chapman*, Angela Ross*

***[S7M-01355](#) Mark Simpson: Celebrating Scotland's Status as Europe's Best-Supported Football Nation**—That the Parliament congratulates Scotland's football supporters, clubs, volunteers, leagues and governing bodies on Scotland once again being recognised as having the highest football attendance per capita in Europe; notes that, according to the latest UEFA attendance data, the Scottish Premiership attracts more match-going supporters per head of population than any other European league, continuing a trend that has seen Scotland lead Europe in this measure for a number of consecutive years; recognises what it sees as the immense loyalty, passion and dedication shown by football fans in communities across Scotland, from the Highlands and Islands to the Borders, and from the cities to the smallest towns and villages; acknowledges the efforts of clubs, the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Professional Football League, community trusts, volunteers and staff in creating a welcoming and vibrant match-day experience; believes that Scottish football plays an important role in strengthening communities, supporting local economies and fostering civic

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pride; recognises the contribution of football clubs at all levels of the game to community engagement, health and wellbeing, and commends everyone involved in Scottish football for helping to make Scotland one of the most passionate and best-supported football nations in Europe.

Supported by: Angela Ross*, Senga Beresford*, David Smith*, Jamie Langan*, Julie MacDougall*, Max Bannerman*, Amanda Bland*, Amanda Lindsay*, Colin Beattie*, Helen McDade*, Thomas Kerr*, Victor Currie*

***[S7M-01354](#) Laura Moodie: Galashiels Pupil Sets World Deadlift Record for 16-Year-Olds**—That the Parliament congratulates Galashiels Academy S6 pupil, Daniel Maltman, on setting a world deadlift record for a 16-year-old by lifting an extraordinary 303.5kg; recognises the discipline and strength required to achieve such a result; notes that Daniel has been awarded his Gold School Colours pin in recognition of his achievement; commends Galashiels Academy, his family and everyone who has supported his sporting development; believes that his accomplishment will inspire other young people to pursue their ambitions in sport, and wishes Daniel every success in his future training and competitions.

Supported by: Cara McKee*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-01353](#) David Linden: Celebrating Cranhill Credit Union's 50th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates Cranhill Credit Union on its 50th anniversary; understands that it was established in 1976 by John Kerr, Ellen Kerr and Helen Kane MBE to serve the residents of Cranhill and Greater Glasgow; acknowledges the positive impact that credit unions have on the communities that they support, serving as not-for-profit cooperatives that offer accessible savings accounts and low-interest loans to their members; notes the long service of Helen Kane MBE, Betty McGreechin and Susan Blackhurst, who have worked in Cranhill Credit Union for most of its 50-year history; acknowledges their commitment and hard work serving the Cranhill community, and wishes them a well-deserved retirement and all staff and members of Cranhill Credit Union continued success in the future.

Supported by: Thomas Kerr*

***[S7M-01352](#) Jackie Dunbar: Adura's Girls in Energy Programme Welcomes 284 New Students**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that Adura's Girl's in Energy Programme has welcomed its latest cohort of 284 students from 18 schools across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire; understands that the programme, which is now in its 16th year, is a year-long programme designed to encourage more young women to consider careers in engineering and the wider energy industry; notes that the programme is delivered in partnership with North East Scotland College (NESCol), giving students direct access to employers, role models and real-world insight into the breadth of opportunities available across the sector; recognises that the continued growth of Girls in Energy reflects the importance of sustained investment in skills and education, particularly as the North East prepares to support both its established energy industries and the opportunities presented by the wider energy transition; believes that throughout the 2026-27 academic year, students will take part in workshops, industry talks and site visits, helping them to build confidence, develop practical skills and gain a greater understanding of future career opportunities that are available to them; commends the efforts of all involved in organising and delivering the programme, and wishes all participants in the programme all the best going forward.

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

***[S7M-01351](#) Cara McKee: Celebrating the Opening of Balgray Train Station**—That the Parliament celebrates the opening of Balgray Station, Scotland's newest rail station; recognises the successful partnership between the Scottish Government, East Renfrewshire Council and other key partners that delivered the station through the Glasgow City Region City Deal; notes that the station promotes accessibility and environmental sustainability by offering step-free access, lifts, secure cycle storage and a car park with electric vehicle charging points; celebrates that residents of Barrhead and nearby communities will now have access to better transport links with Glasgow and the wider rail network;

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notes that the opening of the station will improve access to jobs, education, leisure and attractions such as Dams to Darnley Country Park, and acknowledges the cultural, economic and environmental benefits of rail travel and the importance of improved public transport links in tackling the climate crisis and achieving net zero targets.

Supported by: Laura Moodie, Ariane Burgess, Ross Greer, Colin Beattie, Kate Nevens, Mark Ruskell, Dawn Black

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01348](#) **Patricia Gibson: Megan's Space Named Scottish Charity of the Year 2026** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01347](#) **Malcolm Offord: Motion of No Confidence** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Julie MacDougall*, David Kirkwood*

[S7M-01344](#) **Alexander Burnett: 2026 Great Scottish Squirrel Survey** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Monica Lennon*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Amanda Lindsay*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01343](#) **Dawn Black: Elevate Health Chiropractic and Wellbeing Wins Aberdeenshire Heart of the High Street Health and Wellbeing Award** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01342](#) **James Adams: Tarlair Outdoor Pool Pavilion Shortlisted in the Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01341](#) **Kate Nevens: Solidarity with Staff and Students at the University of Edinburgh** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Cara McKee*, Q Manivannan*, Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01340](#) **Laura Mitchell: Official Opening of the Rothes Way** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Heather Anderson*

[S7M-01339](#) **Laura Mitchell: The Inaugural Moray Mòd** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01338](#) **James Adams: Isobel "Beldy" Blackhall Named the Latest Recipient of the Best of Banff and Buchan Award** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Russell Findlay*

[S7M-01337](#) **Lloyd Melville: Celebrating 20 Years of the Havilah Project in Arbroath** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01336](#) **Tim Eagle: Celebrating 25 Years of the Highland Indian Association** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*

[S7M-01335](#) **Mark Ruskell: Recognising Food for Life Scotland Impact Report** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

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

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[S7M-01334](#) **David Torrance: Congratulations to K107FM on National Recognition** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Martyn Day*, Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01333](#) **Dawn Black: But n' Ben Books Wins Aberdeenshire Heart of the High Street New Business Award** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01332](#) **Jack Middleton: Welcoming Aberlans in a Box** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01330](#) **Jack Middleton: St George's Community Centre Fundraising** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01326](#) **Marie McNair: Formation of Duntocher in Bloom** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

[S7M-01324](#) **Liam McArthur: Linsey Drever Named Outstanding Scottish Community Link Worker** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S7M-01323](#) **Miles Briggs: Poppy Cabs 2026** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Thomas Kerr*

[S7M-01321](#) **Liam Kerr: Launch of The Muckle Birdie Match Storybook** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*, Dawn Black*, Craig Hoy*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Russell Findlay*, Miles Briggs*

[S7M-01314](#) **Heather Anderson: Abertay University Plays Leading Role in Major European Environmental Research Project** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01313](#) **Jack Middleton: SpinLab Opens In Aberdeen** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01307](#) **David Green: Congratulating Nine-year-old Skye Mackay on Raising £1,245 for Charity** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[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: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Q Manivannan*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01203](#) **Paul Sweeney: Centre for Contemporary Arts and Third Eye Centre Archives** (lodged on 16 September 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01150](#) **Heather Anderson: Dundee Stroke Exercise Club** (lodged on 10 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-01057](#) **Paul Sweeney: Merchant Navy Day 2026** (lodged on 4 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Katy Clark*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

[S7M-00973](#) **Laura Moodie: Congratulating The Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn, Scotland's CAMRA Scotland Pub of the Year** (lodged on 27 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-00925](#) **Heather Anderson: Angus Cycling Festival** (lodged on 24 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-00883](#) **Paul Sweeney: Proposed Demolition of the Category B-Listed Hillhead Baptist Church** (lodged on 19 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-00868](#) **Heather Anderson: Maggie's: Thirtieth Anniversary and V&A Dundee Exhibition** (lodged on 17 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

[S7M-00842](#) **Paul Sweeney: Success and Ongoing Evaluation of Glasgow's Overdose Prevention Centre** (lodged on 14 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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[S7M-00837](#) **Heather Anderson: Dundee and the Green Flag and Green Flag Community Awards** (lodged on 11 August 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*

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

New Support: Keith Brown*

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Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 25 September 2026

[S7W-03653](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, if all the Option 2 measures proposed in the Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas consultation were adopted for the 11 selected Priority Marine Features and Marine Protected Areas, what percentage of Scotland's inshore waters would be subject to year-round spatial restrictions on (a) all commercial fishing, (b) scallop dredging, (c) nephrops trawling, (d) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling and (e) creeling.

[S7W-03654](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, if all the Option 1 measures proposed in the Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas consultation were adopted for all MPAs, what percentage of Scotland's inshore waters which are designated as being within the Marine Protected Areas network would be subject to year-round spatial restrictions on (a) all commercial fishing, (b) scallop dredging, (c) nephrops trawling, (d) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling and (e) creeling.

[S7W-03655](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, if all the Option 2 measures proposed in the Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas consultation were adopted for all MPAs, what percentage of Scotland's inshore waters which are designated as being within the Marine Protected Areas network would be subject to year-round spatial restrictions on (a) all commercial fishing, (b) scallop dredging, (c) nephrops trawling, (d) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling and (e) creeling.

[S7W-03656](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, if all the Option 1 measures proposed in the Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas consultation were adopted for the 11 selected Priority Marine Features, what percentage of Scotland's inshore waters which are outwith the Marine Protected Areas network will be subject to year-round spatial restrictions on (a) all commercial fishing, (b) scallop dredging, (c) nephrops trawling, (d) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling and (e) creeling.

[S7W-03657](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, in the event that all the Option 2 measures proposed in the Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas consultation are adopted for the 11 selected Priority Marine Features, what percentage of Scotland's inshore waters which are outwith the Marine Protected Areas network will be subject to year-round spatial restrictions on (a) all commercial fishing, (b) scallop dredging, (c) nephrops trawling, (d) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling and (e) creeling.

[S7W-03658](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, if all the Option 1 measures proposed in the Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Inshore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Proposed Priority Marine Feature (PMF) Management Areas consultation were adopted for both the 11 selected Priority Marine Features and Marine Protected Areas, what percentage of Scotland's inshore waters will be subject to year-round spatial restrictions on (a) all commercial fishing, (b) scallop dredging, (c) nephrops trawling, (d) both scallop dredging and nephrops trawling and (e) creeling.

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[S7W-03659](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many of the recommendations listed in the *Strategic Transport Projects Review 2* (a) have been fully implemented, (b) have been partially implemented, (c) are awaiting implementation and (d) have been rejected.

[S7W-03660](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government on how many occasions National Entitlement Cards were suspended in (a) 2025 and (b) so far in 2026, broken down by National Entitlement Card scheme.

[S7W-03661](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many drivers have been (a) charged and (b) prosecuted for driving while using a mobile phone, in each year since 2021.

[S7W-03662](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42237 by Mairi Gougeon on 10 December 2025, how many Remote Piloted Aerial Surveillance Systems (RPAS) are currently available to the Marine Directorate for the purpose of marine compliance aerial surveillance flights.

[S7W-03663](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to S6W-42237 by Mairi Gougeon on 10 December 2025, what the annual cost is of its contract with its external provider for the provision of Remote Piloted Aerial Surveillance Systems to conduct marine compliance aerial surveillance flights.

[S7W-03664](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NATS Prestwick regarding its reported technical issue on 8 September 2026 that resulted in the cancellation, delay or diversion of more than 2,000 flights.

[S7W-03665](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with ScotRail regarding any review of train fares, in light of the potential reduced demand as a result of the proposed rollout of the £2 bus fare cap.

[S7W-03666](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has decided to reduce the total funding allocated to the Island Resilience Fund from £4.4 million in 2025-26 to £3 million in 2026-27.

[S7W-03667](#) Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications to the Islands Business Resilience Fund were declined in (a) 2025-26 and (b) 2026-27, broken down by local authority area.

[S7W-03668](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what fishery management measures it has implemented to achieve Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy, in line with the 2021 and 2025 Programmes of Measures.

[S7W-03669](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what monitoring arrangements it has established to assess the impact of fisheries management measures implemented to achieve Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy, in line with the 2021 and 2025 Programmes of Measures.

[S7W-03670](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the extent to which each Fisheries Management Plan is expected to contribute to achieving Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy.

[S7W-03671](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution of marine planning to achieving Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy.

[S7W-03672](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the extent to which the proposed Option 1 fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected Areas and Priority Marine Features are expected to contribute to achieving Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy.

[S7W-03673](#) Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the extent to which the proposed Option 2 fisheries management measures for inshore Marine Protected

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Areas and Priority Marine Features are expected to contribute to achieving Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy.

[S7W-03674 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the cost-effectiveness of any of its proposed measures to achieve Good Environmental Status for Descriptor 6 (Seafloor Integrity) under the UK Marine Strategy.

[S7W-03676 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish Ministers have participated in any meetings of the Benthic Impacts Working Group, as referenced in Part Three of the UK Marine Strategy, and, if so, whether minutes for those meetings will be published.

[S7W-03677 Ariane Burgess:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether any Scottish Ministers have participated in meetings of the working group established to manage the effects of fishing on seafloor integrity, as described in *the National Marine Plan Review 2021: Three-Year Report on the Effectiveness of Scotland's National Marine Plan*, and, if so, whether it will publish the minutes of those meetings.

[S7W-03679 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to its decision to no longer have a dedicated Minister for Women's Health, and in light of the Scottish Women's Convention's recently published report, *Women's Priorities 2026/27*, which highlights that health is one of the top priorities for women and that many women describe distressing lived experiences when trying to access appropriate care, how it will ensure that women's health is treated as a distinct, cross-cutting priority across policy areas and services so that concerns set out by women are acted on.

[S7W-03680 Carol Mochan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to respond to the findings in the Scottish Women's Convention's report, *Women's Priorities 2026-27*.

[S7W-03681 Stephen Kerr:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of appointed police officers received a home visit as part of the recruitment process to join Police Scotland in the last five years.

[S7W-03682 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what further plans it has to support programmes that can identify and treat PTSD, depression and suicidal ideation among currently serving police officers.

[S7W-03683 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made by Police Scotland to fully address bullying and officer misconduct within the force.

[S7W-03684 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will review current rail capacity in Fife and develop a strategy to improve links (a) within Fife and (b) between Fife and Scotland's major cities.

[S7W-03685 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the British Transport Police to address crime within and near railway stations, including Lochgelly, which was reported by the *Daily Express* to be the fourth most dangerous station in Scotland.

[S7W-03686 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will conduct a full review of the economic impact of recent policies relating to short-term lets, including the Short Term Lets licensing scheme and Visitor Levy.

[S7W-03687 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it has considered what further support it or local authorities could provide to community groups immediately following the completion of a Community Asset Transfer, to assist with the initial establishment and ongoing management of community-owned assets.

[S7W-03688 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to increasing the number of holding cells available in local police stations to address concerns regarding capacity pressures within existing facilities.

[S7W-03689 Julie MacDougall:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what data it holds on how many police officers are deployed on street patrols at any given time and whether it considers the current

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number to be appropriate for the volume and types of crimes committed across all areas of Scotland.

[S7W-03690](#) **Julie MacDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports calls by the Owain's Law campaign to require the freezing and preservation of brain tumour tissue removed during surgery to enable the development of personalised vaccines.

[S7W-03691](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding posts within its directorates, agencies and non-departmental public bodies, how many people have been appointed following a recruitment process in which the interview was conducted exclusively online in each of the last three years, broken down by (a) employing body, (b) job title or role and (c) the percentage of all appointments that this represented.

[S7W-03692](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Fair Work Oversight Group last met and whether any future meetings are planned.

[S7W-03693](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers that fire and rehire practices are consistent with Fair Work Principles.

[S7W-03694](#) **Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03048 by Angela Constance on 21 September 2026, how many of the child patients and their families who arrived in Scotland in Autumn 2025 have returned home to date.

[S7W-03695](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the number of Scottish Basic Payment Scheme claims that remain unresolved as a result of outstanding verification requirements associated with the Future Farming Investment Scheme.

[S7W-03697](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many students there were in the 2025-26 final year cohort of the Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine pathway.

[S7W-03698](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people from the 2025-26 Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine pathway cohort have taken up roles within the NHS in Scotland, broken down by NHS board.

New Subordinate Legislation

Withdrawal of instrument

The following instrument laid before the Parliament on 22 September 2026 was withdrawn on 25 September 2026—

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

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

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Introduced, 9 September 2026

Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

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

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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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

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Meeting (evidence (Transport Committee)), 30 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)), 29 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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 September 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 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 30 September 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 September 2026

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

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 September 2026

Lead committee - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Sporting Events Bill Supplementary LCM-S7-1b

Lodged on 2 September 2026

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Tourism and Energy)), 29 September 2026

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)

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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 18 November 2026

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 September 2026)
(Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 30 September 2026
Lead Committee report due by 28 September 2026

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

Subject to annulment by 8 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

Subject to annulment by 9 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 October 2026

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 28 October 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 October 2026

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

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

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)

Subject to annulment by 18 November 2026
Lead Committee report due by 16 November 2026

[Climate Change \(Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/266\)](#) (24 September 2026) (Climate Action Committee)

[Criminal Legal Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/267\)](#) (24 September 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2026

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

New Documents

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Land Commission - Programme of Work, September 2026 – April 2028 (SG/2026/188) laid under Section 9(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission - Strategic Plan 2026-29 (SG/2026/187) laid under Section 8(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

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