

Tuesday 29 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S7M-01389, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

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 First Minister's Statement: The Roles and Functions of Scotland's Law Officers

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

Committee Meetings

8:30am Education and Gaelic Committee

9:00am Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

9:30am Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S7M-01389](#) Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for

(a) Tuesday 29 September 2026—

after

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: The Roles and Functions of Scotland's Law Officers

(b) Wednesday 30 September 2026—

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Protecting Scots from Significant Income Tax Rises

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd.

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by General Questions

1. Marie McNair: [Withdrawn] ([S7O-00301](#))

2. Holly Bruce: [Not Lodged] ([S7O-00302](#))

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](#))

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

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](#))

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[S7M-00708](#) Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026—That the Parliament recognises Breast Cancer Now's Wear It Pink Day 2026, which takes place on 23 October, and commends the vital work of Breast Cancer Now, the UK's leading breast cancer research and support charity; acknowledges the success of the Wear It Pink campaign, which has raised over £45 million since its inception in 2002 for lifesaving breast cancer research and care; notes the calls encouraging people across Scotland to wear pink and fundraise on the day; pays special tribute to the late Christina McKelvie MSP, a dear friend and colleague, whose commitment to breast cancer awareness, equality and compassion continues to inspire; understands that around 4,800 people in Scotland are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and that early detection, timely treatment and ongoing support are vital to improving outcomes and helping achieve the charity's goal that, by 2050, everyone with breast cancer will live and live well; notes the view that there is a need for continued investment in research, improved access to care and increasing awareness of secondary breast cancer, for which, it understands, there is currently no cure, and believes that campaigns such as Wear It Pink can make a real difference to those affected by breast cancer, now and in the future. **R**

Committee Meetings

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

Education and Gaelic Committee 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.

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 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.

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

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

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 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 \(C. 28\)\)](#)

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.

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