

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs Committee

9:15am Transport Committee

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Health, Care and Sport Committee

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

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing; Economy, Tourism and Transport

The Presiding Officer has Grouped the following questions: Social Justice and Housing - Questions 3, 4 and 5; Economy, Tourism and Transport - Questions 3 and 8

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. ([S7O-00310](#)) **R**
- 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 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] ([S7O-00327](#))

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](#))

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank

[S7M-01376](#) Liam Kerr: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—That the Parliament believes that consent should be granted for the Jackdaw gas field and the Rosebank oil and gas field, recognising the significant economic benefits that this would bring.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S7M-01376.5](#) Stephen Gethins: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—As an amendment to motion [S7M-01376](#) in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “recognises that the UK Government will be making quasi-judicial decisions in relation to Jackdaw and Rosebank, and in doing so, will have to make assessments, in line with the updated statutory guidance issued following recent court cases, of the full climate impact of those proposals, while also taking due account of energy security considerations; believes that all applications must be fully assessed on a case by case basis within the appropriate legal framework; supports efforts to deliver a just transition and to take climate action to support the utilisation of clean energy to benefit the creation of jobs in the north east and protect the environment, and calls for the creation of a Future Generations Fund from all further income from oil and gas resources taken by the UK Treasury, dedicated to help grow Scotland’s renewables industry, support the communities who have generated hundreds of billions of pounds in taxation for the UK Government, and strengthen the supply chain to ensure ongoing investment and job creation in Scotland.”

[S7M-01376.2](#) Duncan Massey: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—As an amendment to [S7M-01376](#) in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), insert at end “, and agrees that, for the long-term success of the industry, exploration drilling and licences should be resumed.”

[S7M-01376.3](#) Daniel Johnson: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—As an amendment to [S7M-01376](#) in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out after second “that” to

end and insert "oil and gas production will remain part of Scotland's energy mix for decades to come and is vital to energy security and the economic security of working families and communities; notes that decisions on whether to grant consent for the Rosebank and Jackdaw developments will be taken at ministerial level by the UK Energy Secretary through a quasi-judicial process, with final consenting decisions resting with the North Sea Transition Authority; recognises the need for a wider programme of reindustrialisation, supporting jobs, domestic supply chains and investment in communities across Scotland, and believes that the transition to a lower-carbon economy must be a just transition that protects workers and communities while creating new industrial opportunities in the energy industries of the future."

S7M-01376.1 Kristopher Leask: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—As an amendment to motion S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out from "believes" to end, and insert "agrees that consent should not be granted for the Jackdaw and Rosebank oil and gas fields; believes that the exploitation of these fields would neither deliver secure energy jobs for oil and gas workers nor cheaper energy for consumers, but would instead facilitate profiteering by corporate executives and shareholders; highlights polling published earlier in 2026 indicating that almost two thirds of people in Scotland oppose new oil and gas drilling in the North Sea whilst 90% care about climate change; urges both the UK and Scottish governments to support renewable energy, particularly community- or publicly-owned projects, as the only pathway to provide economic security for workers and energy security for the nation, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the Just Transition Fund delivers genuine economic transformation and resilience for workers and communities."

S7M-01376.4 Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—As an amendment to motion S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "notes that the UK Government is due to make a determination on the Jackdaw gas field and the Rosebank oil and gas field; recognises that, in an ever-changing geopolitical climate, there is a real need to consider Scotland's energy security; believes that, in the case of the Jackdaw development, there could be arguments in favour of consent, including lower carbon intensity, improving UK energy security and economic benefits for those communities directly linked to the oil and gas sector that risk being left behind without a strong just transition; further believes, however, that any decision on consent should not delay the transition away from fossil fuels nor the work required to reduce demand for oil and gas; believes that there is a strong need for a greater electrification of heating, transport and industry, an improvement in energy efficiency in homes and an expansion of renewable energy in order to meet net zero objectives, and calls on both the Scottish and UK governments to work together to reduce emissions, drive down demand on fossil fuels and deliver a just transition."

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

S7M-01377 Craig Hoy: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises—That the Parliament notes with concern the Scottish Government's projected £4.77 billion funding gap by 2029-30; warns that, on the current trajectory, Scots risk facing further income tax rises to balance the budget, and calls on the Scottish Government to reaffirm its commitment not to introduce new income tax bands or increase income tax rates.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S7M-01377.4 Jenny Gilruth: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland's income tax system is the fairest and the most progressive in the UK; notes that the majority of income taxpayers in Scotland continue to pay less tax than in the rest of the UK; recognises that, in a time of economic volatility, Scotland's income

tax policy should be founded, as far as possible, on stability and certainty, and understands the Scottish Government has previously stated that it has no plans to increase the number of bands or their rates over the lifetime of this Parliament."

[S7M-01377.1 Kim Schmulian: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), leave out from "reaffirm" to end, and insert "introduce a new 0% rate of income tax to increase the amount that taxpayers in Scotland can earn before having to pay income tax."

[S7M-01377.3 Joe Fagan: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), insert at end “; believes that addressing the pressures on Scotland’s public finances requires reform of the wider devolved tax system, including council tax and non-domestic rates; notes that the Parliament has previously supported the immediate convening of cross-party talks on council tax reform, and calls on the Scottish Government to respect the will of the Parliament and convene those talks without further delay.”

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[S7M-01377.5 Ross Greer: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises](#)—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), leave out from "with concern" to end and insert "that the top 2% of households in Scotland hold more wealth than half of the population combined; believes that, having already made substantial progress in delivering a fairer income tax system in Scotland, there is now a need to shift the balance of taxation from work to wealth in order to promote economic prosperity and fairly fund public services; calls on the UK Government to devolve the fiscal powers necessary to develop a robust wealth tax system; further calls on the Scottish Government to improve the taxation of wealth through existing devolved powers, in light of the conclusion in its own literature review of wealth taxation in Scotland that 'reform of existing taxes on wealth may offer a more practical route to improving the taxation of wealth in Scotland' than a Scotland-wide wealth tax."

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd.

followed by Business Motions

[S7M-01390 Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme](#)—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 October 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister’s Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Outcomes for Neurodivergent People, Autistic People and People with Learning Disabilities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe

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>
Chamber Seòmar				

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 Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

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 Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter and Improving Hospital Flow

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Cyber Resilience

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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				

Tuesday 27 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 28 October 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 29 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister’s Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 October 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

S7M-01390.1 Max Bannerman: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S7M-01390 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Business Programme), leave out—

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Prosperity and Future in Europe"
and insert—

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Addressing Scotland's Drug Deaths"

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S7M-01391 Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Tim Eagle be appointed to replace James Adams as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee; and

James Adams be appointed to replace Tim Eagle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee.

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks

S7M-00976 Ariane Burgess: Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks—That the Parliament notes with concern reports regarding the growing frequency and severity of extreme weather events due to climate breakdown, including wildfires, droughts, and flooding across Scotland; shares its concern for communities across Scotland that have already faced wildfires this year, including in the Highlands and Islands; commends emergency services, conservation bodies, including rewilding organisations, community groups, gamekeepers, farmers, volunteers and others for coming together to tackle the devastating wildfire in the Cairngorms; notes the belief that there is an urgent need to shift focus from emergency response alone toward long-term landscape-scale prevention and climate resilience; recognises the role that healthy, restored ecosystems, such as rewetted peatlands, restored wetlands and mosaic habitats created by the action of native animals, have alongside human interventions in building resilient landscapes; notes the calls for the UK Government to create a dedicated Climate Shock Fund to cover the costs of preparing for and preventing climate shocks, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to convene a Scottish landscape resilience summit to ensure that a cross-sector, multi-stakeholder approach is taken to share knowledge and best practice across Scotland.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs Committee 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.

Transport Committee 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.

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 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.

Health, Care and Sport Committee 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.

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee 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 Warning System Project Manager, Child Poverty Action Group in 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.

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Chamber Seòmar				

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 30 September 2026

Thursday 1 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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

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Thursday 8 October 2026

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm General Questions

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followed by Scottish Government Business

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

1 October 2026

4th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on —

[The Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#)

[The Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026 \[draft\]](#)

from—

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans and Iain Hockenhull, Head of Elections, Scottish Government;
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. **Subordinate Legislation:** Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans to move—

S7M-01085—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the [The Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#) be approved.

S7M-01086—That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the [The Scottish Local Government Elections \(Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information\) Amendment Order 2026 \[draft\]](#) be approved.

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Committees Comataidhean				

4. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider— [The Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/251\)](#).

[The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/254\)](#)

5. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Stage 1 evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Robert Nicol, President, Scottish Assessors Association;
Chris Highcock, Secretary to the Board and Depute Returning Officer for the City of Edinburgh, Electoral Management Board for Scotland.
6. **Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandums LCM-S6-74, LCM-S7-7, LCM-S7-7a and LCM-S7-7b from—
Robert Nicol, Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Management Board for Scotland;
Professor Toby James, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, University of East Anglia UK.
7. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence it heard under agenda items 5 and 6.

Proposed future business

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

1 October 2026

6th Meeting, 2026

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

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 2027-28: Women's poverty inquiry – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Anna Ritchie Allan, Executive Director, Close the Gap;
Chloe Campbell, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, The Poverty Alliance;
Charis Chittick, Head of Policy, Strategy and Communication, One Parent Families Scotland;
Sara Cowan, Director, Scottish Women's Budget Group;
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland;
Susan McKellar, Manager, The Scottish Women's Convention.
3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: Women's poverty inquiry – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard under agenda item 2 at its meeting on 24 September 2026.

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5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

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Public Audit Committee

1 October 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 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Future Business** The Committee will consider its future business.

3. **Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value and Martin

McLauchlan, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Management of the ScotWind leasing round** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Alison Cumming, Executive Director, Performance Audit & Best Value and Martin

McLauchlan, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

5. **Management of the ScotWind leasing round – review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Proposed future business

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

Public Service Reform Committee

1 October 2026

7th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.

2. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Simon Mair, Deputy Director for Place Based Service Change and Reform, and Cathy Sumner, Interim Deputy Director, Spending and Pay Strategy, Scottish Government.

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3. **Pre-budget Scrutiny 2027-28: How can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform:** The Committee will review the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

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

Climate Action Committee 1 October 2026 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – evidence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Josiah Lockhart, CEO, Changeworks, and Member, Climate Emergency Response Group;
Lewis Barlow, Decarbonisation Head of Profession, WSP.
3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28 – consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.
4. **The environmental impacts of hyperscale data centres inquiry – approach:** The Committee will review its approach to the inquiry.

Proposed future business

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

Motions

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Motions for debate

***[S7M-01395](#) Jenny Gilruth: Scotland's Priorities for the UK Budget**—That the Parliament welcomes the new Prime Minister's approach to further devolution for Scotland; calls for commensurate funding to support the transfer of further powers and for the UK Government to end the era of austerity by increasing the Scottish Government's budget in real terms; demands that the UK Government take action to address the cost of living crisis, including immediate action on energy and fuel bills; suggests that the UK Government should improve wealth taxation to support the public finances and devolve a greater range of powers, including fiscal powers, to Scotland, to aid investment and growth.

Supported by: Hannah Mary Goodlad*

[S7M-01377](#) Craig Hoy: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises—That the Parliament notes with concern the Scottish Government's projected £4.77 billion funding gap by 2029-30; warns that, on the current trajectory, Scots risk facing further income tax rises to balance the budget, and calls on the Scottish Government to reaffirm its commitment not to introduce new income tax bands or increase income tax rates.

Supported by: James Adams*

***[S7M-01377.5](#) Ross Greer: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), leave out from "with concern" to end and insert "that the top 2% of households in Scotland hold more wealth than half of the population combined; believes that, having already made substantial progress in delivering a fairer income tax system in Scotland, there is now a need to shift the balance of taxation from work to wealth in order to promote economic prosperity and fairly fund public services; calls on the UK Government to devolve the fiscal powers necessary to develop a robust wealth tax system; further calls on the Scottish Government to improve the taxation of wealth through existing devolved powers, in light of the conclusion in its own literature review of wealth taxation in Scotland that 'reform of existing taxes on wealth may offer a more practical route to improving the taxation of wealth in Scotland' than a Scotland-wide wealth tax."

***[S7M-01377.4](#) Jenny Gilruth: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland's income tax system is the fairest and the most progressive in the UK; notes that the majority of income taxpayers in Scotland continue to pay less tax than in the rest of the UK; recognises that, in a time of economic volatility, Scotland's income

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tax policy should be founded, as far as possible, on stability and certainty, and understands the Scottish Government has previously stated that it has no plans to increase the number of bands or their rates over the lifetime of this Parliament."

Supported by: Ivan McKee*, Hannah Mary Goodlad*

***[S7M-01377.3](#) Joe Fagan: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), insert at end “; believes that addressing the pressures on Scotland’s public finances requires reform of the wider devolved tax system, including council tax and non-domestic rates; notes that the Parliament has previously supported the immediate convening of cross-party talks on council tax reform, and calls on the Scottish Government to respect the will of the Parliament and convene those talks without further delay.”

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***[S7M-01377.2](#) Liam McArthur: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), insert at end “; believes that taxpayers deserve value for money and to have confidence that their taxes are being spent wisely; calls on the Scottish Government to grow the tax base by addressing the challenges that prevent people from fully participating in the workforce, including greater support for people who are economically inactive due to poor physical or mental health and for parents who wish to return to work; further calls for the swift adoption of the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ four-tiered national pathway for adults to better support people with neurodevelopmental conditions that may otherwise prevent them from fully participating in the workforce, and recognises the vital economic contribution of colleges and the vocational skills system to support people into skilled employment.”

***[S7M-01377.1](#) Kim Schmulian: Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01377 in the name of Craig Hoy (Protecting Scots from Income Tax Rises), leave out from "reaffirm" to end, and insert "introduce a new 0% rate of income tax to increase the amount that taxpayers in Scotland can earn before having to pay income tax."

[S7M-01376](#) Liam Kerr: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank—That the Parliament believes that consent should be granted for the Jackdaw gas field and the Rosebank oil and gas field, recognising the significant economic benefits that this would bring.

Supported by: Stephen Kerr*

***[S7M-01376.5](#) Stephen Gethins: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “recognises that the UK Government will be making quasi-judicial decisions in relation to Jackdaw and Rosebank, and in doing so, will have to make assessments, in line with the updated statutory guidance issued following recent court cases, of the full climate impact of those proposals, while also taking due account of energy security considerations; believes that all applications must be fully assessed on a case by case basis within the appropriate legal framework; supports efforts to deliver a just transition and to take climate action to support the utilisation of clean energy to benefit the creation of jobs in the north east and protect the environment, and calls for the creation of a Future Generations Fund from all further income from oil and gas resources taken by the UK Treasury, dedicated to help grow Scotland’s renewables industry, support the communities who have generated hundreds of billions of pounds in taxation for the UK Government, and strengthen the supply chain to ensure ongoing investment and job creation in Scotland.”

Supported by: John Swinney*, Jamie Hepburn*

***[S7M-01376.4](#) Sanne Dijkstra-Downie: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the UK Government is due to make a determination on the Jackdaw gas field and the Rosebank oil and gas field; recognises that, in an ever-changing geopolitical climate, there is a real need to consider Scotland's energy security; believes that, in the

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case of the Jackdaw development, there could be arguments in favour of consent, including lower carbon intensity, improving UK energy security and economic benefits for those communities directly linked to the oil and gas sector that risk being left behind without a strong just transition; further believes, however, that any decision on consent should not delay the transition away from fossil fuels nor the work required to reduce demand for oil and gas; believes that there is a strong need for a greater electrification of heating, transport and industry, an improvement in energy efficiency in homes and an expansion of renewable energy in order to meet net zero objectives, and calls on both the Scottish and UK governments to work together to reduce emissions, drive down demand on fossil fuels and deliver a just transition."

***[S7M-01376.3](#) Daniel Johnson: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank**—As an amendment to S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out after second "that" to end and insert "oil and gas production will remain part of Scotland's energy mix for decades to come and is vital to energy security and the economic security of working families and communities; notes that decisions on whether to grant consent for the Rosebank and Jackdaw developments will be taken at ministerial level by the UK Energy Secretary through a quasi-judicial process, with final consenting decisions resting with the North Sea Transition Authority; recognises the need for a wider programme of reindustrialisation, supporting jobs, domestic supply chains and investment in communities across Scotland, and believes that the transition to a lower-carbon economy must be a just transition that protects workers and communities while creating new industrial opportunities in the energy industries of the future."

***[S7M-01376.2](#) Duncan Massey: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank**—As an amendment to S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), insert at end ", and agrees that, for the long-term success of the industry, exploration drilling and licences should be resumed."

***[S7M-01376.1](#) Kristopher Leask: Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank**—As an amendment to motion S7M-01376 in the name of Liam Kerr (Consent for Jackdaw and Rosebank), leave out from "believes" to end, and insert "agrees that consent should not be granted for the Jackdaw and Rosebank oil and gas fields; believes that the exploitation of these fields would neither deliver secure energy jobs for oil and gas workers nor cheaper energy for consumers, but would instead facilitate profiteering by corporate executives and shareholders; highlights polling published earlier in 2026 indicating that almost two thirds of people in Scotland oppose new oil and gas drilling in the North Sea whilst 90% care about climate change; urges both the UK and Scottish governments to support renewable energy, particularly community- or publicly-owned projects, as the only pathway to provide economic security for workers and energy security for the nation, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the Just Transition Fund delivers genuine economic transformation and resilience for workers and communities."

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S7M-01393](#) Dawn Black: Recognition for Archie Anderson's Scottish FA Best Young Volunteer Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Archie Anderson on being named the Scottish FA McDonald's Best Young Volunteer Award winner for 2026; recognises his dedication to community football through more than 500 hours of volunteering with Montrose Community Trust, Montrose FC and Montrose FC Women; commends his contribution to supporting young people, including those with additional support needs, through his role as a Lead Community Coach; notes what it sees as the positive impact of community football in creating opportunities for young people across Angus, and wishes Archie every success for the future.

***[S7M-01392](#) Jack Middleton: Aberdeen Student Radio Relaunch**—That the Parliament welcomes the relaunch of Aberdeen Student Radio following a three-year absence; understands that the station aims to offer students at the University of Aberdeen music, topical discussions and news updates; notes that the station has received grant funding from the Aberdeen University Students' Association to support its broadcasting; commends the students involved in relaunching the station, including

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president of Aberdeen Student Radio, Innes Paton, and co-president, Jordan Stead; recognises the contributions made by student radio stations to campuses across Scotland, offering local insight and vital experience for students who participate, and wishes the team at Aberdeen Student Radio all the best with the relaunched station.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Dawn Black*, Miles Briggs*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Colin Beattie*, Alex Kerr*, Laura Mitchell*, Stuart McMillan*

[*S7M-01391](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Tim Eagle be appointed to replace James Adams as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs Committee; and

James Adams be appointed to replace Tim Eagle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee.

[*S7M-01390](#) **Jamie Hepburn: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 October 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Outcomes for Neurodivergent People, Autistic People and People with Learning Disabilities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Prosperity and Future in Europe

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

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

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 Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter and Improving Hospital Flow

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Cyber Resilience

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 27 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

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5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 October 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 October 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 October 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

***[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

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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

***[S7M-01388](#) Jack Middleton: Befriend a Child's Ladies' Golf Day 2026—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the annual Befriend a Child's Ladies' Golf Day raised £2,515 to support the charity's ongoing operations; understands that Befriend a Child launched its Ladies' Golf Day in 2025 to expand its fundraising efforts; notes that the money raised will benefit the organisation's many projects that assist young people across Aberdeen City, including its befriending scheme, which pairs young people who may be struggling with adults who mentor and support them; congratulates Lumphanan Golf Club for winning on the day; commends the staff and volunteers at Befriend a Child for their ongoing work and fundraising efforts, and wishes the charity well with its 2027 Ladies' Golf Day and all its ongoing projects.

Supported by: Heather Anderson*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01387](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Edinburgh Celebrates 22nd Year as a Fairtrade City—**That the Parliament celebrates the City of Edinburgh's continued status as a Fairtrade City for its 22nd consecutive year; recognises that Lord Provost, Robert Aldridge, and Depute Lord Provost, Lesley Marion Cameron, received the certificate alongside the Edinburgh Fairtrade City Steering Group, which has worked to ensure that Edinburgh retains this status, and highlights the contribution of the businesses, communities and residents of Edinburgh North Western in working toward a more economically viable and sustainable Edinburgh.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Stuart McMillan*, Miles Briggs*, Duncan Dunlop*, Colin Beattie*

***[S7M-01386](#) Q Manivannan: Reversing the Closure of Craft Courses at Edinburgh College of Art —**That the Parliament condemns the University of Edinburgh's decision to close its Jewellery and Silversmithing, Textiles and Performance Costume courses at Edinburgh College of Art to new admissions from 2027; notes that an online petition calling for the closures to be reversed has been signed by more than 10,000 people; understands that these are the last undergraduate craft degrees offered by the college and that graduates include lead costume designers on *Downton Abbey* and *Game of Thrones*; believes that closing practical craft courses is a serious misjudgement, as the skills they provide are among those considered most resistant to replacement by AI; understands that the University and College Union has condemned the closures as being part of a wider "slash and burn" strategy and has called for strike action in response; welcomes the efforts of Craft Scotland, the UK

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Crafts Council and the European Crafts Alliance in opposing these cuts, and calls on the University of Edinburgh to halt the process and publish the case behind the closures before taking any further irreversible steps.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Iris Duane*, Laura Moodie*, Kate Nevens*, Dawn Black*, Holly Bruce*, Gillian Mackay*, Victor Currie*, Cara McKee*

***[S7M-01385](#) Laura Moodie: Remembering Former Kirkcudbright Academy Pupil Arkadii Petrov**—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the death of former Kirkcudbright Academy pupil, Arkadii Petrov, who was killed while fighting against Russian forces in eastern Ukraine; understands that Arkadii and his family came to Kirkcudbright as refugees following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and that he had recently turned 21; recognises the warm welcome that communities across Galloway have extended to people seeking safety from conflict and what it sees as the important contribution that refugees have made to local life; acknowledges the profound loss felt by Arkadii's family, friends, classmates, teachers and the wider Kirkcudbright community; offers its sincere condolences to everyone who knew and loved him; remembers all those whose lives have been lost or changed by the conflict in Ukraine; condemns Russia's continuing invasion of Ukraine, and encourages renewed international efforts to secure a just and lasting peace that protects the freedom, sovereignty and security of the people of Ukraine.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Stuart McMillan*, Carol Mochan*, Mark Ruskell*, Cara McKee*, Duncan Dunlop*, Kate Nevens*, Colin Beattie*, Pauline McNeill*, Fulton MacGregor*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Dawn Black*, Ross Greer*, David Barratt*, Patrick Harvie*, Katie Hagmann*

***[S7M-01384](#) Alexander Burnett: Heart of The High Street Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the winners of the Heart of the High Street Awards 2026; recognises that J & G Dossett was named winner of the Retail Award; understands that Number 30 won the award for Leisure; congratulates Tarland Post Office & Toyshop, which took home the Professional Service Award; further congratulates The Black Faced Sheep, on winning the Loves Local Ambassador Award; commends Anne Lyone, who won the Outstanding Individual Award; notes that the awards celebrate the very best of the region's small businesses and high streets, and thanks Aberdeenshire Loves Local for organising its first ever Heart of the High Streets Awards.

***[S7M-01383](#) Laura Moodie: Earlstoun Lightning Oak Shortlisted for UK Tree of the Year 2026**—That the Parliament wishes the Earlstoun Lightning Oak, which is near St John's Town of Dalry in Dumfries and Galloway, the very best of luck in the Woodland Trust's UK Tree of the Year 2026 competition; notes that voting closes at 5pm on 29 September; celebrates its selection as one of two trees shortlisted from Scotland; understands that the oak is believed to be more than 475-years-old and was recorded in the 1850s as the "Big Oak of Earlstoun"; notes that it survived the felling of the surrounding ancient woodland and continues to stand, despite losing a major limb to a lightning strike; recognises its distinctive angled trunk and the scar running from the damaged limb to the ground as symbols of its remarkable resilience; believes that ancient and veteran trees are an irreplaceable part of Scotland's natural and cultural heritage, that they provide habitats for wildlife and connect communities to their local history, and congratulates everyone involved in securing the Earlstoun Lightning Oak's place on the shortlist.

Supported by: Ariane Burgess*, Mark Ruskell*, Amanda Bland*, Colin Beattie*, Duncan Dunlop*, Miles Briggs*

***[S7M-01382](#) Alexander Burnett: Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates the winners of the Aberdeen City and Shire Thistle Awards 2026; recognises Stuart Rattray, of Glen Tanar, who was named winner of The MacRobert Trust Rising Star Award; celebrates TwinPeakes Fly Fishing, which won the award for Innovation; commends Birks Pond at Castle Fraser, which took home the Climate Action Award; congratulates The Fife Arms on winning the Best Eating Experience Award; notes that the awards celebrate the very best of the region's tourism and

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hospitality sector, and wishes all the award winners the very best of luck at the national awards, which will be held in November 2026. **R**

***[S7M-01381](#) Dawn Black: Opening of the Tay Skills Academy at Rossie Young People's Trust—**That the Parliament welcomes the opening of the Tay Skills Academy at Rossie Young People's Trust near Montrose, which is Scotland's first on-site skills academy; recognises the partnership between Rossie and Dundee and Angus College in delivering vocational training and qualifications for young people in care; commends the academy's commitment to improving skills, confidence and future employment opportunities, while supporting the ambitions of The Promise; notes the positive impact that the facility is expected to have on young people in Angus and beyond, and wishes all those involved every success in helping young people achieve their full potential.

Supported by: Colin Beattie*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Heather Anderson*, Miles Briggs*, Gary Bouse*, Alex Kerr*, David Torrance*

***[S7M-01380](#) Michelle Campbell: The Wider Impact of Warmer Homes Scotland—**That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Creating Value and Warming Homes*, which is independent research by Social Value Lab examining the impact of energy efficiency and fuel poverty programmes delivered by Warmworks, including Warmer Homes Scotland; notes the finding suggesting that £174.6 million of public investment generated an estimated £403.3 million in social and economic value during 2023-24 and 2024-25, equivalent to £2.31 for every £1 invested; further notes the reported benefits for household finances, health and wellbeing, children's educational experience and local economies; recognises the continuing impact of fuel poverty on households, including in the Renfrewshire North and Cardonald constituency, and considers that the findings demonstrate the wider social and economic value that can be generated by making homes warmer and more energy efficient.

***[S7M-01379](#) Stuart McMillan: Jax Snax success at Food Awards Scotland 2026—**That the Parliament congratulates Jax Snax Food Trucks in Port Glasgow on being recognised at the Food Awards Scotland 2026; notes that the business received the Outstanding Achievement award in the Food Truck of the Year category at the ceremony, which was held in Glasgow on 17 August; believes that this national accolade is a testament to the hard work, dedication and high standards demonstrated by the team; commends the contribution that independent food businesses make to local economies and communities across Inverclyde and Scotland; welcomes the positive recognition that this success brings to Port Glasgow and Inverclyde, and wishes everyone at Jax Snax Food Trucks continued success.

Supported by: Jenni Minto*, Clare Haughey*, Cara McKee*, Heather Anderson*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Miles Briggs*, Alex Kerr*, David Torrance*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S7M-01378](#) Kristopher Leask: Recognising UHI Researchers' Involvement in the FutureMoss Project (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Maggie Chapman*, Iris Duane*, Laura Moodie*, Ariane Burgess*, Liam McArthur*, Paul Sweeney*, Donald MacKinnon*, Gillian Mackay*, Ross Greer*, Colin Beattie*, Gary Bouse*, Katie Hagmann*

[S7M-01375](#) Thomas Kerr: Face Coverings in Public Places (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Jamie Langan*, Kim Schmulian*, David Smith*, Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01374](#) Jack Middleton: Scotland Netball Team Qualifies for World Cup (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Michelle Campbell*, Jamie Langan*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Pauline McNeill*, Fulton MacGregor*, Karen Adam*

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[S7M-01373](#) **Jack Middleton: Craig Brown Memorial Tournament 2026** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: James Adams*, Miles Briggs*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Karen Adam*

[S7M-01372](#) **Stephen Kerr: Wishing Matt Scott Well for Plan to Run the 2027 Edinburgh Marathon for Endometriosis UK** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Dawn Black*, Thomas Kerr*, Paul Sweeney*, Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01370](#) **Dawn Black: Casa Luisa Wins Aberdeenshire Heart of the High Street Hospitality Award** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01368](#) **Keith Brown: 115th Anniversary of Sauchie Public Hall** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Michelle Campbell*, Dawn Black*, Paul Sweeney*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Kerr*

[S7M-01367](#) **Thomas Kerr: 80th Anniversary of McTaggart Construction** (lodged on 28 September 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S7M-01366](#) **Dawn Black: Recognising the Success of the Grampian Forest Rally** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01365](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Enhorabuena to EasyJet and Aberdeen International Airport on Two New Routes between Aberdeen and Spain** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01364](#) **Maggie Chapman: Marking the 90th Anniversary of Cable Street** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Mark Ruskell*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01363](#) **Mark Simpson: Acknowledging Barclays' Contribution to Employment and Investment in Scotland** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Angela Ross*

[S7M-01362](#) **Jack Middleton: Congratulating Vagrant Real Estate on his Scottish Album of the Year 2026 Nomination** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01361](#) **Stuart McMillan: Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland 2026, The Right Tools for the Job** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Dawn Black*, Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Alex Kerr*, Katie Hagmann*

[S7M-01357](#) **Jack Middleton: Scottish Football Fans Break Attendance Record** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Michelle Campbell*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01356](#) **Rachael Hamilton: St Cuthbert's Way Earns Global Recognition** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01354](#) **Laura Moodie: Galashiels Pupil Sets World Deadlift Record for 16-Year-Olds** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Kate Nevens*, Ariane Burgess*, Ross Greer*, Fulton MacGregor*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S7M-01353](#) **David Linden: Celebrating Cranhill Credit Union's 50th Anniversary** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Stephen Kerr*

[S7M-01352](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Adura's Girls in Energy Programme Welcomes 284 New Students** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01351](#) **Cara McKee: Celebrating the Opening of Balgray Train Station** (lodged on 25 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01349](#) **Ariane Burgess: Celebrating Impact of ScottishPower Funding on Highlands and Islands Women's Football** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*, Cara McKee*, Gillian Mackay*, Mark Ruskell*, Ross Greer*, Iris Duane*, Liam McArthur*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Holly Bruce*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*, Stephen Kerr*

[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: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Michelle Campbell*, Fulton MacGregor*, Katie Hagmann*

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

New Support: Michelle Campbell*, Fulton MacGregor*

[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: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Gary Bouse*, Stuart McMillan*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

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Motions Glusadan				

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01331](#) **Marie McNair: Clydebank Postie Celebrates 48 Years of Serving the Community** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Katie Hagmann*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01329](#) **Paul Sweeney: Satty Singh Appointed as Honorary Colonel of the 52nd (Lowland) Support and Signal Squadron** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S7M-01328](#) **Colin Beattie: Celebrating 40 Years of Midlothian Resource and Advice Centre** (lodged on 24 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01325](#) **Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Lothian Buses, Formerly Lothian Region Transport** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Katie Hagmann*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01315](#) **Katy Clark: Rape Crisis Funding** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01310](#) **Jackie Dunbar: NHS Grampian Steps Up Action to Reduce Ketamine-related Harm** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01309](#) **Lorna Slater: Recognising the Role of Community Repair Organisations** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Laura Moodie*, David Barratt*, Miles Briggs*, Liam McArthur*, Cara McKee*, Ariane Burgess*, Holly Bruce*, Stuart McMillan*, Yi-pei Chou Turvey*, Dawn Black*, Ross Greer*, Mark Ruskell*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Colin Beattie*, Fulton MacGregor*, Gary Bouse*, Monica Lennon*, Patrick Harvie*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S7M-01305](#) **Clare Haughey: Tam Slaven Demonstrates the Spirit of Blantyre** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01303](#) **Jackie Dunbar: Denis Law RGUplus Awards** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

[S7M-01300](#) **Clare Haughey: Chef Robert Recognised with Spirit of Blantyre Award** (lodged on 23 September 2026)

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Fulton MacGregor*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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

New Support: Karen Adam*, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill*, Sanne Dijkstra-Downie*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Jackie Baillie*, Patricia Gibson*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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Motions Gluasadan				

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Alexander Burnett*

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

New Support: Andrew Baxter*, Fulton MacGregor*

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Questions

Oral Questions

First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 1 October 2026

1. **Malcolm Offord:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00051](#))
2. **Michael Marra:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00052](#))
3. **Ross Greer:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00053](#))
4. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00054](#))
5. **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S7F-00055](#))

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 29 September 2026

[S7W-03776](#) **Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to approach its engagement with the people of Scotland in meeting the challenges of a changing climate and biodiversity loss.

Written Questions lodged on 29 September 2026

[S7W-03743](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the suitability of emergency evacuation arrangements within civil contingency plans for responding to wildfires and other climate-related incidents, and when it most recently undertook such an assessment.

[S7W-03744](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent wildfires, what assessment it has made of the arrangements for establishing an Incident Control Centre as part of the emergency co-ordination response, including responsibility for establishing such a centre and its effectiveness.

[S7W-03745](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, what guidance it issues to education authorities on the extent of the options appraisal required before proposing a permanent change to the location of a school, particularly where the proposed change is effectively irreversible.

[S7W-03746](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it provides to local authorities on ensuring that consultees have adequate time to consider information obtained through Freedom of Information requests during a consultation on a school relocation proposal before that consultation closes.

[S7W-03747](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what assurance it can provide that Highland Council will not take a final decision on the proposed permanent relocation of Plockton Primary School before residents have received, and had a reasonable opportunity to consider, information requested under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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[S7W-03749 Tim Eagle:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings representatives of Transport Scotland have held (a) with external stakeholders and (b) internally, regarding Argyll and Bute Council's Oban Harbour Revision Order since it was submitted in November 2023.

[S7W-03750 Jenni Minto:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it holds regarding the number of licences granted by licensing boards permitting the sale of alcohol at professional football matches since January 2025, and whether it will publish this information.

[S7W-03751 Jenni Minto:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what national guidance is available to licensing boards regarding how the objective of protecting and improving public health should be weighed against commercial and operational considerations when determining applications for the sale of alcohol at football grounds.

[S7W-03752 Jenni Minto:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what independent evaluation has been carried out of trials of the sale of alcohol at football matches to date, and whether any findings will be published.

[S7W-03753 Jenni Minto:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to a comprehensive and independent evaluation of the ongoing trials of sale of alcohol at football matches, in order to assess any short-, medium- and long-term impacts on public health, before any wider change in policy or licensing practice is implemented.

[S7W-03754 Jenni Minto:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact of increased alcohol availability at football matches on groups at highest risk of alcohol harm, including men aged 55 to 64 and people living in the most deprived areas.

[S7W-03755 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to complete its review of the Wildfire Strategic Action Plan and when it will publish a timetable for implementing any resulting recommendations ahead of the 2027 wildfire season.

[S7W-03756 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the commissioning of the independently facilitated multi-agency debrief of the response to the Cairngorms wildfire, including who commissioned the debrief, who was appointed to facilitate it and through what process, what access the facilitator will have to documents and witnesses, and whether the facilitator will have any role in drafting or approving the findings and recommendations.

[S7W-03757 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding the multi-agency debrief on the Cairngorms wildfire, scheduled for 15 October 2026, including who will chair and attend the debrief, which organisations have been invited, who will determine the agenda, and whether local communities, land managers, businesses, volunteers and frontline firefighters will be represented or able to submit evidence.

[S7W-03758 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the independently facilitated multi-agency debrief on the Cairngorms wildfire, scheduled for 15 October 2026, when any resulting report is expected to be completed, to whom it will be submitted, who will approve any recommendations, and whether the report and any subsequent action plan will be published in full.

[S7W-03759 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the review of its Wildfire Strategic Action Plan, who is leading the review, what its terms of reference and governance arrangements are, which organisations will be represented, and whether the Wildfire Strategic Oversight Group will have a role in agreeing the review's findings.

[S7W-03764 Andrew Baxter:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the review of the Wildfire Strategic Action Plan and the independently facilitated multi-agency debrief of the response to the Cairngorms wildfire, what arrangements are in place to enable residents, land managers, farmers, crofters, businesses, volunteers and emergency responders affected by the wildfire to submit evidence, what deadlines apply for doing so, and how such participants will be informed of any resulting conclusions.

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[S7W-03765](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the terms of reference for each element of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's review and debrief process following the Cairngorms wildfire, including its internal operational debrief, independently facilitated debrief and wider multi-agency review.

[S7W-03766](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its correspondence to the Rural Affairs Committee on 28 September 2026 regarding the response to the Cairngorms wildfire, what distinction it draws between the independently facilitated multi-agency debrief and an independent review of the response, and whether it has considered commissioning an independent review.

[S7W-03767](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's review of the Cairngorms wildfire will examine decisions regarding operational command, initial resource deployment, firefighter safety, the use of specialist and aerial assets and communications with local communities, and what arrangements are in place to enable personnel to provide evidence on a confidential basis.

[S7W-03768](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government how evidence and recommendations arising from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's review of the Cairngorm wildfire will be considered in its review of the Wildfire Strategic Action Plan, who will be responsible for deciding whether to adopt any recommendations, and how decisions not to adopt recommendations will be recorded and explained.

[S7W-03769](#) **Andrew Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the outcome of its review of the Wildfire Strategic Action Plan, including its response to each recommendation, the person or body responsible for delivering any resulting actions, and a timetable for reporting progress to Parliament.

[S7W-03770](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has undertaken a cumulative impact assessment of the proposed restructuring of NHS Scotland and the Motability Scheme's reduction of the standard annual mileage allowance for new car leases, including any potential effect on disabled people in the Highlands and Islands region who may be required to travel longer distances to access specialist healthcare services and whose ability to make such journeys may be affected by the reduced mileage allowance.

[S7W-03771](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on disabled people living in rural and remote communities of the Motability Scheme's decision to reduce the standard annual mileage allowance for new car leases from 20,000 miles to 10,000 miles.

[S7W-03772](#) **Duncan Dunlop:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to strengthen resilience to wildfires, droughts, flooding and other climate changes through nature-based solutions, including peatland restoration, wetland protection, river restoration and native woodland expansion.

[S7W-03773](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government what representations it has received from the BMA Scottish Resident Doctors Committee regarding the application of the 2025-27 resident doctors' pay agreement to doctors with incremental dates in December 2026 and to dual-qualified doctors and dentists with pay protection, and what its response has been.

[S7W-03774](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-03432 by Angela Constance on 29 September 2026, what guidance it has issued to NHS boards on applying the additional pay point progression from 1 December 2025 under NHS Circular PCS(DD)2025/1 (Addendum 2 – Residents) to resident doctors and dentists whose normal incremental date falls in December, and whether it will publish this guidance.

[S7W-03775](#) **Adam Harley:** To ask the Scottish Government how many resident doctors and dentists whose normal incremental date falls in December moved up (a) one and (b) two pay points in December 2025, broken down by NHS board.

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[S7W-03777](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01435 by Gillian Martin on 16 July 2026, which stakeholders it is working with, what specific workstreams have been commissioned, and what timescale it is working to in terms of delivering (a) legislation and (b) non-legislative remedies.

[S7W-03778](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S7W-01896 by Kirsten Oswald on 10 August 2026, which stakeholders it plans to engage with and what timescales it is working to in its preparations for meeting its duties under section 61 of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026.

[S7W-03781](#) **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce a dedicated national action plan for arthritis and wider musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 October 2026

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

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Transport)), 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 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 1 October 2026
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 29 September 2026

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)

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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)

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[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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[Air Departure Tax \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 September 2026)
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[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2026 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (24 September 2026)
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Negative instruments

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[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
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[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

[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)

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[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
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[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 29 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report: September 2026 (SG/2026/211) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Government of the United Kingdom: Tenth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2026/106) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2025-2026 (SG/2026/195) laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/194) laid under Section 32 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

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