

**Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**  
**Wednesday 4 March 2026**  
**9th Meeting, 2026 (Session 6)**

## **Wildfires in Scotland**

1. During the summer of 2025, Scotland experienced some of its largest wildfires on record. The wildfires affected moorland and forestry areas in the Highlands and neighbouring Moray, causing significant damage to land and wildlife.
2. These wildfires focused attention on the issue. On 18 September 2025, Emma Roddick MSP held a [parliamentary debate on the increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires](#). The [Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity held a wildfire summit on 14 October 2025 in Grantown-on-Spey and delivered a statement to Parliament on its outcomes on 11 November 2025](#).
3. At this meeting, the Committee will meet with stakeholders to discuss wildfire issues.

**Clerks to the Committee**  
**February 2026**