

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee
Tuesday 08 September 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

AI and its impact on Scotland's economy

Background

1. At its meeting on 23 June, the Committee agreed to hold a series of introductory evidence sessions to inform its future work programme and develop Members' understanding of its remit.
2. This week, the Committee will hear evidence on artificial intelligence, covering both its current impact on Scotland's economy and the opportunities and challenges it may present in the future.

Evidence session

3. The Committee will hear from—
 - [Heather Thomson](#), CEO, The Data Lab;
 - [Rich Wilson](#), CEO, Gigged.AI;
 - [Sandy Begbie](#), CEO, Scottish Financial Enterprise; and
 - Professor [Michael Rovatsos](#), Professor of Artificial Intelligence, University of Edinburgh.

Clerks to the Committee
August 2026