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Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Tuesday 15 September 2026

4th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Data centres in Scotland: Energy use

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 data centres and their energy usage.

Evidence session

3. The Committee will hear from—
 - Matt Magill, Director of Engineering and Customer Solutions, National Energy System Operator (NESO);
 - Dr Wei Sun, Chancellor's Fellow, University of Edinburgh; and
 - Dr Callum MacIver, Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde.

Clerks to the Committee

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