

Transport Committee
Wednesday 16 September 2026
5th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Scotland's rail services

Background

1. At this morning's evidence session, the Committee will hear from key organisations involved in Scotland's rail network and services. The attached briefing paper outlines the issues it intends to explore.
2. This session is part of a series of introductory evidence sessions intended to inform the Committee's future work programme and develop Members' understanding of its remit.
3. The Committee has already taken evidence from stakeholder groups on [regional air travel](#) and [Scotland's bus services](#). It also held an introductory session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport on the [Scottish Government's transport priorities](#).
4. In the coming weeks, the Committee will hear from Regional Transport Partnerships and stakeholders involved in public procurement.
5. The findings from these sessions will help to inform the Committee's wider work programme.

Evidence session

6. The Committee will hear from—
 - Graeme Cook, Director for Rail Delivery, Transport Scotland;
 - Joanne Maguire, Managing Director, ScotRail;
 - Hannah Ross, Chief Executive, Scottish Rail Holdings; and
 - Liam Sumpter, Managing Director, Network Rail Scotland.

Clerks to the Committee
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