

Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee
Tuesday 29 September 2026
6th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Scottish Government priorities for Energy

Background

1. At its meeting on 23 June, the Committee agreed to hold a series of introductory evidence sessions in September 2026. These would focus on the main policy areas coming under the Committee's remit and would help to inform development of the Committee's future work programme.
2. The Committee also decided to consider the issue of AI and data centres in terms of energy policy in Scotland.
3. The Committee undertook introductory evidence sessions in relation to energy policy on [1 September](#) and [22 September 2026](#). It also took evidence on the impact of AI data centres at its meeting on [15 September 2026](#). The [Official Report](#) of these sessions are also available online.
4. The Committee agreed to hear from the Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy following the conclusion of these introductory evidence sessions and the publication of the [Programme for Government 2026 to 2031](#).

Evidence session

5. At this meeting, the Committee will hear from the Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy, Stephen Gethins MSP, and his officials, on the Scottish Government's priorities for energy during this parliamentary session.

Clerks to the Committee
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