

Transport Committee
Wednesday 30 September 2026
7th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Public sector procurement

Background

1. At this morning's evidence session, the Committee will consider public sector procurement as it relates to the Scottish Government's stated transport priorities. The attached briefing paper outlines the issues the Committee 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 on [regional air travel](#), [bus services](#), and [rail services](#). It also held an introductory session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport on the [Scottish Government's transport priorities](#) and with [Regional Transport Partnerships and transport professionals](#).
4. The findings from these sessions will help to inform the Committee's wider work programme.

Evidence session

5. The Committee will hear from—
 - Alison Irvine, Chief Executive;
 - John MacIntyre, Head of Procurement and Contracts;
 - Lawrence Shackman, Director, Infrastructure Projects; and
 - Chris Wilcock, Director, Ferries, Transport Scotland.

And then from—

- David Macdonald, Regional Director, Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Scotland.

Clerks to the Committee
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