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Transport Committee
Wednesday 4 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Pre-Budget scrutiny

Background

1. Scottish Parliament committees undertake pre-budget scrutiny before publication of the Scottish Budget with the aim of influencing spending proposals.

2. The 2027/28 Scottish Budget is expected to be published on 3 December 2026.

3. This year, the Transport Committee has agreed to focus its scrutiny on road and rail development.

4. The Committee will hear evidence over two meetings and will consider key infrastructure projects, including progress on road dualling projects and improvements at the Rest and Be Thankful. It will also examine progress on rail development, and will review the Better Surfaces Fund, which aims to repair potholes on local, rural, and side roads.

Evidence session

5. The Committee will hear evidence from—

- David Giles, Chair, Asphalt Industry Alliance;
- Scott Grant, Vice Chair, Scotland, Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation Scotland;
- Russell Jackson, Chair, Railway Engineering Institution;
- David Macdonald, Regional Director, CECA Scotland; and
- Lee Pounder, Chair, Rail Industry Association Scotland.

And then from—

- Joanne Maguire, Managing Director, ScotRail; and
- Liam Sumpter, Managing Director, Network Rail.

Clerks to the Committee
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