

Thursday 11 December 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Chamber Desk Arrangements during the Christmas Recess

The Chamber Desk will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 23 December 2025 and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.

Topical Questions 6 January and First Minister's Questions 8 January 2026

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting questions for Topical Questions on 6 January and First Minister's Questions on 8 January 2026 is 12 noon on Monday 5 January 2026.

Portfolio Questions 7 & 8 January and General Questions 8 January 2026

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 7 and 8 January and General Questions on 8 January 2026 is 12 noon on Monday 15 December 2025. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 17 December 2025 to submit their questions. The Portfolios for these questions will be Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; and Education and Skills.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Daniel Johnson: Welcoming the Report by Royal College of Psychiatrists on Support for Neurodevelopmental Conditions

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Progressing a Just Transition at Grangemouth

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and

Committee Meetings

8:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:50am Scottish Commission for Public Audit

Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty)
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it has taken to support Forth Valley College's Alloa campus, in light of the recent reported concerns that it may be closed for financial reasons. ([S6O-05275](#))

2. Clare Haughey: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-05276](#))

3. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to address the reported legal aid crisis, to ensure that people in the North East Scotland region are able to access support. ([S6O-05277](#))

4. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the December Carer's Allowance Supplement payment, including its anticipated impact on carers and how it will ensure that all eligible carers receive their payment promptly. ([S6O-05278](#))

5. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on increasing the number of overnight beds for parents in neonatal wards. ([S6O-05279](#))

6. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it gives to the gendered impact of debt in its child poverty and social security policies. ([S6O-05280](#))

7. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, in light of reports that the NHS board is dealing with a much higher rate of flu patients compared with previous years. ([S6O-05281](#))

8. Davy Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Shelter Scotland statistics stating that there are 109,000 families on waiting lists for social housing. ([S6O-05282](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04515](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04516](#))

3. Ross Greer: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04517](#))

4. Marie McNair: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the potential implications for its work to eradicate child poverty in Scotland of the UK Government's child poverty strategy. ([S6F-04525](#))

5. Miles Briggs: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of, and support it is providing to, childhood dementia awareness. ([S6F-04519](#))

6. Jackie Baillie: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the independent investigation into NHS Scotland by the retired consultant surgeon and former President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Mr Mike McKirdy. ([S6F-04529](#))

followed by Members' Business: Daniel Johnson: Welcoming the Report by Royal College of Psychiatrists on Support for Neurodevelopmental Conditions

[S6M-19319](#) Daniel Johnson: Welcoming the Report by Royal College of Psychiatrists on Support for Neurodevelopmental Conditions—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland, *Multi-system solutions for meeting the*

needs of autistic people and people with ADHD in Scotland; notes the reported unprecedented increase in the number of people across Scotland, including in Edinburgh, seeking support for neurodevelopmental conditions (NDCs), particularly attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism; understands that, as of March 2025, over 42,000 children and 23,000 adults were waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment, and that this represents an increase of over 500% for children and 2,200% for adults since 2020; further understands that there is currently no standardised national pathway for diagnosis, treatment and support for NDCs, and that in the absence of appropriate services, individuals are being referred into general mental health pathways, not because they have a mental illness, but because there is nowhere else for them to go; believes that this is placing unsustainable pressure on Scotland's mental health system; further believes that timely diagnosis and intervention for ADHD and autism can significantly improve quality of life, reduce suicide risk and prevent secondary mental illnesses; commends the work of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland in developing a comprehensive, value-based framework to address these challenges, and notes the view that simply expanding existing structures is not a sustainable solution, and that a multi-system and society-wide response is needed. **R**

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

- 1. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that the CalMac vessels being constructed in Turkey are delivered on schedule and on budget. ([S6O-05283](#))
- 2. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to protect and improve ferry services to Scotland's island communities. ([S6O-05284](#))
- 3. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish further details of the estimated true cost of its net zero policies for households in Scotland. ([S6O-05285](#))
- 4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Road Safety Management Safe System Capacity Building Programme in Scotland being awarded a Prince Michael International Road Safety Award. ([S6O-05286](#))
- 5. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the Energy Profits Levy on energy jobs and the energy supply chain in the north east. ([S6O-05287](#))
- 6. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on pedestrian safety improvements. ([S6O-05288](#))
- 7. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what research or assessments it has carried out in the south west of Scotland to understand the environmental impact of recent or planned road improvement projects. ([S6O-05289](#))
- 8. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the long-term impact of battery energy storage systems on biodiversity and fire safety, and the long-term landscape and visual impact. ([S6O-05290](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Progressing a Just Transition at Grangemouth

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry

[S6M-20059](#) Karen Adam: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice

Committee’s 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6), *Report on British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015* (SP Paper 872).

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20099](#) Shona Robison: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 33rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of the Report at stage 1 of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at a future meeting.
- 2. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2(Day 1).
- 3. Legal mechanism for any independence referendum inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Aoife O'Donoghue, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast;
Professor Nikos Skoutaris, Professor of European Constitutional Law, University of East Anglia;
Dr Lea Raible, School of Law, University of Glasgow;
Professor André Lecours, Professor of Political Studies, University of Ottawa;
Professor Ailsa Henderson, Professor of Political Science, University of Edinburgh.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 25th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- 1. Complaint (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 2nd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:50AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
- 2. Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal 2026/27:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Colin Crosby, Chair of the Board, Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, Kenny Oliver, Executive Director, Innovation and Quality, and Waqas Sanawar, Head of Finance, Audit Scotland.
- 3. Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal 2026/27:** The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 10 December 2025

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia

Wednesday 17 December 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Cybercrime

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Pension Schemes Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: Rachael Hamilton: Recognising Small Business Saturday 2025

Thursday 18 December 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

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Chamber Seòmar				

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sentencing Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Alasdair Allan: Fairer Funding Allocation for Scotland's Fishing and Coastal Communities

Tuesday 6 January 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Legal Aid

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 January 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 8 January 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister’s Questions

followed by Members’ Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Motions for debate

***[S6M-20099](#) Shona Robison: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—**That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

***[S6M-20100](#) Finlay Carson: Essential Role of Renewable Energy to Meet Net Zero Targets—**That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the essential role of renewable energy in meeting Scotland's net zero targets; acknowledges what it considers is the significant growth of onshore wind farms, transmission infrastructure and energy storage developments across rural Scotland, including in Dumfries and Galloway; notes the reported concerns raised by local communities regarding the cumulative impact of large-scale developments on landscapes, biodiversity and rural economies; understands that many of these developments are advanced through planning mechanisms that limit local authority capacity and community input, including applications under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989; notes the belief that a balanced approach is needed that supports Scotland's climate ambitions while ensuring that rural communities are active partners in shaping the future of their regions; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to publish a clear and inclusive national energy strategy that provides guidance on cumulative impact, community benefit and transmission infrastructure, and notes the calls for reform of the planning system to strengthen transparency, local engagement and democratic accountability in energy infrastructure decisions, which ensures that all parts of Scotland benefit fairly and sustainably from the transition to net zero.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-20121](#) Sue Webber: Congratulating Chris Rutterford and his Team on the Colinton Tunnel Mural—**That the Parliament congratulates muralist Chris Rutterford and his team on the vibrant Colinton Tunnel mural; understands that the mural, which was painted on an old Victorian railway tunnel that had latterly become a neglected pathway, has transformed Colinton Tunnel into Scotland's largest historical mural; recognises the mural as a significant addition to the landscape of the area,

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celebrating the 600-year-old village's heritage through beautifully rendered period scenes celebrating the industrial, social, artistic and literacy history of Colinton's community; further recognises the leadership and contributions of Mike Scott and Eddie Banks to the completed mural, as well as the support of volunteers and funders, including many local residents and businesses; notes that the mural forms part of a wider initiative to create an art trail linking the Colinton Tunnel to the village, enhancing local tourism and community pride, and looks forward to new scenes being added to the mural in years to come.

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***[S6M-20120](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Green Champions Recognised**—That the Parliament congratulates Lambhill Stables on being named Green Champion at the 2025 Glasgow Community Champion Awards; notes that Lambhill Stables is a community-owned hub serving Lambhill and Cadder, providing recreational, environmental, heritage and youth services, including gardening, cycle-maintenance, canoeing, boat trips, youth clubs and community meetings; recognises the value of community-based environmental and recreational initiatives in fostering local engagement, sustainability, healthy lifestyles and social inclusion; acknowledges the stables' role in offering accessible opportunities to residents, especially young people, to connect with nature, learn new skills and participate in community life, and further acknowledges the contribution of such green champions to the wellbeing and environmental awareness of Glasgow's communities.

***[S6M-20119](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Girls Club Named Arts Champion**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Girls Club on being named Arts Champion at the 2025 Glasgow Community Champion Awards; notes that the club was founded to provide arts, creative opportunities and social support to girls and young women facing adversity, helping them gain confidence, skills and a stronger sense of possibility; recognises what it sees as the power of community arts organisations to transform lives, especially for young people from disadvantaged or vulnerable backgrounds; acknowledges how the club's work supports inclusion, empowerment and the nurturing of talent, and recognises the vital role of such organisations in fostering hope, creativity and social mobility for young women across Glasgow.

***[S6M-20118](#) Annie Wells: Champion School Inspires Young Musicians**—That the Parliament congratulates St Benedict's Primary School in Glasgow on being named Champion School at the 2025 Glasgow Community Champion Awards; notes that the school has a strong commitment to music education, ensuring that every child learns a musical instrument or participates in singing; recognises the importance of arts and music in primary education for developing creativity, confidence, discipline and team-working skills, and acknowledges the role of schools such as St Benedict's in enriching the cultural life of their communities and offering children opportunities to explore and develop their talents from an early age.

***[S6M-20117](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Women's Football Team Honoured**—That the Parliament congratulates the Fortune Flyers FC Women's Team on being named Sporting Champion at the 2025 Glasgow Community Champion Awards; notes that the team provides footballing opportunities for women with disabilities, promoting inclusion, physical activity and empowerment; recognises the importance of the provision of accessible sport for all, especially in offering chances for participation, teamwork and confidence to under-represented groups, and acknowledges how community sport initiatives such as this one contribute positively to health, social inclusion and community cohesion in Glasgow.

***[S6M-20116](#) Annie Wells: Health and Wellbeing Champions Recognised in Glasgow**—That the Parliament congratulates the volunteers of the Maryhill Hub of Home Start North on receiving the 2025 Health and Wellbeing Champion Award at the Glasgow Community Champion Awards; notes their dedication to supporting families, early-years services and community wellbeing in Maryhill; recognises the importance of volunteer-led support networks in ensuring that families receive help,

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guidance and care, and acknowledges what it sees as the essential contribution that such volunteers make to the health, resilience and social fabric of Glasgow's communities.

***[S6M-20115](#) Annie Wells: Young Glasgow Leader Wins Youth Champion Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Kebba Sanneh, a 17-year-old pupil at St Mungo's Academy, on being named Youth Champion at the 2025 Glasgow Community Champion Awards; notes his leadership as a sports mentor and role-model for young people in Glasgow; recognises the value of supporting youth leadership, participation in sport and community engagement among young Glaswegians, and believes that young champions such as Kebba help to foster inclusion, healthy living and positive opportunities for children and young people in the city.

***[S6M-20109](#) Clare Adamson: Celebrating the Life of Songwriter and Bard Robin Laing**—That the Parliament notes with great sadness the passing of Robin Laing, renowned songwriter and Whisky Bard; recognises his long-standing friendship with and contribution to the Scottish Malt Whisky Society, noting that he was an integral part of the Society since its early days, performing his whisky songs and poetry at The Vaults in the early 1990s and joining the Society's Tasting Panel almost 30 years ago; acknowledges that, through his wit, wisdom and creativity, he was responsible for many memorable bottle names and imaginative tasting notes cherished by whisky lovers across Scotland and beyond; further notes his role as a founder of The Lanarkshire Songwriters, a group he established to bring together writers of all genres and experience levels, and whose many recordings and performances reflect his enduring vision; recognises his recent involvement in Songs from the Grave, a collaboration between the Lanarkshire Songwriters and the Friends of Hartwood Paupers Cemetery, giving voice to the stories of those buried in the former asylum grounds; expresses its deepest condolences to his family, as well as to his friends, colleagues, fellow musicians and admirers, and celebrates Robin's extraordinary legacy as a songwriter, performer, poet, whisky ambassador and inspirational creative force whose contribution to Scotland's cultural life will be profoundly missed. **R**

***[S6M-20108](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Congratulating Douglas Academy on Being Named Scotland's Best State Secondary**—That the Parliament congratulates Douglas Academy in Milngavie, East Dunbartonshire, on being named Scottish State Secondary School of the Year 2026 by *The Sunday Times* Parent Power Guide; applauds what it sees as the school's unwavering commitment to excellence in education and its nurturing of talent across academics, music, and the arts; commends the dedication of the headteacher, staff and pupils whose collective efforts have placed Douglas Academy at the pinnacle of Scottish education; recognises the school's renowned Music School, which continues to inspire young musicians while supporting their wider learning, and wishes the pupils at Douglas Academy continued success.

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***[S6M-20107](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Congratulating Robert Smith of East Dunbartonshire on Receiving the British Empire Medal**—That the Parliament congratulates Robert Smith, founder and CEO of Group Recovery Aftercare Community Enterprise (GRACE), on receiving the British Empire Medal (BEM) for his outstanding service to the community; acknowledges that, for over 13 years, GRACE has provided what it sees as vital support to local individuals facing challenges such as mental health issues, isolation, and addiction; commends its work in creating a safe, peer-led environment that fosters confidence and wellbeing through activities such as yoga, digital learning, creative writing, and gardening; recognises its outstanding service to the community, and wishes Robert Smith and the GRACE team continued success in their future efforts across East Dunbartonshire.

***[S6M-20106](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Congratulating the Bearsden Couple on Charity Cycle Challenge**—That the Parliament congratulates Gordon and Jude McClymont of Bearsden on completing a 1,212 mile cycle from Land's End to John o' Groats; notes that their 24-day challenge raised more than £16,000 for the Beatson Cancer Charity, supporting patients and families facing cancer; acknowledges the determination and resilience shown in overcoming difficult terrain and

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weather conditions, and commends their efforts as an inspiring example of community spirit and charitable fundraising, wishing them every success for future endeavours.

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***[S6M-20105](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Honouring Donnie Wilson's Legacy in Scottish Football**—That the Parliament congratulates Donnie Wilson on reaching his 80th birthday; notes his distinguished career with Vale of Leven Football Club, where he played for over a decade and became one of the club's finest players; understands that he made more than 165 appearances after signing in 1963; recognises his remarkable record, including scoring 118 goals; acknowledges the respect and admiration he continues to receive from the football community, and wishes him health and happiness in the years ahead.

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***[S6M-20104](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Honouring Lachie Stewart at the Renaming of Posties Park, Dumbarton**—That the Parliament celebrates the renaming of the running track at Posties Park, Dumbarton, as the Lachie Stewart Memorial Park; notes that this tribute honours Lachie Stewart's outstanding achievements in athletics, including winning Gold for Scotland in the 10,000 metres at the 1970 Commonwealth Games and representing Great Britain at the 1972 Munich Olympics; acknowledges his lifelong dedication to the sport and advocacy for athletics, and recognises this memorial as an inspiration for future generations of Scottish athletes.

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***[S6M-20103](#) Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Celebrating Aldi's First Store Opening in Kirkintilloch**—That the Parliament congratulates Aldi on the grand opening of its new store on McGavigans Road in Kirkintilloch; notes that the store opened its doors with Team GB cycling hero, Katie Archibald, cutting the ribbon alongside pupils from Lairdsland Primary School; understands that the store will be managed by John Armstrong and a team of 25 colleagues from the local community, and will provide affordable, high-quality produce for residents; acknowledges Aldi's commitment to sustainability and support for local suppliers; welcomes what it sees as the positive economic impact this investment brings to East Dunbartonshire, and wishes the Aldi team every success in serving the community of Kirkintilloch and Lenzie.

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***[S6M-20102](#) Rhoda Grant: Eilean Dubh - Regional Care Home of the Year, Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates Eilean Dubh care home in Fortrose on being named Regional Care Home of the Year Scotland at the 2025 Caring UK Awards; notes that the awards recognise excellence across the care sector and the positive impact care teams make on residents and their communities; acknowledges that Eilean Dubh, operated by Parklands Care Homes, was recognised for its creative approach to resident wellbeing and its strong community links, including award-winning gardening projects, fashion and talent shows, fundraising and involvement in the Highland Hospice HeArt trail; notes that the home, which opened in 2021 and will celebrate its fifth anniversary next spring, provides nursing and residential care for up to 40 older people and holds a grade 5, very good, rating from the Care Inspectorate, and wishes the whole team at Eilean Dubh continued success.

***[S6M-20101](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 11 December 2025—

after

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

[*S6M-20098](#) **Ross Greer: Ardrossan South Beach Community Space Wins SURF Award**—That the Parliament congratulates the Ardrossan South Beach Community Space project, delivered by Ardrossan Community Development Trust, for its success in the improving Scotland’s places category of the prestigious 2025 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration, which identify and celebrate best practice, innovation and achievement in interventions that improve Scottish communities; understands that the award was presented to the project by the Deputy First Minister at a ceremony on 4 December 2025; understands that the judges were hugely impressed with the transformation of the neglected and underused seafront area into a vibrant and well-maintained community-owned space that welcomes both locals and visitors; understands that the space is part of an improved seafront, which has already delivered physical, economic and social benefits that are a kick-starter for regeneration across the rest of the town, and wishes the project every success in the future.

[*S6M-20097](#) **Finlay Carson: Dumfries Regeneration Project Wins Top Award**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates the regeneration project LIFT D&G A Creative Approach to Revitalising Lochside in Dumfries after winning a prestigious SURF Award at the annual presentation dinner event staged at Glasgow’s Grand Central Hotel in December 2025; notes that the special honour was presented to local senior project representatives by Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, to reward best practice in placing artists, arts, innovation and creativity at the heart of community regeneration efforts; recognises that the ceremony was organised on behalf of SURF, Scotland’s regeneration forum, a charity and membership body of more than 300 organisations concerned with the regeneration of socially and economically challenged communities in Scotland; understands that the awards are independently judged by a panel of 20 regeneration experts, and wishes LIFT D&G continued success in the coming months.
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[*S6M-20096](#) **Bob Doris: Resolving Access Issues to Deliver Broadband Roll Out**—That the Parliament supports the roll out of broadband across Scotland to ensure that as many households as possible have speedy, reliable and high quality digital connectivity; believes that there are ongoing and significant barriers to broadband rollout in multi dwelling units (MDUs) across Scotland caused by issues in securing wayleave permissions or access rights for broadband companies to enter and upgrade to broadband within the communal areas of buildings; understands that this has impacted hundreds of premises across Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn and many thousands more across Scotland; believes that changes to the Electronic Communications Code 2017, a reserved matter, are required to enable access; notes that the UK Government is seeking to improve MDU access through its Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024; believes that as this ownership type does not exist in Scotland, the Bill requires to be amended to take account of Scotland’s ownership provisions, and encourages the Scottish and UK governments to work constructively to amend this legislation to ensure that MDU access issues are resolved in Scotland to ensure a new digital divide does not emerge should appropriate legislative provisions not be enacted simultaneously across the UK.

[*S6M-20095](#) **Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Geothermal Feasibility Pilot**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the University of Aberdeen has secured a £1,000,000 public grant for a geothermal feasibility pilot study; notes that the project, called the Aberdeen Geothermal Feasibility Pilot (AGFP), will explore how Aberdeen’s geothermal potential might be harnessed to create low-

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carbon heating solutions; understands that the project will see an instrumented borehole drilled to a depth of 500 metres at the University's King's College campus in Old Aberdeen, providing direct subsurface temperature, geology and hydrology data; believes that this pilot could pave the way for using ground sourced heat to tackle fuel poverty and assist with the transition to clean energy through district heating networks, and wishes all those involved, including the project co-lead, Dr David Cornwell, all the very best of success with their important work.

***[S6M-20094](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen's Sultan Qaboos Sailing Trophy Victory**—That the Parliament congratulates the city of Aberdeen on winning the Sultan Qaboos Sailing Trophy, following its hosting of the Tall Ships Races in July 2025; notes that the award, which was established in 2011, is given annually by Sail Training International on behalf of the Royal Navy of Oman, and is regarded as the most prestigious international trophy in sail training; understands that the Chair of Trustees at Sail Training International praised Aberdeen for setting a new benchmark with its hosting, which was said to have “changed lives”; recognises that 244 sail trainees from the north east took part in the event as crew onboard the vessels; believes that this award is a testament to the work of Aberdeen City Council, Port of Aberdeen and Aberdeen Inspired in putting on such a successful event, and hopes that the Granite City welcomes the Tall Ships back in the near future.

***[S6M-20093](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Opticians Wins at Optometry Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Urquhart's Opticians Ayr on its two wins at the 2025 Scottish Optometry Awards; understands that the successful Ayrshire opticians won the Contact Lens Practice of the Year award, as well as the Marketing Practice of the Year award; notes that the awards were hosted by Vision Scotland and acknowledged outstanding achievements in the field of optometry; commends the whole team at Urquhart's, and wishes everyone involved every success for the future.

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***[S6M-20092](#) Sharon Dowey: South Ayrshire's Adult and Family Learning Awards 2025**—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding achievement of all those involved in the Adult and Family Learning Awards 2025; notes that the awards are facilitated by South Ayrshire Council's Thriving Communities team and recognise the progress of individuals and groups involved in community-based learning programmes across the authority; understands that the awards highlight the efforts of individuals, groups and volunteers, with winners including the Ayr North Time Team, Troon's The Micah Project and the Friends of Dundonald Castle; commends all those involved, and wishes them every success for the future.

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***[S6M-20091](#) Sharon Dowey: Troon Yacht Haven Highly Recommended at British Yachting Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Troon Yacht Haven on being runners-up in the Marina of the Year category at the 2025 British Yachting Awards; understands that the awards are an annual celebration of all things sailing and recognise the best yachts, clubs, marinas and individuals; commends the whole team at Troon Yacht Haven, and wishes it every success for the future.

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***[S6M-20090](#) Sharon Dowey: Renaldo's Ayr Named Best Gelateria in Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the whole team at Renaldo's, in Ayr, on it being named Best Gelateria in Scotland at the 2025 Scottish Italian Awards; understands that this win follows several other accolades, including Outstanding Achievement Awards for the owners, Silvio and Linda Galli, and Best Dessert Shop in Ayrshire, at the regional edition of Scotland's Business Awards; commends the hard work and dedication of the staff at Renaldo's, and wishes the whole team every success for the future. Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Edward Mountain*, Alexander Stewart*, Annie Wells*,

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***[S6M-20088](#) Sharon Dowey: National Award for Prestwick RAFA Club**—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) Prestwick Branch on winning Committee of the Year at the 2025 Club Awards at a ceremony held in Leicester; notes that the Prestwick RAFA club is a space where members can regularly visit and attend social functions and events throughout the year; commends the members of the Prestwick Branch on winning this award, and wishes them every success for the future.

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***[S6M-20087](#) Sharon Dowey: South Ayrshire Holiday Park Wins National Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Gadgirth Estate Lodges, near Annbank, which have been named Best Small Lodge Escape Destination in Scotland by Hoseasons at its 19th annual tourism awards; understands that this is the second year running that the lodges have won this award, which celebrates the very best of holiday and lodge resorts; commends the whole team at Gadgirth Estate Lodges, and wishes them every success for the future.

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***[S6M-20086](#) Sharon Dowey: Recognising Another Successful WinterStorm Festival**—That the Parliament recognises another successful annual WinterStorm Festival; understands that the rock festival, which is held annually in Troon Concert Hall, featured over 40 bands over four days, with acts performing on two stages; congratulates all those who took part in organising the festival, and looks forward to it returning next year.

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***[S6M-20085](#) Jeremy Balfour: Closing NHS Lothian Funding Gap**—That the Parliament understands that NHS Lothian reportedly faces a £50 million funding gap, even after identifying £54 million in savings this year, and believes that short-term cuts will not fix long-term problems and that the NHS board requires a patient-first strategy to cut waste and reinvest every pound saved directly into frontline services across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

***[S6M-20084](#) Jeremy Balfour: Supporting the Roll-out of a Shared Electronic Patient Record** — That the Parliament supports the roll-out of a shared electronic patient record connecting patients, GPs, hospitals, pharmacies and community services across the NHS.

***[S6M-20083](#) Jeremy Balfour: Five-day GP Guarantee** —That the Parliament supports the introduction of a guarantee that NHS patients will be able to see a GP within five working days.

***[S6M-20082](#) Sharon Dowey: Ayr Butcher Ziplines Across the Clyde**—That the Parliament congratulates Gary Ferguson, who has raised over £2,700 for Ayrshire Cancer Support following a fundraising zipline across the River Clyde; notes that Gary, who works in the town's Pollok Williamson Butchers, took on the challenge in memory of his late mother, Freda, who was cared for by the hospice, and commends Gary for his efforts and recognises his generosity.

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***[S6M-20081](#) Sue Webber: Hailes Swimming Club wins the 2025 Forth Valley Junior League** — That the Parliament congratulates Hailes Swimming Club on winning the 2025 Forth Valley Junior

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League; notes that the final of the Forth Valley Junior League is held each December and is a club competition for younger swimmers to experience competitive swimming as part of their club team; further notes that the competition participants comprises 10 clubs from across Forth Valley and is held over six heats spread throughout the year with points accrued from each heat determining their placing in the final; understands that Hailes Swimming Club was formed in 1985 and is a club for children aged eight to 18 years based in Currie and Balerno; recognises that each year the Club also holds a Club Championship based on age groupings with the winners all receiving medals, including the Club Champion Swimmer Shields, with each participant being awarded a Club Champs t-shirt at the social event held for the children and their families, and wishes continued success to everyone at Hailes Swimming Club.

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***[S6M-20080](#) Claire Baker: Congratulating Matteo on Winning the WKA Cadet Kickboxing 5 Nations Title**—That the Parliament congratulates Matteo McLeod attending Falkland House School in Fife on winning the WKA Cadet Kickboxing 5 Nations Title at The Change Centre in Dundee; understands that this title is in addition to Matteo's recent achievements, including winning Gold, Silver and Bronze at the UNIFIED World Championships, Carrara-Italy, in October 2025, three-times World Champion for Light Contact Kickboxing 13 years M 44.9-50.0kg, Light Continuous 12-13 years M 45.1-50.0kg, and Low Kick Light 12-13 years M -52.0kg, bringing home three Gold, two Silver and a Bronze; believes that, despite facing challenges, Matteo has displayed resilience, hard work, commitment and determination and understands that he is very grateful to his instructor, Paul Kean, at Skyaxe Boxing Club, Dundee, and also his team mates, family, school, local community and sponsors for all their valuable support and encouragement, and extends its very best wishes to Matteo for continued success in the future.

***[S6M-20079](#) Sharon Dowey: Annual Santa Dash Success**—That the Parliament congratulates the organisers and participants of the 2025 Troon Santa Dash, facilitated by the Monkton Milers Jog Club; understands that this is the sixth annual Santa Dash held at Troon Promenade and that it was raising funds for local charity, No One Dies Alone Ayrshire; notes the excellent turnout for the 5 kilometre run and the wide array of participants and their festive costumes; commends the efforts of all who took part, and looks forward to seeing the Santa Dash return next year.

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[S6M-20068](#) Graeme Dey: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Cybercrime

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Pension Schemes Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 December 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sentencing Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Legal Aid

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

[*S6M-20068.1 Douglas Lumsden: Business Programme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-20068 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), leave out from third "*followed by* Business Motions" to "3.10 pm Decision Time" and insert—

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Energy Strategy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time".

Supported by: Brian Whittle*, Liz Smith*, Douglas Ross*, Oliver Mundell*, Annie Wells*, Alexander Stewart*, Tess White*, Sue Webber*, Murdo Fraser*, Jackson Carlaw*, Maurice Golden*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Liam Kerr*, Alexander Burnett*, Rachael Hamilton*, Finlay Carson*, Jamie Halcro Johnston*, Stephen Kerr*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Craig Hoy*, Sharon Dowey*, Roz McCall*, Tim Eagle*

[*S6M-20064 Edward Mountain: Highland Cross Raises £358,443 for Five Highland Charities](#)—That the Parliament celebrates the 41st staging of Highland Cross on 21 June 2025, which raised £358,443 for five Highland charities; understands that Highland Cross has raised £6.6 million since the first staging of the event in 1983, and that the charity aims to raise money for medical and social causes in the north of Scotland by holding an annual 50-mile duathlon from Kintail to Beaully; recognises this year's five main beneficiaries, which are Badenoch and Strathspey Community Connexions, Gateway (Highland Homeless Trust), Rag, Tag and Textile, Skye and Lochalsh Mental Health Association and New Start Highland; applauds that every penny raised in sponsorship goes directly to the charities; notes that the top fundraising team this year, Hope, Pain and Glory, raised £8,235, and that the average raised by each team is over £1,200; thanks the "army" of volunteers and sponsors who make the running of the event possible; commends the fantastic achievement of all involved in organising, participating in, and supporting the race and its charities, and wishes for many more successful and enjoyable Highland Cross events in the future.

[*S6M-20062 Murdo Fraser: Sandie Peggie and NHS Fife](#)—That the Parliament congratulates Sandie Peggie on winning the harassment element of her employment tribunal against NHS Fife; notes that the tribunal ruled that the NHS board had harassed Ms Peggie by failing to revoke transgender medic Dr Beth Upton's permission to use the female changing facilities until different rota arrangements were in place at the emergency department at Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy; further notes that the ruling also found that NHS Fife had taken an "unreasonable length of time" to investigate the patient safety claims made against Ms Peggie; believes that the conduct of NHS Fife towards its employee throughout this process has been unacceptable, and that the senior leadership has lost public confidence, and further believes that the Scottish Government now needs to provide new leadership at NHS Fife as a matter of urgency.

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-20078 Alexander Stewart: Welcoming the Muckhart Local Place Plan's Submission to Clackmannanshire Council](#) (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*

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[S6M-20077](#) **Alexander Stewart: Alloa in Bloom Project Recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-20075](#) **Katy Clark: Fire and Rescue Service Reform** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-20073](#) **Paul O'Kane: Congratulating Author Jim Green MBA on the Publication of his Memoir** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-20065](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Centre Named the Champion Team of the Year 2025** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Douglas Lumsden*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Elena Whitham*, Tim Eagle*

[S6M-20063](#) **Maggie Chapman: Ongoing Solidarity with National Union of Journalists (NUJ) Members at STV** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Mark Ruskell*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-20061](#) **Maggie Chapman: Aberdeen Red Squirrel Citizen Science Success** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Mark Ruskell*, Carol Mochan*, Alexander Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-20058](#) **Christine Grahame: Protecting the Scottish SPCA and Scotland's Other Frontline Animal Welfare Services** (lodged on 9 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-20055](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Children's Hospital Achieves Centre of Excellence Status** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-20053](#) **Claire Baker: Celebrating Casey Gardner on Being Named Apprentice of the Year by Persimmon Homes North Scotland** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Paul O'Kane*

[S6M-20052](#) **Annie Wells: The Park Bar Strikes Gold at Trad Awards** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20041](#) **Craig Hoy: Congratulating Dumfries Accordion and Fiddle Club** (lodged on 5 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20040](#) **Craig Hoy: Congratulating the Cairndale Hotel and Spa** (lodged on 5 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20039](#) **Craig Hoy: Recognising Councillor Donna Collins** (lodged on 5 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20038](#) **Craig Hoy: Congratulating Kathy Gilchrist** (lodged on 5 December 2025)

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New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20029](#) **Miles Briggs: Gavin McCann Wins NHBC Pride in the Job Regional Award** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20026](#) **Douglas Ross: Elgin Poppy Scotland Appeal Raises Record Funds** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20025](#) **Tim Eagle: Forres Resident Wins Advantages of Age Award** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Meghan Gallacher*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Alexander Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*

[S6M-20022](#) **Miles Briggs: Jen Hardy Awarded Honorary Doctorate from Heriot-Watt University** (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20021](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Grandad Terry McCourt Raises £120,000 for Fellow Veterans** (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20014](#) **Alexander Stewart: George Talbot Hoping to Raise Over £400,000 for Strathcarron Hospice in Memory of Late Wife** (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20013](#) **Alexander Stewart: Santa's Grotto at Sauchie Resource Centre Opportunity to Support CHAS** (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20011](#) **Alexander Stewart: Alloa Nurse and Team Raise Over £20,000 for Strathcarron Hospice** (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-19999](#) **Karen Adam: The Power of Peer Support in Suicide Prevention** (lodged on 2 December 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[S6M-19976](#) **Ruth Maguire: Scottish Care Worker of the Year** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-19975](#) **Ruth Maguire: Irvine Festive Display to Raise Funds for Charity** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-19974](#) **Ruth Maguire: Irvine Father and Son Fundraising Walk** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-19973](#) **Ruth Maguire: Lottery Funding for Pennyburn Regeneration Youth Development Enterprise** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

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New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-19972](#) **Ruth Maguire: Lottery Funding for Stevenston's Community Led Action and Support Project** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Bill Kidd*, Annie Wells*, Elena Whitham*

[S6M-19971](#) **Bob Doris: St Blane's Primary School Golden Jubilee** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19963](#) **Karen Adam: Buckie Christmas Kracker 2025** (lodged on 27 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19959](#) **Rona Mackay: Billington's of Lenzie Named Scottish Family Business of the Year** (lodged on 27 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19953](#) **Emma Harper: Recognising Let's Get Sporty in Dumfries and Galloway** (lodged on 27 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19951](#) **Kevin Stewart: Labour's Punishment of Young People** (lodged on 27 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19940](#) **David Torrance: Sleep Out at Stark's Park Fundraising Success** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19939](#) **David Torrance: Robert Main Presented with German-British Friendship Award** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19938](#) **Pauline McNeill: Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week 2025** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19937](#) **David Torrance: Burger Island Named Best of Scotland at British Burger Awards** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19936](#) **Joe FitzPatrick: Hillcrest Foundation Funding in Dundee** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19909](#) **Rona Mackay: Auchinairn Afterschool Care and Forest School Triumphs at National Nursery Awards** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[S6M-19908](#) **Alexander Stewart: Bridge of Allan Rotarians Raise over £15,000 for Strathcarron Hospice** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19889](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Clydebank Resident Shaun Ennis Completes 465-mile Charity Trek in Aid of BBC Children in Need** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

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New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19888](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: The Leather Guild Fundraises for Helensburgh RNLI Lifeboat Station** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19887](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Skylark IX Recovery Trust in Dumbarton Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19886](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Helping Hands Community Shop Established to Support Clydebank Residents** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19884](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Bearsden Couple Completes Charity Cycle for Beatson Cancer Charity** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19876](#) **Carol Mochan: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Carers UK and Carers Scotland** (lodged on 24 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19875](#) **Monica Lennon: Celebrating the Launch of Scotland's First Brain Health Centre at New College Lanarkshire** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19869](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: Nursing Support Workers' Day 2025** (lodged on 21 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19827](#) **Michael Marra: Let's Make Stroke a Priority in Scotland, Stroke Association Campaign** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19820](#) **Michael Marra: Knighthood for Steve Clarke** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19806](#) **Tim Eagle: Thanking Scotland's Posties and Delivery Drivers Ahead of Christmas** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19773](#) **Annie Wells: Henry Dancer Days, Supporting Children with Cancer** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19770](#) **Annie Wells: Govanhill Family Support Group, Respite and Therapy** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19763](#) **Annie Wells: Faces & Voices of Recovery UK, Strengthening Recovery Support** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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[S6M-19741](#) **Tess White: Recognising the Work of The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland**
(lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19725](#) **Michelle Thomson: Falkirk's Mobile Emergency Care Service Wins Home Care Team Award** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19724](#) **Douglas Ross: Commemoration of Dr Donald John Craig Cameron** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19723](#) **Douglas Ross: Meadowlark Care Home Recognised at Care Awards** (lodged on 14 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19721](#) **Emma Roddick: Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Ariane Burgess*

[S6M-19705](#) **Clare Adamson: Tribute to the Life and Work of Journalist David Gow** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19700](#) **Clare Adamson: Recognition of Lynsey McLuckie's Finalist Status at the Contact Awards and Advocacy for Families Affected by Tuberous Sclerosis Complex** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19698](#) **Clare Adamson: NHS Lanarkshire Pharmacy Technician, Adele Pessina, Recognised as Scottish Healthcare Awards Finalist** (lodged on 13 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19689](#) **Michael Marra: World-First Remote Stroke Surgery Led by the University of Dundee**
(lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

[S6M-19661](#) **Joe FitzPatrick: Dundee and US-based Stroke Surgeons Perform World's First Thrombectomy Using a Robot** (lodged on 12 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Baillie*

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Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 17 December 2025

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

1. Liz Smith:

To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any impact on agriculture, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how to protect rural areas against fly-tipping.

([S6O-05291](#))

2. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the Scottish Land & Estates report, *Repopulating Rural Scotland*, including how the recommendations align with its current strategies to address rural depopulation. ([S6O-05292](#))

3. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made to update national guidance for local authorities on their responsibilities to uphold public access rights. ([S6O-05293](#))

4. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Forestry and Land Scotland to protect the Kilpatrick Hills. ([S6O-05294](#))

5. Dr Pam Gosal MBE: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress Scotland is making towards becoming a Good Food Nation. ([S6O-05295](#))

6. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent ScotLand Futures report, which found that 96% of respondents believe that changes are needed regarding how land is owned and used, what steps it will take to ensure that land reform goes further than the current Land Reform (Scotland) Bill does to deliver land justice. ([S6O-05296](#))

7. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund allocations. ([S6O-05297](#))

8. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how many farmers in the North East Scotland region have applied for the Future Farming Investment Scheme this year, including how many of those were unsuccessful. ([S6O-05298](#))

Health and Social Care

1. Humza Yousaf: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address the health impacts of loneliness. ([S6O-05299](#))

2. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the population being expected to age rapidly over the coming decades, with more than one in five people soon to be of pension age, what measures it is taking to adapt health and social care provision to meet increased demand. ([S6O-05300](#))

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3. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government, following NHS Domestic Abuse Awareness Day, which took place on 10 December with the aim to shine a light on the high prevalence of domestic abuse affecting healthcare professionals, how it is supporting NHS boards to ensure that they have robust domestic abuse policies in place. ([S6O-05301](#))

4. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the role of the third sector in ensuring the sustainability of the NHS. ([S6O-05302](#))

5. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland on its proposal, *The future of provision for neurodevelopmental conditions*. ([S6O-05303](#))

6. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the work of community first responders. ([S6O-05304](#))

7. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting NHS boards, in light of the increase in hospital admissions of people affected by influenza. ([S6O-05305](#))

8. Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria will be used to evaluate its pilot programme for walk-in GP clinics, including whether stakeholders representing GPs and other health professionals will have been involved in defining these criteria. ([S6O-05306](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 18 December 2025

Social Justice and Housing

1. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how many affordable homes it anticipates will be built in North Ayrshire between 2025 and 2032 as part of its Affordable Housing Supply Programme. ([S6O-05315](#))

2. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to the thousands of children who will be living in temporary and unsuitable accommodation over the Christmas period. ([S6O-05316](#))

3. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address misinformation in relation to refugees and asylum seekers and to promote community cohesion. ([S6O-05317](#))

4. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the housing secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding arrangements for accessing pension funds as a source of investment to build affordable and social housing. ([S6O-05318](#))

5. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support small and medium-sized enterprise housebuilders. ([S6O-05319](#))

6. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local authorities, such as East Dunbartonshire Council, to reduce the use of temporary accommodation and prevent homelessness. ([S6O-05320](#))

7. Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its Equally Safe Delivery Plan, what discussions the Minister for Equalities has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the provision of sustained social and economic investment in prevention, housing, safety and long-term recovery for women and children currently in, or who are survivors of, the commercial sexual exploitation of prostitution. ([S6O-05321](#))

8. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that increased regulations have had on the construction costs of housebuilding. ([S6O-05322](#))

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1. **Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers to community organisations that are seeking to take forward regeneration projects. ([S6O-05307](#))
2. **Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address the issue of assaults against transport workers. **R** ([S6O-05308](#))
3. **Davy Russell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to further support the Programme for Scotland's Childminding Future beyond its current three-year cycle in order to continue to grow the number of childminders across Scotland. ([S6O-05309](#))
4. **Michael Marra:** [Not Lodged]
5. **Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will confirm that it will not allocate any further funding to the extension of the tram network in Edinburgh. ([S6O-05311](#))
6. **Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of an increase of 63 full-time equivalent teachers in 2025 compared with the previous year, how it will fulfil its commitment to recruit 3,500 new teachers before the end of the current parliamentary session. ([S6O-05312](#))
7. **Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's public consultation on the proposed closure of Marionville Fire Station in Edinburgh. ([S6O-05313](#))
8. **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the ongoing reduction to both provision and facilities at the Elmwood campus of Scotland's Rural College in Cupar, what its position is on the future of the college's base in the North East Fife constituency. ([S6O-05314](#))

Written Questions

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament

Government Initiated Questions lodged on 10 December 2025

[S6W-42496](#) **Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how the money allocated in the Grangemouth Just Transition Fund is being used to support the acceleration of new employment and industrial opportunities across the industrial complex.

[S6W-42502](#) **Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish its findings on the Future Medical Workforce project. **R**

[S6W-42503](#) **Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it plans to publish its response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's Module 2 report, which was published on 20 November 2025.

[S6W-42518](#) **Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will report on the outcome of the recent summit meeting of the British-Irish Council in Wales.

[S6W-42527](#) **Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a final update regarding Scottish Enterprise's improvements to its human rights due diligence procedures, as outlined to Parliament by the Deputy First Minister on 25 June 2025.

Written Questions lodged on 10 December 2025

[S6W-42483](#) **Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government, what its response is to the report, *Independent Investigation into Maternity and Neonatal Services in England – Reflections and Initial Impressions*, which was published 9 December 2025, and how this will inform its national investigation into maternity services. **R**

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[S6W-42484](#) **Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date the national investigation into maternity services will (a) commence and (b) publish its report. **R**

[S6W-42485](#) **Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what the remit of its national investigation into maternity services will be, and what specific issues it will examine. **R**

[S6W-42494](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the £100,000 that it has committed for tackling disruptive urban gull populations, how much in total has been distributed to date, and which organisations (a) have received and (b) will receive funding, broken down by how much has been allocated to each, including how much has been allocated to the Inverness pilot.

[S6W-42495](#) **Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6O-05250 by Kate Forbes on 4 December 2025, and in light of the First Minister stating on 3 September 2025 that “anyone watching the war in Ukraine would recognise the importance of defence...the invasion shows that we live in a world in which our national security faces much greater and more immediate threats”, what action it is taking to ensure that the aerospace, defence, marine and space sectors can support national resilience, economic growth and domestic capability, within the context of devolved powers.

[S6W-42497](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure meaningful and consistent involvement of (a) Caithness Health Action Team (CHAT), (b) local midwives and (c) families in each stage of the independent review of maternity services in Caithness.

[S6W-42498](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the independent review of maternity services in Caithness will be conducted separately from the new Scottish Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce, and whether the review will be chaired by an individual who is fully independent of both NHS Highland and the Scottish Government.

[S6W-42499](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish a timetable for the independent review of maternity services in Caithness, including key milestones, community engagement sessions and the anticipated publication date for the final report.

[S6W-42500](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the information that adult patients receive regarding diabetes technology treatment options.

[S6W-42501](#) **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce adult patient waiting times for access to diabetes technology.

[S6W-42504](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider introducing a targeted transitional relief scheme for any micro tourism businesses that are facing significant increases in their rateable value in 2026.

[S6W-42505](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the feasibility of capping annual increases in non-domestic rates liability for self-catering businesses in order to prevent sharp cost escalation.

[S6W-42506](#) **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will explore sector-specific non-domestic rates relief options similar to those applied to hospitality businesses in other parts of the UK.

[S6W-42507](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any implications of the draft 2026 revaluation of non-domestic rates for local communities that rely on self-catering accommodation to support population retention and local services.

[S6W-42508](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the effect of the draft rateable value increases on the long-term economic resilience of rural areas dependent on tourism.

[S6W-42509](#) **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to support local authorities to manage any potential increases in business distress or closures linked to the draft 2026 revaluation of non-domestic rates for self-catering properties.

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[S6W-42515](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of any potential reduction in Scotland's overall visitor accommodation capacity if a percentage of self-catering businesses exit the market following the non-domestic rates revaluation, in addition to other regulatory interventions.

[S6W-42516](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what cumulative impact assessment it has carried out of the regulatory and fiscal changes affecting microtourism businesses over the last five years.

[S6W-42517](#) **Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to (a) develop a dedicated men's health strategy, similar to that published by the UK Government for men in England, and (b) address any health inequalities affecting men and boys.

[S6W-42519](#) **Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of light pollution, and what measures are in place to manage and reduce this.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 10 December 2025

- Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A revised version of the Financial Memorandum has been printed (SP Bill 46A-FM) (Member's Bill)
- Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes has been printed (SP Bill 50A-EN) (Member's Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 10 December 2025

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Section 1

Stephen Kerr

9A As an amendment to amendment 9, line 8, at end insert—

<(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1A), “instruction in religion” includes religious education as delivered in denominational schools.”.>

Stephen Kerr

20 In section 1, page 1, line 22, at end insert—

<(1A) For the purposes of this section, a request for withdrawal from both instruction in religious subjects and religious observance is to be treated as two distinct requests (one for withdrawal from instruction in religious subjects and one for withdrawal from religious observance), and each request must be considered separately.>

Tess White

21 In section 1, page 2, line 1, at end insert—

<(za) provide the parent with written information setting out the process for considering a request for withdrawal,>

Tess White

22 In section 1, page 2, line 2, after <pupil> insert <and, where reasonably practicable, any other person who has parental responsibility and parental rights in relation to the pupil>

Tess White

23 In section 1, page 2, line 11, after <account> insert—

<(i)>

Tess White

24 In section 1, page 2, line 11, at end insert—

<(ii) the likely impact of the request on the pupil’s emotional wellbeing.>

Stephen Kerr

25 In section 1, page 2, line 11, at end insert—

<(2A) In exercising its duty under subsection (2)(a), the operator must not—

(a) express or imply any view as to whether the pupil should object to the request,
or

(b) solicit or encourage an objection to the request.>

Tess White

26 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 14 and 15 and insert—

<(4A) For the purposes of subsection (3), unless the contrary is shown, a pupil—

- (a) under the age of 16 is presumed not to have the maturity to form a view,
- (b) a pupil aged 16 or over is presumed to have the maturity to form a view.>

Tess White

27 In section 1, page 2, leave out lines 16 to 19

Tess White

28 In section 1, page 2, line 20, at beginning insert <Subject to subsection (6A),>

Tess White

29 In section 1, page 2, line 20, at beginning insert <Subject to subsection (6B),>

Tess White

30 In section 1, page 2, line 20, leave out <after the operator has complied with subsection (5)>

Tess White

31 In section 1, page 2, line 22, at end insert—

<(6A) The operator must not give effect to any request for withdrawal unless it has received written confirmation from both the parent and the pupil of their respective positions in relation to the request.>

Tess White

32 In section 1, page 2, line 22, at end insert—

<(6B) An operator must not give effect to any request for withdrawal, including any changes to the extent of that withdrawal resulting from subsection (6), until the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the operator complied with subsection (5).

(6C) If, during the 14-day period mentioned in subsection 6A, the child provides further views, the operator must treat those views as if they were given under subsection (2).>

Tess White

33 In section 1, page 2, line 22, at end insert—

<(6D) All decisions under this section must be made by a panel consisting of—

- (a) the director of education, or equivalent position, for the operator,
- (b) the headteacher, or equivalent position, of the operator,
- (c) an independent advocate.

(6E) For the purposes of subsection (6D), “decisions” means a decision as to—

- (a) whether a pupil is capable of forming a view,
- (b) the regard to be had to a pupil’s views under subsection (2),
- (c) the regard to be had to a pupil’s views and a parent’s views under subsection (5),
- (d) the application of subsection (6).>

Stephen Kerr

34 In section 1, page 2, line 22, at end insert—

<(6A) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section affects the responsibility of parents for the upbringing, moral education and welfare of their children.>

Tess White

35 In section 1, page 2, line 23, after <9B> insert <and 9C>

Tess White

36 In section 1, page 2, line 23, after <9B> insert <and 9D>

Tess White

37 In section 1, page 2, line 29, leave out <that the Scottish Ministers may give about those functions> and insert <published by the Scottish Ministers under section 9D>

Paul O’Kane

38 In section 1, page 2, line 29, at end insert—

<9C Reporting on requests for withdrawal

- (1) An operator must, as soon as reasonably practicable following the end of each academic year, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers on the number of—
 - (a) pupils withdrawn from religious instruction,
 - (b) pupils withdrawn from religious observance,
 - (c) instances of religious observance,
 during the academic year to which the report relates.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, on an annual basis, collate and publish the data received under subsection (1).>

Tess White

39 In section 1, page 2, line 29, at end insert—

<9C Reporting on requests for withdrawal

An operator must, as soon as reasonably practicable following the end of each academic year, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers on the number of—

- (a) requests for withdrawal from religious instruction,

- (b) requests for withdrawal from religious observance,
- (c) instances where a pupil objected to all or part of the parent's request,
- (d) instances where a pupil's objections were given effect under section 9A(6), during the academic year to which the report relates.>

Maggie Chapman

40 Leave out section 1 and insert—

<Pupil's involvement in decision about withdrawal from religious instruction or religious observance

- (1) The exercise of the right under section 9 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") for a parent to withdraw a pupil from religious observance in a school is subject to subsections (2) to (8).
- (2) Where a parent has made a request to withdraw a pupil from religious observance in a school under section 9 of the 1980 Act, the operator of the school must—
 - (a) tell the pupil about the request and the pupil's right to object to withdrawal,
 - (b) give the pupil an opportunity to express the pupil's views about the request in—
 - (i) the manner that the pupil prefers, or
 - (ii) a manner that is suitable to the pupil if the pupil has not indicated a preference or it is not reasonable to accommodate the pupil's preference, and
 - (c) have regard to any views expressed by the pupil about the request, taking into account the pupil's age and maturity.
- (3) The operator is not required to comply with subsection (2) if satisfied that the pupil is not capable of forming a view.
- (4) The pupil is to be presumed to be capable of forming a view unless the contrary is shown.
- (5) If, after the operator has complied with subsection (2), the pupil objects to the parent's request, the operator must—
 - (a) seek to discuss the pupil's objection with the pupil and the parent, and
 - (b) have regard to any views expressed during any discussion.
- (6) If the pupil objects to the parent's request, after the operator has complied with subsection (5) the operator is not to give effect to the parent's request.
- (7) In this section, "operator" means—
 - (a) where the school is a public school, the education authority by which it is managed,
 - (b) where the school is a grant-aided school, the managers.
- (8) In carrying out functions under this section, an operator must have regard to any guidance that the Scottish Ministers may give about those functions.>

After section 1

Tess White

41 After section 1, insert—

<Duty to publish guidance

- (1) The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9B (inserted by section 1) insert—

“9D Duty to publish guidance on section 9A

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish guidance to operators on the exercise of their functions under section 9A.
- (2) The guidance under subsection (1) must, in particular, include guidance relating to the—
 - (a) assessment of a pupil’s maturity,
 - (b) handling of disagreements between parents and pupils,
 - (c) support available to parents and pupils,
 - (d) training and resources available to operators,
 - (e) sources of funding available to operators.
- (3) Before publishing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) education authorities,
 - (b) such persons as they consider represent the interests of teachers,
 - (c) such persons as they considers represent the interests of parents.”.>

Tess White

- 42** After section 1, insert—

<Access to legal aid

- (1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1980 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 8A, insert—

“8B Advice and assistance: availability in relation to the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations ensure that, following compliance with section 9A(5) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, if a pupil and parent do not reach agreement on the request to withdraw a pupil from religious instruction or religious observance, advice and assistance is to be made available to both the pupil and parent.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

Maggie Chapman

- 43** After section 1, insert—

<Report on religious observance

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, in relation to each reporting period, arrange for an independent report on religious observance in public and grant-aided schools.

- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include information on—
 - (a) the form and content of religious observance activities in schools,
 - (b) the operation of withdrawal rights from those religious observance activities,
 - (c) the availability of alternative provision for pupils withdrawn from religious observance activities,
 - (d) compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in regard to the form and content of, and withdrawal from, religious observance activities, and
 - (e) any other matters the person preparing report considers appropriate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a report under subsection (1)—
 - (a) publish the report, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—

“independent report” means a report prepared by a person independent of the Scottish Ministers,

“reporting period” means—

 - (a) the period of 2 years beginning with the day after Royal Assent, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 5 years.>

Stephen Kerr

- 44 After section 1, insert—

<Definitions of religious instruction and religious observance

- (1) The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 9B (inserted by section 1), insert—

“9C Definitions of religious instruction and religious observance

For the purposes of sections 8 to 9A—

“instruction in religion” and “instruction in religious subjects” means curricular instruction relating to world religions, belief systems, ethics and moral reasoning,

“religious observance” means activities of a reflective or spiritual nature, including assemblies and other collective experiences.”.>

Section 2

Stephen Kerr

- 45 In section 2, page 3, line 7, after <if> insert <—
- (a)>

Stephen Kerr

- 46 In section 2, page 3, line 8, leave out <words> and insert <express and specific statutory words which require or entitle the authority to act incompatibly>

Stephen Kerr

- 47 In section 2, page 3, line 12, after <6(2)(b)> insert <, and
(b) no reasonable alternative means of acting compatibly with the UNCRC requirements is available>

Stephen Kerr

- 48 In section 2, page 3, line 16, leave out <words> and insert <express and specific statutory words which require or entitle the authority to act incompatibly>

Stephen Kerr

- 49 In section 2, page 3, line 17, after <applies> insert <and no reasonable alternative means of acting compatibly with the UNCRC requirements is available>

Stephen Kerr

- 50 In section 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—
<(c) no reasonable alternative means of acting compatibly with the UNCRC requirements is available.>

Maggie Chapman

- 51 In section 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—
<6C Requirement to report on application of sections 6A and 6B
(1) Where a public authority is of the view that its doing or failing to do something is not unlawful as a result of section 6A or 6B, the public authority must notify—
(a) the Scottish Ministers, and
(b) the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland.
(2) A notification under subsection (1) must include—
(a) what the public authority is doing or failing to do,
(b) what enactment the public authority considers requires or entitles it to act in that way.
(3) The Scottish Ministers must, on an annual basis, publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament a report setting out—
(a) details of any notifications they have received under subsection (1) during the year covered by the report,
(b) the impact on children of the resulting action, or failure to act, of a public authority,
(c) what action, if any, they intend to take in light of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b).

- (4) When the Scottish Ministers publish a report under subsection (3), they must also publish an adaptation of that report designed to be understood by children and young people.>

Stephen Kerr

- 52** In section 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—

<6C Disapplication of sections 6A and 6B

Sections 6A and 6B do not apply where any incompatible action or failure to act arises from words in a Scottish statutory instrument made after sections 6A and 6B come into force.>

Stephen Kerr

- 53** In section 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—

<6C Duty to publish statement

Where a public authority relies on section 6A or 6B, the authority must publish a statement setting out—

- (a) the words in an enactment that the authority considers required it or entitled it to act or fail to act,
- (b) the reasons why acting compatibility with the UNCRC requirements was not reasonably possible in the circumstances. >

Stephen Kerr

- 54** In section 2, page 3, line 23, at end insert—

<6C Duty to report on operation of sections 6A and 6B

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 3 years of the day that sections 6A and 6B come into force, review the operation of those sections.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report on the review,
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) The report under subsection (2) must set out—
 - (a) each occasion on which a public authority relied upon section 6A or 6B,
 - (b) in respect of each occasion, the reason why the public authority considered that it was required or entitled to act incompatibly with the UNCRC requirements,
 - (c) any recommendations that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate in relation to the modification or repeal of section 6A or 6B. >

After section 2

Tess White

55 After section 2, insert—

<PART

PRE-COMMENCEMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Pre-commencement impact assessment of the Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must undertake and publish an impact assessment on the likely effect of the changes made by this Act.
- (2) The impact assessment must include the likely effect of the implementation of changes made by this Act on—
 - (a) families,
 - (b) parents,
 - (c) children,
 - (d) teaching staff,
 - (e) support staff.
- (3) Before making any regulations under section 4(2), the impact assessment must be considered by a committee of the Scottish Parliament whose remit includes matters relating to education.>

Section 4

Tess White

56 In section 4, page 4, line 2, after <sections> insert <(Pre-commencement impact assessment of the Act),>

Tess White

57 In section 4, page 4, line 3, leave out <1 and 2> and insert 1, 2 and (*Duty to publish guidance*)

Tess White

58 In section 4, page 4, line 3, at end insert—

<() But section 1 may not come into force before the day that guidance has been published under section 9D of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (as inserted by section (*Duty to publish guidance*)).>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 December 2025 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
Laid under sections 3A(3), 44(3) and 136(4)(b) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Investment Zones Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)
Laid under section 68(2)(c) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013.

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 2 completed, 25 November 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 9 December 2025

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 8 January 2026

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (83rd Report, 2025)

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 10 December 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74th Report, 2025)

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 16 December 2025

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 24 June 2025

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 14 January 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 8 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 2025

Stage 1 Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (90th Report, 2025)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2025)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 2025

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 10 December 2025

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (81st Report, 2025)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 December 2025

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 December 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 9 December 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2025)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 23 March 2021

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 27 November 2025

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (79th Report, 2025)

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2025)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 5 November 2025

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 10 December 2025

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 27 November 2025

Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 9 December 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (91st Report, 2025)

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 10 December 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 10 December 2025

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (80th Report, 2025)

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 12 November 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 December 2025

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 13 November 2025

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 3 December 2025

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee), 11 December 2025

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 11 December 2025

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (54th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill LCM-S6-64

Lodged on 25 September 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 9 December 2025

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (89th Report, 2025)

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM-S6-60

Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025

Report – Lead committee (Education, Children and Young People) (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b

Lodged on 1 August 2025

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (7th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (67th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53b

Lodged on 14 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 September 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (6th Report, 2025)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Pension Schemes Bill LCM-S6-65

Lodged on 26 September 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 17 December 2025

Report - Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (6th Report, 2025)

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2025)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56b

Lodged on 24 October 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 30 October 2025

Public Office (Accountability) Bill LCM-S6-66

Lodged on 31 October 2025

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (87th Report, 2025)

Sentencing Bill LCM-S6-67

Lodged on 26 November 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 18 December 2025

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61a

Lodged on 27 October 2025

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 4 November 2025

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62

Lodged on 27 August 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 9 December 2025
Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (9th Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (73rd Report, 2025)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 29 May 2025
Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (3rd Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval by 15 December 2025

[Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/353\)](#) (18 November 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 December 2025

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (10 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 5 December 2025

[Good Food Nation \(Specified Functions and Descriptions\) \(Scottish Ministers\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (27 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 December 2025

[Sheep Carcase \(Classification and Price Reporting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (31 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 13 December 2025

[Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 December 2025

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 and the Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Modifications\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (7 November 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 4 January 2026

[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (14 November 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 January 2026

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[Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2025)
(Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 January 2026

[Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Fruit and Vegetables\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 November 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 14 January 2026

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 15 January 2026

[Cross-border Placement of Children \(Requirements, Effect and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 23 January 2026

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 January 2026

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 26 January 2026

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (2 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 February 2026

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Investment Zones Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (10 December 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 3 February 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (10 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 12 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 8 December 2025

[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/312\)](#) (3 November 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 15 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 8 December 2025

[Scottish Register of Tartans Fees Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/334\)](#) (6 November 2025) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee)

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/335\)](#) (6 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 15 December 2025

[National Health Service \(General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/337\)](#) (7 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 19 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 15 December 2025

[The Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/341\)](#) (10 November 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 7 January 2026
Lead Committee report due by 5 January 2026

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 6, Consequential Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/352 \(C. 26\)\)](#) (17 November 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment by 14 January 2026
Lead Committee report due by 12 January 2026

[Burial and Cremation \(Applications and Registers\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/360\)](#) (24 November 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 21 January 2026
Lead Committee report due by 19 January 2026

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/380\)](#) (1 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 29 January 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/385\)](#) (5 December 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment by 1 February 2026
Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026

[Common Services Agency \(Membership and Procedure\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/387\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/390\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 19 December 2025

[Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure \(Scottish Parliament Elections\) Code of Practice 2025 \(SG/2025/289\)](#) (10 November 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

- [Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 90th Report, 2025 \(Session 6\): Contract \(Formation and Remedies\) \(Scotland\) Bill at Stage 1 \(SP Paper 928\)](#), publication date: 10 December 2025
- [Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 91st Report, 2025 \(Session 6\): Delegated Powers in the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers \(Scotland\) Bill at Stage 1 \(SP Paper 931\)](#), publication date: 10 December 2025
- [Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 92nd Report, 2025 \(Session 6\): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 December 2025 \(SP Paper 932\)](#), publication date: 10 December 2025

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or access the webpage (see the end of Bulletin for contact details and website information).

Other Documents

- The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 10 December 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—
 - HMICS Thematic inspection of police response to drug harm reduction (HMICS/2025/10)** laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
 - Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts for 2024-25 (SG/2025/302)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
 - Scottish Law Commission Report on Tenement law: compulsory owners’ associations (SG/2025/29)** laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

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