

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Deputy First Minister Responsibilities,
Economy and Gaelic
Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving
Provision and Access to Residential Outdoor
Education for Children and Young People in
Scotland

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

9:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason Scotland will see the slowest GVA growth of the devolved nations over the next three years, according to the EY *UK Regional Economic Forecast 2025*. ([S6O-04962](#))

2. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the business minister has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the impact of the visitor levy on the hotel and tourism sectors. ([S6O-04963](#))

3. Davy Russell: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to redevelop town centres across Scotland. ([S6O-04964](#))

4. Pauline McNeill: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04965](#))

5. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what targeted support it is providing to small businesses in Coatbridge and Chryston to help them deal with inflation and rising costs. ([S6O-04966](#))

6. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government what its current priorities are for international trading links. ([S6O-04967](#))

7. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding how the Glasgow City Region Deal can support improvements to transport and connectivity across the region. ([S6O-04968](#))

8. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that major projects funded through City Region Deals are delivered at pace through administrative hurdles, to avoid any rising costs or communities waiting unnecessarily for planned infrastructure. ([S6O-04969](#))

Finance and Local Government

1. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the potential impact of the funding allocated in its Budget 2025-26 on Aberdeenshire Council's ability to invest in local infrastructure and support economic development. ([S6O-04970](#))

2. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the Empowering Communities Programme, including the impact of the Investing in Communities Fund. ([S6O-04971](#))

3. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with COSLA about increasing the transparency of senior officer pay and conditions alongside improved democratic oversight and accountability. ([S6O-04972](#))

4. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated in its Budget for the improvement of road safety on the A84 trunk road between Stirling and Lochearnhead. ([S6O-04973](#))

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Chamber Seòmar				

5. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it has allocated from its Budget 2025-26 to support local authorities to improve waste management services, in line with its plan for a transition to a circular economy. ([S6O-04974](#))

6. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding different funding models that may be available to finance the building of social housing, in light of the approach adopted by Falkirk Council which awarded Hearthstone Investments £30 million through its Local Government Pension Scheme Fund to invest in social and affordable housing in 2015. ([S6O-04975](#))

7. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether its current above-inflation public sector pay deals have appropriate contingencies in place, in light of the recent rise in the Consumer Price Index and reported concerns regarding inflation. ([S6O-04976](#))

8. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the next UK Budget, which will be delivered on 26 November. ([S6O-04977](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Provision and Access to Residential Outdoor Education for Children and Young People in Scotland

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-19023](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Techscaler Programme

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 October 2025

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: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 October 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 October 2025

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

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 October 2025

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: Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 September 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

9:00 pm Decision Time

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Committees Comataidhean				

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr Simon Webster, Head of Research and Policy, Enable;
Kate Sanger, Family Carer and Co-creator of Communication Passport;
Suzi Martin, External Affairs Manager, National Autistic Society Scotland;
and then from—
Sarah Leitch, Director of Development, British Institute of Learning Disabilities;
Nicola Killean, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Ben Higgins, Chief Executive Officer, Restraint Reduction Network.
- Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 26th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (2025/draft) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Darren Cormack, Policy Manager Livestock Products, James Hamilton, Lawyer, and Joe Kirk, Poultry Unit Branch Head, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—
S6M-18747—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (2025/draft) be approved.
- Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Gary Campbell, Chief Executive, and Andrew Thin, Chair, Crofting Commission.
- Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- Healthcare Thematic Evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence on thematic healthcare issues in Scotland that have been raised in multiple petitions. The Committee will take evidence from—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Alan Morrison, Deputy Director Health Infrastructure & Sustainability, and Douglas McLaren, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Scottish Government.

3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 PE2113: Provide support to RAAC-affected communities;
 PE2116: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers;
 PE2118: Review and restructure Scotland's flood risk management approach and operations;
 PE2121: Run a targeted roadside litter awareness campaign; and
 PE2127: Develop a new Digital Connectivity Plan for the Highlands and Islands.
4. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 PE2159: Halt the production of hydrogen from freshwater;
 PE2160: Introduce an energy strategy;
 PE2163: Develop guidance on child contact domestic abuse;
 PE2164: Ban all non-essential single-use plastics; and
 PE2165: Raise awareness of and provide educational resources and training for Functional Neurological Disorder (FND).
5. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
6. **Decision on publication of submission:** The Committee will decide whether to accept a request to provide an anonymous submission for petition PE2170: Abolish the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 26th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
 Willie Watt, Chair, and Michael Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish National Investment Bank.
2. **Consideration of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1
3. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

Public Audit Committee 25th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **NHS in Scotland: Spotlight on governance:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner;
 Melanie Stronach, Public Appointments Manager, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;
 and then from—

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Caroline Lamb, Director-General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland , Scottish Government;

Christine McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;

Fiona Bennett, Director of Health and Social Care Finance , Scottish Government.

3. **NHS in Scotland: Spotlight on governance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **NHS in Scotland: Spotlight on governance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Criminal Justice Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jamie Hepburn will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Maree Todd, Minister for Drugs & Alcohol Policy and Sport, James McLellan, Deputy Director, Community Justice Division, David Doris, Prisons Policy Team Leader, Criminal Justice Division, Richard Foggo, Director of Population Health, and Alison Crocket, Whole Systems Unit, Drugs Policy Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Proposed Draft Regulations - Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) Amendment Regulations 2026 from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Philip Lamont, Head of Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, and Jasmin Hepburn, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

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