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Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 21 January: Health and Social Care – Questions 3 and 5.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

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Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 14 January 2026

Tuesday 20 January 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Ian Houston, GlobalScot, writer, and Trustee at the Robert Burns Ellisland Farm and Museum

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme

Wednesday 21 January 2026

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges

Thursday 22 January 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees>

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

20 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:45AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 7 in private.
- Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jane Miller, Programme Manager, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE); Dr Joanna Teuton, Public Health Intelligence Advisor, Public Health Scotland.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Scotland Act 1998 \(Modification of Schedule 5\) Order 2026](#) from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Gerald Byrne, Head of Constitutional Policy, Nicki Crossan, Assisted Dying Shadow Bill Team Leader, and Ailsa Garland, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Neil Gray (Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care) to move—
S6M-20226—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026 be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026.
- Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
- Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2 and at last week's meeting.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee**20 January 2026****3rd Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 8:45AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61, supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61a and second supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61b.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** (At approximately 9.00am) The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity and Kelly Minio-Paluello, Solicitor, Scottish Government;
Carole Stewart, Bus Strategy and Funding Unit Head and Eilidh McCabe, Concessionary Travel Policy Manager, Transport Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie (Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity) to move—S6M-20054—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
5. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor John Underhill, Director of the Centre for Energy Transition and Professor of Geoscience, University of Aberdeen;
David Whitehouse, Chief Executive Officer, Offshore Energies UK (OEUK);
Adam Berman, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Energy UK;
Simon Coop, National Officer for Energy and Utilities, Unite the Union.
6. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will also consider the evidence heard at its past meetings on 16 December and 6 January.
7. **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future businessFor further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot**Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee****20 January 2026****2nd Meeting, 2026**

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

1. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Jim Crabb, Policy Lead, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland.
and then from—

Debbie Best, Director, DIFFERabled Scotland;
Kabie Brook, Chairperson, ARGH Scotland;
Sofia Farzana, Director and Co-founder, Scottish Ethnic Minority Autistics (SEMA);
Marion McLaughlin, Managing Director and Founder, Aurora Autistic Consulting;
Rachel Parker, Founding Trustee, Autistic Voices Advocating Together for Autonomous Rights (AVATAR);
Carolyn Scott, Founder and Researcher, ADHD Right Now;
Leo Starrs-Cunningham, Treasurer, Autistic Mutual Aid Society Edinburgh (AMASE).

2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 13 January.
3. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at euan.donald@parliament.scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

20 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Dr Eleanor Ryan, Commissioner, Justine Riccomini, Commissioner, Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, and Michael Davidson, Head of Social Security and Devolved Taxes, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
and then from—

Professor Mairi Spowage, Professor of Practice and Director, Fraser of Allander Institute, University of Strathclyde;
Professor David Heald, Emeritus Professor, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow;
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling.

2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at FPA.committee@parliament.scot.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

20 January 2026

3rd Meeting, 2026

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Gareth Fenney, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Delivery, and Philip Raines, Joint Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government.
- Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Sean Neill, Director for Housing, Kirsty Henderson, Affordable Housing Supply Programme Manager, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Gareth Fenney, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Delivery, and Stephen Lea-Ross, Director, Cladding Remediation, Scottish Government.
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer on 85980 or at localgov.committee@parliament.scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

20 January 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Applicable Rate of Tax\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

- Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/406)

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/1\)](#)

4. Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure: The Committee will consider the following—

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/2 \(C.1\)\)](#)

5. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

6. Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

7. Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the third supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

8. Finance (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the delegated power within devolved competence in the Bill.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black on 86266 or at Greg.Black@parliament.scot

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**21 January 2026****3rd Meeting, 2026**

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

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.

2. Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027: The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, Brendan Callaghan, Interim Chief Executive, Karen Morley, Joint Head of Agriculture and Rural Economy Finance, and Iain Wallace, Interim Director of Marine, Scottish Government.

3. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the [Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Caroline Blair, Policy Manager, Megan O'Brien, Lawyer, and Eilidh Wallace, Policy Lead, Scottish Government.

4. Subordinate legislation: Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—

S6M-20214—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Animal Health

(Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

5. **Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at emma.johnston@parliament.scot

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

21 January 2026

2nd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—

PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety.

2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE2191: Review legislation in order to strengthen the Scottish Outdoor Access Code;

PE2192: Prevent domestic abusers from using bankruptcy to escape debt;

PE2193: Address Dangerous Delays in Paediatric Cancer Diagnostics;

PE2194: Amend the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act to prevent abuse of power of attorney;

PE2197: Allow more survivors of care abuse to access redress;

PE2198: Establish a standardised and fair public participation process for all Scottish councils;

PE2199: Facilitate access to emergency telephone services for remote communities;

PE2200: Provide a sustainable funding model for Scotland's colleges;

PE2201: Introduce a legal requirement to notify parents and carers by the end of the school day when an incident involving their child occurs;

PE2202: Stop the Guga Hunt;

PE2203: Make schools in Scotland safe for pupils with allergies;

PE2204: Create a national database to record patient outcomes for endometriosis treatments;

PE2205: Extend access to justice by reforming court rules in equality and human rights claims;

PE2206: Review the weighting for single-track roads in the road maintenance funding formula;

PE2207: I demand the Scottish Parliament create a pilot court to try Russian war criminals with Ukraine;

PE2208: Implement mandatory collection and publication of child sexual offender data; and

PE2209: Make CCTV mandatory in all taxis and private hire vehicles.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot

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.

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- 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.

Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

[S6M-20447](#) Fulton MacGregor: Awareness and Support for People Affected by PANS and PANDAS in Scotland—That the Parliament recognises that Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) are rare, but potentially severe, conditions that can result in the sudden onset of significant neuropsychiatric symptoms, including obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety, tics and behavioural change; acknowledges the considerable impact that these conditions can have on children, young people, adults and their families; notes concerns about the limited awareness and understanding of PANS and PANDAS across health, education and social care in Scotland; recognises the establishment and work of PANS+ Scotland in supporting affected families and raising awareness of them, and notes calls for the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and all other relevant public bodies to engage with PANS+ Scotland and other stakeholders to improve awareness, understanding and support for those affected by PANS and PANDAS in Coatbridge and Chryston and across Scotland.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Jeremy Balfour*, Mark Griffin*, Audrey Nicoll*, Bill Kidd*, Annabelle Ewing*, Alexander Stewart*, Elena Whitham*, Monica Lennon*, David Torrance*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Jamie Hepburn*, Rhoda Grant*, Bob Doris*, Rona Mackay*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Tim Eagle*, Karen Adam*

[S6M-20434](#) Kenneth Gibson: Towards the Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine—That the Parliament recognises that 24 February 2026 marks the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine following the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014 and proxy war in Donetsk and Luhansk; believes that Russian forces continue to indiscriminately bombard Ukrainian cities and control around one fifth of Ukraine's territory, including Luhansk, Crimea and most of Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia; considers that fighting and air strikes have resulted in over 53,000 civilian casualties and that President Putin's veiled threats throughout the war to use nuclear weapons have raised fears of escalation; notes that around 3.7 million people are internally displaced in Ukraine and roughly 6.9 million refugees are recorded globally, including over 29,000 Ukrainians who arrived in Scotland, including in Cunningham North, with a sponsor in Scotland through the Homes for Ukraine scheme; acknowledges the immense military casualties suffered by both sides, particularly Russia, given what it sees as its profligate use of manpower; notes the view that any ceasefire or settlement that cedes territory or lacks binding security guarantees could allow Russia to regroup and renew attacks, and that this would create the risk of a Carthaginian peace intended to permanently weaken and then annex Ukraine; further notes the view that robust international

support, including military, economic and humanitarian assistance, is essential to enable the survival of Ukraine, deter further aggression and secure a just and lasting peace, and expresses solidarity with the people and armed forces of Ukraine.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, David Torrance*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Jamie Hepburn*, Elena Whitham*, Colin Beattie*, Karen Adam*

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***S6M-20463 Liam McArthur: St Magnus Cathedral Marks Holocaust Memorial Day with Moving Exhibition by Orkney-based Artist**—That the Parliament acknowledges the exhibition by Orkney-based artist, Robert Downes, which is showcased in St Magnus Cathedral to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2026; understands that this installation displays powerful portraits of 100 Auschwitz victims, including Jewish people, Roma and Sinti people, LGBTQ+ people, people with disabilities, artists and activists, who faced horrific torture and death at the hands of a deeply fascist regime; further understands that Robert Downes began creating these portraits a year ago on the 80th anniversary of the liberation at Auschwitz; recognises that this exhibition aims to remind the public of its shared responsibility in taking action to ensure such terrible crimes never ever happen again; thanks Robert Downes and everyone at St Magnus Cathedral for putting on such a deeply moving exhibition, and encourages the Orkney public to show its support.

***S6M-20462 Liam McArthur: Five S3 Pupils from Stromness Academy Earn £3,000 Grant for Local Charity Soma's Light**—That the Parliament congratulates five S3 pupils from Stromness Academy on being awarded a £3,000 grant for the local youth mental health charity, Soma's Light, through the school's Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI); understands that Lily Harcus, Issy Johnston, Cayla Paton, Alisa Douaneva and Sophie Shargool gave a passionate presentation about the impact of poor mental health among young people in Orkney, during which five candles were lit to represent each person in Orkney who died by suicide in 2025; acknowledges that the money will go toward furthering the work that Soma's Light does to improve mental health outcomes and prevent suicide among young people by creating initiatives specifically designed with Orkney's youth in mind and enabling greater access to bereavement support; acknowledges that, in the 10 years that the YPI has run at Stromness Academy, over £30,000 has been awarded to Orkney charities as a result of the efforts of pupils, with further amounts raised for local charitable causes by pupils at Orkney's other secondary schools, and thanks Lily, Issy, Cayla, Alisa and Sophie for all the hard work involved in earning funds for such an important cause.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Kevin Stewart*, Evelyn Tweed*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Martin Whitfield*, Tim Eagle*, Colin Beattie*, Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*, Jamie Hepburn*, Brian Whittle*

***S6M-20461 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Rosamund Carmichael of Bearsden in Bloom to Retire After Five Years of Service**—That the Parliament commends Rosamund Carmichael, a long-standing resident of Bearsden Cross, for her five years of dedicated leadership of Bearsden in Bloom (BIB); notes that she will shortly retire as chairperson; recognises that she is a passionate gardener and highly knowledgeable plantswoman, who has played a pivotal role in transforming Bearsden into a vibrant and welcoming community space; acknowledges that the idea for BIB was born during lockdown; appreciates Rosamund's vision and determination in turning this challenge into an opportunity for community action; notes that under her guidance, BIB has consistently earned the Outstanding Awards from the In Your Neighbourhood initiative over several years; applauds her for being instrumental in building a professional and sustainable organisation, securing grants, recruiting volunteers, organising social events and coordinating efforts to ensure that Bearsden looks beautiful throughout the year, and extends heartfelt gratitude to Rosamund for her exceptional service and commitment to Bearsden, noting that her legacy will continue to bloom for years to come.

Supported by: Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bob Doris*, Colin Beattie*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Marie McNair*, Bill Kidd*, Edward Mountain*, Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*, Annie Wells*

***S6M-20460 Gordon MacDonald: 50th Anniversary for C&B News**—That the Parliament congratulates *C&B News* on reaching its 50th year of publication; understands that the volunteer-run community news magazine was launched as *Currie & Balerno News* in February 1976; notes that the original team consisted of Balerno residents, Graham Priestley and Ray Smith, Currie resident, Moria Young, with support from Heriot-Watt University students, Tina Harkess, Jim Sheach, Jon Side and Mel Young; acknowledges that the magazine, which is currently run by its chair, Gail Rankin, and edited by Paul Fisher Cockburn, continues to champion the opinions, achievements and news of people in the areas that it serves by encouraging members of the community to contribute to each edition; notes that the magazine is distributed free, 10 times a year, across the five communities of Currie, Balerno, Juniper Green, Baberton Mains and Colinton and has never failed to produce an issue, continuing in print even during the COVID-19 lockdowns; believes that the success of the magazine is undoubtedly a result of the commitment of the successive volunteers, contributors and the communities that it champions, and wishes *C&B News* continued success for the next half century and beyond.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Rona Mackay*, Bob Doris*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*, Elena Whitham*, Clare Haughey*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Evelyn Tweed*, Stuart McMillan*, Jackie Dunbar*, Miles Briggs*, Karen Adam*

***S6M-20459 Gillian Martin: Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***S6M-20458 Gillian Martin: Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***S6M-20457 Finlay Carson: Yacht Rescued by Brave Actions of RNLI Inshore Lifeboat Crew at Stranraer**—That the Parliament recognises the immense courage and bravery of the RNLI inshore lifeboat crew at Stranraer after it battled gale force conditions to rescue a 40 ft yacht with one person on board as it was drifting and in danger of being swamped by waves off south west Scotland and blown towards hazardous waters in Loch Ryan; recognises that the lifeboat crew managed to attach control lines to stabilise the stricken vessel, which was then towed to safety by an all-weather lifeboat from Girvan; acknowledges that the challenging rescue operation was carried out in extremely difficult conditions; notes that the crew of the Stena Superfast V11 ferry, which was nearby, kept a watch on the yacht while providing rescue crews with updates on its location; recognises that the volunteer crew from Stranraer RNLI worked calmly and professionally in demanding conditions alongside HM Coastguard and the crew of the Stena ferry; offers its grateful thanks to all those involved in ensuring Scotland's waters remain the safest around, despite often horrendous conditions, and wishes all RNLI and Lifeboat crews continued safety as they go about their tasks.

Supported by: Elena Whitham*, Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*, Evelyn Tweed*, Meghan Gallacher*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Beatrice Wishart*, Jamie Hepburn*, Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*, Karen Adam*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annie Wells*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-20456 Gillian Martin: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Graeme Dey*

***S6M-20455 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*

***S6M-20454 Jim Fairlie: National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft]**—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Fiona Hyslop*

***S6M-20453 Paul McLennan: Recognition of East Lothian Residents in The King's New Year Honours List 2026**—That the Parliament notes the achievements of two East Lothian residents who have been named in His Majesty The King's New Year Honours List 2026; celebrates the award of a CBE to Lynn Brown, of Gullane, for her services to policing and public service, recognising her leadership as chief executive and accountable officer of the Scottish Police Authority; welcomes the recognition of William Geddie Watt, of Athelstaneford, for his services to the economy in his capacity as chair of the Scottish National Investment Bank; commends their collective dedication, professionalism and contributions to public service, heritage and Scotland's economic life, and offers its warmest congratulations to both recipients and their families on this well-deserved national recognition.

***S6M-20452 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: HM Clyde Naval Base Commodore Sharon Malkin Appointed a CBE in The King's New Year Honours List**—That the Parliament congratulates Commodore Sharon Malkin CBE ADC, the Commander of HM Naval Base (HMNB) Clyde, on being appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in The King's New Year Honours list; recognises her distinguished service to the Royal Navy as its most senior ranking female engineer and her leadership in supporting the operational capability of HMNB Clyde; acknowledges her contribution to the Clyde Transformation Programme and her role in strengthening the base's long-term strategic importance; commends her commitment to the professional development of women in the armed forces and her work in promoting inclusive leadership; wishes Sharon continued success in her service to defence and to the communities of Argyll and Bute, and further wishes her the very best for her pending retirement after 32 years of service, which is scheduled to take place in August 2026.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Colin Beattie*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Edward Mountain*, Tim Eagle*, Stuart McMillan*, Annie Wells*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-20451 Alexander Stewart: Bands for Brothers' 500 Miles Challenge**—That the Parliament welcomes the news that Bands for Brothers' 500 Miles Challenge was launched, and went live on its social media, on 8 January 2026; understands that this initiative involves six of its volunteers each walking 500 miles virtually, contributing to a collective 3,000-mile journey, which broadly matches the distance from Hampden Park to Boston, to raise funds and awareness for men's mental health ahead of Scotland's opening World Cup game in that city; acknowledges that this challenge is not about speed or competition, but about community, conversation and showing up for one another, and raising awareness and funds to help build the next stage of Bands For Brothers into a simple, supportive space where men can speak openly and get the help that they need; believes that Bands For Brothers, which was founded by Scott MacDonald, is a grassroots charity that uses various events and merchandise, such as wristbands and t-shirts, to spark discussions about men's mental wellbeing; notes that the organisation works with other charities and community groups, such as SAMH and

Heart of the Game, to amplify its message and reach more men in need of support; further notes that it hosts in-person events, such as charity football matches and social walks, to foster connection and deal with loneliness and isolation; acknowledges that further information about its initiatives, how to get involved and how to donate is available via its Facebook and Instagram pages, and commends Scott and everyone involved, as well as all who have donated and volunteered, on their highly magnanimous work in support of men's mental health and welfare.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Bill Kidd*, Meghan Gallacher*, Evelyn Tweed*, Monica Lennon*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Colin Beattie*, Brian Whittle*, Edward Mountain*, Tim Eagle*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*

***S6M-20450 Joe FitzPatrick: Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates the 18 community nurses from across Scotland who completed the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland's (QNIS) 9-month development programme in 2025; commends NHS Tayside Team Leader, Elaine Whelan, who was awarded the title, Queen's Nurse; understands that QNIS is a Scottish charity that works with community nurses and midwives to develop their professional skills so they can deliver outstanding patient care; acknowledges that the programme consists of residential and online workshops and individual coaching sessions that require participants to choose an issue for development that will have a significant impact on those they care for, and notes that this work focuses on promoting equity and inclusion.

***S6M-20449 Mercedes Villalba: Welcoming the DISHED Public Diner Trial in Dundee**—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the co-Designing Innovative infrastructure for Sustainable Healthy & Equitable Diets (DISHED) trial public diner project in Dundee; understands that the project is a joint venture between researchers and practitioners at Nourish Scotland, the Institute of Development Studies, the University of Nottingham and the University of Sussex, in collaboration in Dundee with Dundee City Council, Dundee Healthy Weight Partnership, Faith in Community Dundee and Maxwell Community Centre and Garden; further understands that public diners are state-supported restaurants which, alongside public libraries and parks, form part of public infrastructure; believes that food system transformation is a key method for achieving Scotland's sustainable development goals and that the Nourish Scotland report, *Public Diners: The Idea Whose Time Has Come*, identifies public diners as a means of improving nutrition and public health, providing accessible communal and social spaces and removing barriers to good food; notes the findings by Nourish Scotland that there is a wish by communities for public diners to be healthy, inclusive and accessible for all; believes that public diners can play a role in reducing food waste, creating a sustainable food system and building healthier communities, and pays tribute to the work of Nourish Scotland in engaging with communities across Scotland in building evidence and support for public diners.

***S6M-20448 Karen Adam: 300th Anniversary of the Birth of Brigadier General Hugh Mercer**—That the Parliament marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Brigadier General Hugh Mercer, a much celebrated son of Rosehearty in Banffshire and Buchan Coast; recognises his historic significance both in Scotland and in the United States, where he is remembered as a prominent figure in the struggle for independence; notes that Mercer was born near Rosehearty on 17 January 1726, the son of the minister of Pitsligo Kirk, and that he studied medicine before serving in major military campaigns that shaped the 18th century; acknowledges that he fought at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 as part of the Jacobite rising, before being forced to flee Scotland in the aftermath of the conflict, like so many others, making a new life in America; understands that he later served during the French and Indian War and rose to become a Brigadier General in the American Revolutionary War; believes that Mercer's life reflected a journey of extraordinary courage, conviction and public service, and that he was ultimately mortally wounded at the Battle of Princeton in 1777; notes his close friendship with George Washington, who is reported to have regarded him as a "brave and worthy general"; welcomes the efforts of Rosehearty Community Council, Rosehearty Community Boat Club and Lodge Forbes 67 of Rosehearty in marking this important anniversary, including the unveiling on 16 January 2026 of a new information board celebrating Brigadier General Mercer's life and legacy;

thanks all involved for ensuring that this remarkable local story is preserved and shared, and celebrates Hugh Mercer's enduring legacy as a figure of international historical importance, whose life remains a source of pride for Rosehearty and the wider Banffshire and Buchan Coast community.

Supported by: David Torrance*, Audrey Nicoll*, Kenneth Gibson*, Annabelle Ewing*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Bill Kidd*, Stuart McMillan*

***S6M-20446 Kevin Stewart: Transmission Charges Undermining the Transition to Net Zero—**

That the Parliament believes that rising transmission charges are undermining the economics of Scottish offshore wind projects; believes that the charges, which are the fees energy generators pay to use the electricity network and penalise producers further away from London, are a key consideration when decisions are being made on whether to progress offshore wind projects, including whether they can compete in future Contracts for Difference (CfD) allocation rounds; understands that the next CfD rounds will happen in 2026, while reform of the transmission charges regime may not be implemented until as late as 2029; believes that this timing mismatch creates huge uncertainty for developers, putting Scotland's entire ScotWind programme and the country's transition to net zero at risk; calls on the UK Government to urgently intervene to address this issue to ensure that viable projects are not delayed or even cancelled, thus ensuring that Scottish projects can compete in the next CfD process, and believes that, with the full powers of independence, this would not even be an issue, as no independent Scottish Government would levy transmission charges depending on their proximity to London.

Supported by: Paul McLennan*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, John Mason*, Elena Whitham*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*, Bob Doris*

***S6M-20445 Kevin Stewart: Norway Awards New Oil and Gas Production Licences—**That the Parliament notes reports that Norway has awarded 57 new oil and gas production licences to 19 companies in its latest Awards in Predefined Areas (AP) round, which, it understands, reinforces continued exploration in mature parts of the Norwegian continental shelf; understands that the licences, 31 of which are in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea, underline Norway's intention to keep production going in their three established basins in the North Sea, the Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea; considers that this shows that Norway is making the most of its resources, supporting high value investment as global energy markets undergo broader transition, in direct contrast, it believes, to the situation in the UK, where the Energy Profits Levy is leading to a premature shutdown of production in Scottish waters; calls on the UK Government to follow Norway's lead and adopt a more practical approach to its energy policy before any more damage is done to the oil and gas sector in the North East, and believes that this is a perfect example of how smaller nations are better suited to steward their own resources when they have the full powers of independence to allow them to do so.

Supported by: Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*

***S6M-20444 Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Gift Card Success—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Aberdeen Gift Card has been named the most successful gift card in the UK for the third year in a row, after generating sales of £800,000 in 2025; understands that the gift card, which was first introduced in 2020 by Aberdeen Inspired, has generated £4.7 million in sales since its inception, with additional spending bringing the figure closer to £7.75 million; understands that Miconex, who operate the scheme, reported that Aberdeen's was the top-selling card in the UK, ahead of schemes in London, Glasgow and Cardiff by a considerable margin; believes that this success highlights the value that the gift card brings to the 300 local businesses that signed up to the scheme, ensuring money is being kept in the local economy, and hopes that the card continues to go from strength to strength for many years to come.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, Marie McNair*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*

***S6M-20442 Annie Wells: Hallside Primary Earns Top Marks in Education Scotland Inspection**

—That the Parliament congratulates Hallside Primary School in Cambuslang on receiving a glowing report from Education Scotland following its recent inspection; recognises what it sees as the strong and effective leadership of the head teacher, Susanne Sandilands, and the wider leadership team, alongside a clear culture of teamwork and ambition for improving outcomes for children; notes the inspectors' praise for the school's inclusive ethos, calm and nurturing environment and the respectful, responsible and highly motivated nature of its pupils, many of whom take on leadership roles across the school; acknowledges the positive relationships between staff, pupils, parents and partners, and the school's strong engagement with the wider community, which helps pupils to understand and appreciate diversity; understands that areas for continued improvement, including further developing learning and teaching approaches and raising attainment in literacy and numeracy, are already being addressed through the school's improvement plans, and commends the entire Hallside Primary School community for its commitment to empowering children, raising attainment and working together to close the poverty-related attainment gap.

Supported by: Bill Kidd, Douglas Ross, Miles Briggs, Alexander Stewart, Dr Pam Gosal MBE, Dr Sandesh Gulhane, Meghan Gallacher, Monica Lennon, Annabelle Ewing, Edward Mountain*, Stuart McMillan*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Liam Kerr*

***S6M-20438 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Aberdeen Central Scottish Government Just Transition Participatory Budget Fund Winners**—That the Parliament congratulates the beneficiaries of Year 4 of the Scottish Government's Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund, including seven based in Aberdeen Central; notes that Aberdeen Mosque & Islamic Centre, Ashgrove & Stockethill Community Council, BECYCLE Workshop, Instant Neighbour, Ruthrieston Community Centre, The Bread Maker and Tillydrone Community Campus have all been successful in their bids to receive funding for a range of projects focused on environmental sustainability, sustainable transport and community benefit, including renewable energy installations, repair workshops, and upgrades to community spaces; understands that these projects will all get a share of the £333,333 being awarded to projects in Aberdeen city; believes that these projects, which were voted for by members of the public in November and December 2025, will ensure investment decisions are reflecting local priorities, and wishes all those receiving these funds all the very best of luck in making their various projects a huge success.

Supported by: Audrey Nicoll*, Evelyn Tweed*, Annabelle Ewing*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Karen Adam*, Bill Kidd*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Jamie Hepburn*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

S6M-20443 Jeremy Balfour: International Volunteer Year 2026 (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*, Karen Adam*

S6M-20441 Miles Briggs: Strut Safe (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Craig Hoy*, Monica Lennon*, David Torrance*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Jeremy Balfour*, Alexander Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Elena Whitham*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Ross*, Rhoda Grant*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Stuart McMillan*, Kevin Stewart*, Annie Wells*, Jamie Hepburn*, Colin Beattie*, Brian Whittle*, Fulton MacGregor*, Tim Eagle*, Karen Adam*, Liam Kerr*

S6M-20439 Audrey Nicoll: Congratulating Greyhope Bay on Securing Just Transition Funding (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-20437 Kevin Stewart: Welcoming the University of Aberdeen's Mumbai Campus (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*

S6M-20436 Annie Wells: Congratulating Milton Arts Project on North Glasgow's First Community Album (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Craig Hoy*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*, Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*

S6M-20435 Michelle Thomson: A & J Alloa Road Shop in Stenhousemuir Wins Convenience Store of the Year Award (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Karen Adam*

S6M-20433 Jamie Hepburn: Sharon Coggins Awarded Queen's Nurse Title (lodged on 14 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Fulton MacGregor*, Brian Whittle*, Karen Adam*

S6M-20432 Jackson Carlaw: Eastwood Nurse Lynsey O'Dwyer Receives Award (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*

S6M-20413 Michelle Thomson: Professor John Wallace CBE (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20412 Clare Adamson: Thanking Karen's Closet for Supporting St Andrew's Hospice (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20411 Clare Adamson: Tribute to Muirhouse Senior Citizens Monday Club for Supporting St Andrew's Hospice (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20410 Clare Adamson: Tributes to John Chapman OBE, Former Motherwell FC Chairman and Wishaw Businessman (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20409 Clare Adamson: Stuart Gillespie Wins Seal of Excellence in NHBC Pride in the Job Awards (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Alexander Burnett* R, Karen Adam*

S6M-20408 Clare Adamson: James Paterson Undertakes Epic Challenge to Support Children First (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20407 Clare Adamson: Tokui Ryu Karate Club and Saturday Circuit Class Support Pathway Church Toy Appeal in Wishaw (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20406 Clare Adamson: Celebrating Margaret Dewar's Award-winning Photography (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20405 Clare Adamson: Celebrating the Cherry Tree Pub's Fundraising Success for Beatson Cancer UK and Bowel Research UK (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

S6M-20403 Paul Sweeney: Motion of Condolence, The Very Reverend Thomas Canon Hendry (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*, Humza Yousaf*

[**S6M-20402 Annie Wells: Championing FND Awareness in Glasgow**](#) (lodged on 13 January 2026)

New Support: Tim Eagle*, Liam Kerr*

[**S6M-20400 Colin Beattie: Loanhead Post Office Social Isolation Initiative**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[**S6M-20399 Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Gilded Lily Inspiring Enterprise CIC on its 10th Anniversary**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[**S6M-20386 Pauline McNeill: Restricting Grok AI and Urgent Regulatory Action**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Karen Adam*

[**S6M-20385 Gillian Mackay: Condolences on the Death of Former Motherwell FC Chairman John Chapman**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*

[**S6M-20370 Douglas Lumsden: David Hill's Fund Passes £100,000 Fundraising Milestone**](#) (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Marie McNair*, Beatrice Wishart*, Stuart McMillan*, Brian Whittle*, Bob Doris*

[**S6M-20369 Douglas Lumsden: Protests Across Iran**](#) (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart*

[**S6M-20362 Karen Adam: Thanking Communities and Local Services for their Response to Extreme Winter Conditions**](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20361 Kevin Stewart: Labour Ignoring and Abandoning Aberdeen and the North East**](#) (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20338 John Mason: Nature Champions Initiative**](#) (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

[**S6M-20227 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Woodland View ASN School in Kirkintilloch Wins School of the Year at Sportscotland Scottish Sports Awards 2025**](#) (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

[**S6M-20218 Maggie Chapman: A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Fit for the Future**](#) (lodged on 17 December 2025)

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

[**S6M-20171 George Adam: St Mirren - Premier Sports Cup Winners 2025**](#) (lodged on 15 December 2025)

New Support: Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Sarah Boyack*

Questions

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

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 15 January 2026

S6W-43102 Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in implementing the accepted recommendations of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's Module 1 report, which was published on 18 July 2024.

Written Questions lodged on 15 January 2026

S6W-43028 Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that relevant law in Scotland is brought into line with that in England and Wales regarding sexually inappropriate AI-generated images.

S6W-43060 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33135 by Jim Fairlie on 22 January 2025, when it will provide an update on when it will launch its planned bracken mapping layer for Scotland. **R**

S6W-43061 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42815 by Gillian Martin on 13 January 2026, whether it will instruct SEPA to carry out formal weekly water scarcity reports outside of the May to September period, as well as seasonal reports.

S6W-43062 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether the National Records of Scotland plans to update the user interface of the Scottish Register of Tartans website.

S6W-43063 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported landside at the A815 road near the junction with the A83, what assessment Transport Scotland has made of its landslide mitigation measures at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

S6W-43064 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on how much Transport Scotland has spent on landside mitigation measures at the A815 near the A83 Rest and Be Thankful in each year since 2021, and what further investment it has planned for that section of road.

S6W-43065 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has increased the budget for Scotland House in London by 96.2% in its draft Budget 2026-27.

S6W-43066 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its decision to increase the budget for "Other arts and activity" by 277.6% in its draft Budget 2026-27, whether any of this funding has already been earmarked for particular organisations, and, if so, whether it will provide details of this.

S6W-43067 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on Scotland's forests of its proposed budget reduction of 40.2% to Forestry and Land Scotland in its draft Budget 2026-27. **R**

S6W-43068 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of its proposed budget reduction of 1.3% to the Rural Affairs and Islands budget in its draft Budget 2026-27. **R**

[**S6W-43069**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-33135 by Jim Fairlie on 22 January 2025, when the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity plans to update the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on the work undertaken to establish a bracken mapping layer for Scotland. **R**

[**S6W-43070**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the complaints it received were referred to stage 3 of its complaints handling procedure in each year since 2021.

[**S6W-43071**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any value for money assessments of its *Building a New Scotland* series of papers, and, if so, whether it will publish details of this.

[**S6W-43072**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government after what length of time would it consider its *Building a New Scotland* series of papers to be out of date.

[**S6W-43073**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many complaints it has received from members of the public in each year since 2021, broken down by complaint category.

[**S6W-43074**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the complaints it received, which were processed at stage 1 of its complaints handling procedure, were not resolved within five working days, in each year since 2021.

[**S6W-43075**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many of the complaints it received, which were processed at stage 2 of its complaints handling procedure, were not resolved within 20 working days, in each year since 2021.

[**S6W-43076**](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the development of an updated National Performance Framework.

[**S6W-43079**](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what evidence and policy objectives underpin the proposal to remove small business rates relief from country sport shoots, and whether it will publish all impact assessments and the consultation analysis.

[**S6W-43080**](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be on (a) rural employment and (b) local supply chains of the proposal to remove small business rates relief from country sport shoots, broken down by (i) local authority area and (ii) rural area classification type, and what mitigations are planned.

[**S6W-43081**](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what effect the proposal to remove small business rates relief from country sport shoots is expected to have on conservation and land management associated with shoots, and how this aligns with its climate and biodiversity targets.

[**S6W-43082**](#) **Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what (a) gross and (b) net revenue it forecasts over each of the next five years from the proposal to remove small business rates relief from country sport shoots.

[**S6W-43083**](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to help local authorities develop best practice for the conservation of badgers.

[**S6W-43084**](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish Spending Review 2026, how it plans to achieve a reduction of £384 million in 2026-27, £374 million in 2027-28 and £303 million in 2028-29 in efficiency savings in the health and social care portfolio, and how many jobs will be impacted each year as a result.

[**S6W-43085**](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Scottish Spending Review 2026, what savings are expected in each year from each (a) territorial and (b) special NHS board to achieve the savings of £247 million in 2026-27, £290 million in 2027-28 and £220 million in 2028-29.

[**S6W-43086**](#) **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government which NHS boards received brokerage funding in 2024-25, broken down by the amount.

[**S6W-43087**](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government regarding its plans to undertake a consultation on merging sections 1 and 2 of the

Firearms Act 1968 under a single licensing system.

S6W-43088 Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how many homicides have been recorded in each year since 1999.

S6W-43090 Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that Scotland's salmon industry understated its 2024 antibiotic use by 66% before revising the figure, what sanctions are available where inaccurate or incomplete veterinary-medicines returns required under licence conditions are made to regulators, and what information it has regarding how often any such sanctions have been (a) considered and (b) applied under similar circumstances since 2021.

S6W-43091 Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce a robust, audited, single public dataset covering the use of site-level veterinary-medicines, with a quarterly publication and a clear timetable for implementation, by Scotland's salmon industry across the freshwater and marine stages.

S6W-43097 Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what information it currently holds regarding the need for a review of the legislative landscape around care experienced people, and whether it will publish this information.

S6W-43099 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what enforcement mechanisms are in place in situations where inaccurate or potentially misleading information on antibiotic use is provided to regulators by salmon farming companies or representative bodies.

S6W-43100 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to introducing independent auditing of antibiotic use data submitted by the salmon farming industry.

S6W-43101 Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any implications of antibiotic use in salmon farming for antimicrobial resistance and public health.

S6W-43103 Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that officials amended the Screen Scotland funding lines in the Budget Level 4 workbook without ministerial approval, what information it has regarding whether officials have made other unauthorised amendments to the draft Scottish Budget 2026-27.

S6W-43104 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether ScotRail has ever issued guidance to passengers who plan to travel on its West Highland Line trains regarding the reportedly cold onboard temperatures at certain times.

S6W-43105 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of cold conditions at certain times on ScotRail's West Highland Line services, what its position is on whether these services are safe for passengers.

S6W-43106 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what investment it has planned to improve the heating system on ScotRail's West Highland Line trains.

S6W-43107 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government what compensation is available to passengers who have made a complaint about the reportedly cold conditions on ScotRail's West Highland Line trains at certain times.

S6W-43108 Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government how many passengers have complained to ScotRail about the temperature on the West Highland Line trains since it came into public ownership.

S6W-43109 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the transfer of responsibility to the Minister for Public Finance for consents under the Electricity Act 1989 is intended to be a permanent arrangement.

S6W-43110 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what criteria it used to determine that responsibility for Electricity Act 1989 consents should sit under the Public Finance portfolio.

S6W-43111 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it made of any implications of assigning Electricity Act 1989 consent decisions to a ministerial portfolio that is primarily responsible for public finance.

S6W-43112 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considered alternative ministerial portfolios to the Public Finance one when it transferred responsibility for Electricity Act 1989 consents, and if so, which portfolios it considered.

S6W-43113 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what arrangements are in place to ensure that there is operational separation between decisions on Electricity Act 1989 consents and decisions relating to capital investment, infrastructure financing or budget allocation.

S6W-43114 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Minister for Public Finance has any role in decisions on funding, financing or financial guarantees for electricity transmission infrastructure projects that are also subject to Electricity Act 1989 consents.

S6W-43115 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what safeguards are in place to manage any potential conflicts of interest where a single ministerial portfolio has responsibility for both infrastructure financing and infrastructure consent decisions.

S6W-43116 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether any guidance, instructions or internal protocols that govern Electricity Act 1989 consent decisions have been revised following the transfer of responsibility to the Minister for Public Finance on 18 December 2025.

S6W-43117 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish any updated guidance reflecting the revised ministerial responsibility for Electricity Act 1989 consents.

S6W-43118 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government whether the criteria used to assess Electricity Act 1989 consent applications have changed following the transfer of responsibility to the Minister for Public Finance and, if so, what changes have been made.

S6W-43119 Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any implications of the transfer of Electricity Act 1989 consent responsibilities to the Minister for Public Finance for the consideration of alternatives to overhead transmission lines.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 15 January 2026

Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2026/27, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2027/28, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 80) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Supported by: John Swinney and Graeme Dey

A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 80–DPM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 80–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

Amendments to Bills lodged on 15 January 2026

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 10

Edward Mountain

1 In section 10, page 13, line 2, after <Scotland> insert <(meaning fallow, red and roe deer)>

Edward Mountain

2 In section 10, page 13, line 3, at end insert—
 <(iia) to ensure employment in the field of deer management,>

Edward Mountain

3 In section 10, page 13, line 4, after <effective> insert <and humane>

Edward Mountain

4 In section 10, page 13, line 6, at end insert—
 <(iva) to seek to prevent conflict between the public and those persons
 responsible for deer management or carrying out deer management
 practices, >

Section 11

Edward Mountain

5 In section 11, page 13, line 21, leave out <may> and insert <must>

Edward Mountain

6 In section 11, page 13, line 22, at end insert—
 <(5) A member appointed under subsection (4) must attend any meeting of the panel.”>

Edward Mountain

7 In section 11, page 13, line 22, at end insert—
 <(5) A member appointed under subsection (4) must be involved in the planning of deer
 management in the locality of the panel.”>

Section 12

Edward Mountain

8 In section 12, page 13, line 26, leave out subsection (2)

Edward Mountain

9 In section 12, page 13, line 29, leave out subsection (3)

Edward Mountain

10 In section 12, page 14, line 1, at end insert—
 <() after subsection (1A) insert—
 “(1B) When carrying out a review under subsection (1), SNH must consult—
 (a) persons who have an interest in deer management,
 (b) persons with practical experience of deer management.”,>

Edward Mountain

11 In section 12, page 14, line 1, at end insert—
 <() after subsection (1B) insert—
 “(1C) SNH must publish—
 (a) details of the consultation undertaken under subsection (1B), including any consultation documents or materials,
 (b) the results of that consultation, including any views expressed by the persons mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1B).”,>

Edward Mountain

12 Leave out section 12

Section 14**Edward Mountain**

13 In section 14, page 15, line 38, leave out <and occupiers> and insert <, occupiers and holders of any relevant shooting or sporting rights in relation to the area of land to which the plan relates>

Edward Mountain

14 In section 14, page 16, line 1, leave out subsection (8)

Edward Mountain

15 In section 14, page 16, line 3, leave out <SNH considers to have> and insert <has>

Section 17**Edward Mountain**

16 In section 17, page 21, line 18, at beginning insert—
 <() The 1996 Act is modified as follows.
 ()>

Edward Mountain

17 In section 17, page 21, line 18, leave out <of the 1996 Act>

Edward Mountain

18 In section 17, page 22, line 6, at end insert—

<(5A) An owner or occupier provided with a statement under subsection (2) or (5) may, within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the statement was provided, request SNH to refer the statement for independent scrutiny by a panel established under subsection (5B).

(5B) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision for the establishment and operation of panels to scrutinise statements referred following requests made under subsection (5A).

(5C) A panel established under subsection (5B) must comprise persons who—

- (a) are independent of SNH and of the owner or occupier making the request,
- (b) have relevant expertise—
 - (i) the practical management of deer, and
 - (ii) public audit or accountancy.

(5D) SNH must, on receipt of a request under subsection (5A)—

- (a) refer the statement to an independent panel established under subsection (5B), and
- (b) suspend any recovery or enforcement action until such time as the panel has made a determination.

(5E) A panel, having received a referral under subsection (5D)—

- (a) must consider the information detailed in the statement, and
- (b) may—
 - (i) confirm the statement, or
 - (ii) vary, in whole or in part, any amount detailed in the statement.

(5F) Where, following the panel's determination, SNH and the owner or occupier remain in dispute about the recovery of costs and expenses, the parties may agree to refer that dispute to arbitration under the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010.

(5G) Nothing in subsections (5A) to (5F) affects any right of appeal to the Scottish Land Court under subsection (6).

(5H) Regulations under subsection (5B) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

Edward Mountain

19 In section 17, page 22, line 17, at end insert—

<() In section 47 (orders, regulations etc.), in subsection (1), for “section” substitute “sections 9(5H) and”.>

After section 20**Jim Fairlie**

20 After section 20, insert—

<National deer management and venison plan

National deer management and venison plan

(1) After section 40A of the 1996 Act, insert—

"National deer management and venison plan

40B National deer management and venison plan

(1) The Scottish Ministers must, within the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, prepare a plan about the management of deer and the promotion of venison in Scotland.

(2) The plan prepared under subsection (1) must include—

- (a) a statement of priorities in relation to deer management in Scotland,
- (b) the measures and actions that the Scottish Ministers intend to take in relation to—
 - (i) the management of deer found in Scotland's lowland areas (as defined in the plan),
 - (ii) current and emerging deer management concerns, including any species specific concerns,
 - (iii) the venison industry, key venison facilities and venison supply chains,
 - (iv) identifying financial support for deer management, including how it can be most efficiently used,
- (c) data which the Scottish Ministers consider relevant to the management of deer, including deer and urban deer population information, and national spread information,
- (d) any other matter relating to deer management or promotion of venison that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must review and update the plan—

- (a) before the end of the period of 10 years beginning with the date on which the first plan was published under subsection (5), and
- (b) before the end of each subsequent period of 10 years.

(4) When preparing a plan under subsection (1), or reviewing and updating a plan under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

- (a) SNH,
- (b) such persons as they consider represent the interests of—
 - (i) persons undertaking deer management, and
 - (ii) the venison industry, and
- (c) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

(5) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after preparing a plan under subsection (1), or reviewing and updating a plan under subsection (3)—

- (a) lay the plan before the Scottish Parliament, and
- (b) publish the plan.

- (6) In this section, “venison” means any part of the carcase of a deer which is edible by humans.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (2) to add, adjust or remove information that must be included in a plan.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

After section 33C**Maurice Golden**

21 After section 33C, insert—

<Report on penalties in sea fisheries legislation

Report on penalties in sea fisheries legislation

- (1) The Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013 is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 60, insert—

“Report on penalties

60A Report on penalties in sea fisheries legislation

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must publish a report on the effectiveness of relevant penalties in ensuring compliance with the sea fisheries legislation—
 - (a) within the Scottish enforcement area, and
 - (b) by Scottish fishing boats (wherever they are operating).
- (2) The report must, in particular—
 - (a) set out the relevant penalties covered by the report,
 - (b) explain why those penalties have been selected,
 - (c) assess the effectiveness of those penalties in ensuring compliance with the sea fisheries legislation, and
 - (d) identify any changes to the penalties that the Scottish Ministers consider likely to improve compliance with the sea fisheries legislation.
- (3) The report may include any other matters related to the sea fisheries legislation that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) In preparing the report, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) publish the report within the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, and
 - (b) before publishing the report, lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify a penalty in the sea fisheries legislation in connection with a change identified under subsection (2)(d).

(7) In this section—

- (a) a “relevant penalty” is a penalty—
 - (i) contained in the legislation, and
 - (ii) which the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate to review.
- (b) “Scottish enforcement area” and “sea fisheries legislation” are to be construed in accordance with section 53.”.

(3) In section 62(2)(a), at end insert—

“(ab) regulations under section 60A(6),”.>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 15 January 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.

Subject to negative procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 15 January 2026 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/7\)](#)

Laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003.

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/8\)](#)

Laid under section 41(8) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014.

[Visitor Levy \(Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/9\)](#)

Laid under Section 68(3) Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024.

Withdrawal of instrument

The following instrument laid before the Parliament on 9 January 2026 was withdrawn on 15 January 2026—

[Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Offshore Wind\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Laid under section 294(4) of the Energy Act 2023.

Progress of Legislation

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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)

Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill (G)

Introduced, 15 January 2026

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Finance and Public Administration Committee), 10 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 4 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 4 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 29 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 2 completed, 16 December 2025

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

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 2) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 21 January 2026

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 4 February 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 29 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 Report (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee) published, 8 January 2026

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 14 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

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

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)

Passed, 16 December 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 20 January 2026

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 (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 15 January 2026

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 (lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 21 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026

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

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 27 January 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 20 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 20 January 2026

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

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 7 January 2026

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 14 January 2026

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

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

Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 7 January 2026

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026

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

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

Passed, 16 December 2025

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

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 29 January 2026

All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 23 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

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

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 20 January 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (5th Report, 2026)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 15 January 2026

Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 13 January 2026

Lead committee - Local Government, Housing and Planning

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 22 January 2026

Stage 1 Report – Social Justice and Social Security Committee (11th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-64b

Lodged on 12 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 15 January 2026

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-S6-57c

Lodged on 19 December 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill LCM-S6-70

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work

Finance (No. 2) Bill LCM-S6-71

Lodged on 7 January 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

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)

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill LCM-S6-68

Lodged on 11 December 2025

Lead committee - Criminal Justice

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)

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)

Railways Bill LCM-S6-69

Lodged on 12 December 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

Lead committee - Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Sentencing Bill LCM-S6-67

Lodged on 26 November 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 18 December 2025

Report - Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (13th Report, 2025)

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61b

Lodged on 17 December 2025

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 20 January 2026

Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (4th Report, 2026)

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)

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Affirmative Instruments

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

[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 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 8 February 2026

[Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

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

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber \(Rules of Procedure and Composition\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Scotland Act 1998 \(Modification of Schedule 5\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (17 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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

[Domestic Abuse \(Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Consequential and Supplementary Amendments\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

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

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Public Procurement \(India Trade Agreement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (7 January 2026) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 16 February 2026

[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Applicable Rate of Tax\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Reviews and Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 17 February 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 20 February 2026

[Digital Waste Tracking \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (12 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 21 February 2026

[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(Extension to Maritime Activities\) Order 2026 \(SI 2026/Draft\)](#) (13 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 22 February 2026

[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026.Draft\)](#) (14 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

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

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 21 January 2026

Lead Committee report due by 19 January 2026

[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)

Subject to annulment by 11 February 2026**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Removing from Heritable Property \(Form of Charge\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/402\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Decrees for Removing from Heritable Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/403\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Scottish Secure Tenancies \(Proceedings for Possession\), \(Form of Notice\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/404\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/406\)](#) (18 December 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 February 2026**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Public Bodies \(Joint Working\), \(Integration Joint Boards\), \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/405\)](#) (19 December 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 13 February 2026**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Agricultural Products\) \(Consequential Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/407\)](#) (22 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Social Security \(Residence in an EEA State or Switzerland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/415\)](#) (22 December 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 February 2026**Lead Committee report due by 9 February 2026**

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/1\)](#) (8 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 23 February 2026**Lead Committee report due by 16 February 2026**

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/7\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/8\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Visitor Levy \(Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/9\)](#) (15 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

[Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2025 \(Session 6\): The Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No.1\) and \(No.2\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\] \(SP Paper 962\)](#), publication date: 15 January 2026

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