

Friday 30 January 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



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## Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 4 February: Finance and Local Government – Questions 1 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.

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 29 January 2026

### Tuesday 3 February 2026

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Susan Macleod, Humanist Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Motion on Legislative Consent: Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:55 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector

### Wednesday 4 February 2026

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance / Economy

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Finance and Local Government

**followed by** Motion on Reconsideration of a Bill: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:40 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Bill Kidd: The Mental Health Impact of Cell Therapies

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## Thursday 5 February 2026

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business: Clare Haughey: 900th Anniversary of Rutherglen as a Royal Burgh

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Tuesday 10 February 2026

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**7:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## Wednesday 11 February 2026

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**followed by** Scottish Labour Party Business

**followed by** Business Motions

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**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

## Thursday 12 February 2026

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) 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>

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 3 February 2026 5th Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8 and 9 in private.
- 2. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Philip Raines, Deputy Director for Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government;  
Morna Cannon, Director of Environment, Climate and Sustainability and Heather Cowan, Head of Climate Change and Just Transition for Transport, Transport Scotland.
- 3. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government;  
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Catherine Jess-Gibson, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, and Lawrence Shackman, Director of Infrastructure Projects, Transport Scotland.
- 4. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 from—  
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Haydn Thomas, Producer Responsibility Unit Head, and Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- 5. Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-20458—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
- 6. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 from—  
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Kay White, Team Lead, Lauchlan Hall, Senior Policy Adviser, and Julia Burgham Pearson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
- 7. Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-20456—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.

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8. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

9. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Peter McGrath on 85232 or at [peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot](mailto:peter.mcgrath@parliament.scot)

## **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**3 February 2026**

**5th Meeting, 2026**

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Laura Parker, LBTT Policy Lead, Directorate for Tax and Revenues, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20588—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Cara Woods, Senior Policy Advisor, Aggregates and Landfill Taxes, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20364—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/8) from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Jonathan Waite, Aggregates Tax Bill Team Leader, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

6. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

7. **Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft legacy report.

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



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## **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton, at [FPA.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:FPA.committee@parliament.scot).

### **Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 3 February 2026 5th Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
- Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Karen Titchener, Patient Safety Commissioner.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) from—  
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Cheryl McNulty, Restricting Promotions Team Leader, and Ian Vickerstaff, Solicitor, Food, Health and Social Care Division, Scottish Government;  
Stephen Hendry, Head of Labelling and Standards, Food Standards Scotland.
- Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto MSP (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—

[S6M-20368](#)—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 be approved.

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 from—  
Matt Crilly, Policy Manager and Councillor Paul Kelly, Spokesperson for Health and Social Care, COSLA;  
Stephen Smellie, Chair of Social Work Issues Group, UNISON Scotland.  
and then from—  
Sandra Auld, Service User Member - Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board;  
Rob Gowans, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);  
Natalie Masterson, Chief Executive Officer for Stirling, Third Sector Interface Network Scotland.  
and then from—  
Tom Arthur, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing, Imogen Lambert, Team Leader for National Care Service Participation Policy, John Paul Liddle, Deputy Director for the National Care Service, and Lucy McMichael, Head of Branch, Social Care Legal Services Unit, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026.

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**7. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at [Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot](mailto:Alex.Bruce@Parliament.scot)

## **Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee**

**3 February 2026**

**5th Meeting, 2026**

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

- 1. Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
- 2. Decisions on taking business in private:** (At approximately 10.00am) The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
- 3. Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1, followed by evidence on the—

[Visitor Levy \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Visitor Levy \(Reviews and Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

from—

Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Fiona Campbell, Visitor Levy and Cruise Ship Levy Team Leader, David Storrie, Head of Local Taxation Policy, Kayleigh Blair, Solicitor, Michal Polaski, Solicitor, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

- 4. Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20366—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Local Authority Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20365—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20509—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

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

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

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

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

7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

8. **Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3, and at its meeting on 27 January 2026.

9. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 27 January 2026.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jenny Mouncer on 85980 or at [localgov.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:localgov.committee@parliament.scot)

### **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

**3 February 2026**

**5th Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 9:45AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Care Leaver Payment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/17)  
[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Involved Third Party\) Amendment Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/18)  
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/19)  
[NHS Education for Scotland and Common Services Agency \(Transfer of Staff\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/23)

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

[Bail and Release from Custody \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/24 (C.2))

5. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

6. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

7. **Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation 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](mailto:Greg.Black@parliament.scot)

### **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 3 February 2026 3rd Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Rob Priestley, Head of Mainstreaming Unit, and Simon Fuller, Deputy Director, Fiscal Strategy and Analysis, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on—

The Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]; and

The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

from—

Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Ciaran McDonald, Legal Aid Reform Team Leader, Connor Duffy, Legal Aid Reform Manager, and Martin Brown, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

**3. Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—

S6M-20270—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved; and

S6M-20216—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

**4. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—

Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Mandy Williams, Unit Head of Tribunals and Judicial Policy, and Rachel Nicholson, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

**5. Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—  
S6M-20225—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

**6. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

**7. Subordinate Legislation (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 4.

**8. Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 20 January 2026.

**Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Euan Donald on 85204 or at [euane.donald@parliament.scot](mailto:euane.donald@parliament.scot)

## Education, Children and Young People Committee

4 February 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

## Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

4 February 2026

5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

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

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

## Motions for debate

**\*[S6M-20628](#) Meghan Gallacher: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill.

**\*[S6M-20627](#) Ash Regan: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill.

## Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*[S6M-20615](#) Miles Briggs: City of Edinburgh Council's Proposed Plan to Introduce a Congestion Charge for the City Centre**—That the Parliament notes the consultation being undertaken by the City of Edinburgh Council on the proposed introduction of a congestion charge for cars coming into the city centre; understands that the council is in discussion with Glasgow City Council about the proposal, as well as other Lothian councils; further understands that, in 2005, a referendum was held by the City of Edinburgh Council on introducing a congestion charge, which was comfortably defeated; recognises that London is the only city in the UK with a congestion charge, which was introduced in 2003; considers that London continues to be the most congested city in Europe, despite the congestion charge; believes that people will still need to drive into Edinburgh city centre for reasons such as work, education and healthcare, and that this charge will add an additional financial strain for many families, and notes the reported concerns from residents across neighbouring Lothian communities regarding the potential impact on businesses and people accessing public services.

**\*[S6M-20614](#) Bill Kidd: Justice for WASPI Women**—That the Parliament condemns the latest decision by the UK Government regarding, and its continued refusal to compensate, the more than 3.5 million women affected by the acknowledged failures of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to inform them of state pension age increases, despite the UK Government being made to reconsider its original refusal as a result of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, which called for compensation of between £1,000 and £2,950 for each of those affected; echoes the comments of the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group, which said that the latest decision demonstrated "utter contempt" for those affected in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency and across the country, and notes the calls for the immediate reversal of what it sees as this shameful, immoral and inhumane decision.



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Supported by: Rona Mackay\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Karen Adam\*, David Torrance\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Marie McNair\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Emma Harper\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, John Mason\*, Jamie Hepburn\*, Clare Haughey\*, Elena Whitham\*, Alasdair Allan\*, George Adam\*, Bob Doris\*

**[\\*S6M-20609](#) Paul Sweeney: 20th Anniversary of the Formation of The Royal Regiment of Scotland**—That the Parliament notes that 28 March 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of the formation of The Royal Regiment of Scotland; recognises the regiment's distinguished service to Scotland and the UK over the past two decades, including operational deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan and other global missions, as well as its role in ceremonial duties and national defence; pays solemn tribute to the 23 serving members of the regiment who have been killed during conflict or as a result of injuries sustained while on operations since its formation; honours their sacrifice and the enduring impact on their families, comrades and communities; acknowledges the rich heritage of the antecedent regiments that amalgamated to form the regiment on 28 March 2006, including The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), The King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment), The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), alongside the former Territorial Army regiments, the 52nd Lowland and the 51st Highland, which together embody over 390 years of continuous military service to The Crown; commends the ongoing contributions of the regiment's three regular battalions, one regular incremental company and two Army reserve battalions to international peacekeeping, disaster relief and community engagement across Scotland, including in the Glasgow region; recognises what it sees as the vital role played by the regiment's military bands and pipes and drums in upholding Scottish musical traditions, supporting ceremonial and public duties and maintaining morale; notes in particular the regular Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland, the reserve Highland and Lowland bands, and the pipes and drums of each battalion, which, it believes, preserve the distinctive musical legacies of the antecedent regiments and have performed at major national events, including state ceremonial occasions, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and global engagements; notes the changes to the regiment's composition in terms of regular battalions over the last 20 years, including the amalgamation of The Royal Scots and The King's Own Scottish Borderers into the 1st Battalion (1 SCOTS) in August 2006, the reduction of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion (5 SCOTS), to an incremental company, Balaclava Company, in 2013 under the Army 2020 reforms, and the redesignation of The Royal Scots Borderers, 1st Battalion, to form the 1st Battalion of the new Ranger Regiment in 2021 under the Future Soldier programme; pays tribute to what it sees as the bravery, professionalism and dedication of all serving members, veterans and their families, and extends its best wishes to all ranks of The Royal Regiment of Scotland for continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Foyso Choudhury\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Liz Smith\*, Liam McArthur\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Annie Wells\*, Murdo Fraser\*, Colin Beattie\*

## Other new and altered motions and amendments

**[\\*S6M-20625](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating Blooming Haddington**—That the Parliament congratulates Blooming Haddington on being selected to represent Scotland in the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom competition in 2026, in the town category; recognises this nomination as a significant achievement for Haddington and its community; notes that the group was nominated by Keep Scotland Beautiful following its success in the Beautiful Scotland competition, where it secured a gold award and was recognised as the best medium town; commends the volunteers, local businesses, community groups and residents whose efforts have kept Haddington looking award-winning; recognises the contribution of East Lothian Council in supporting planting and maintaining public spaces, and wishes Blooming Haddington every success as it showcases Haddington on a national stage.

Supported by: Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*, Bill Kidd\*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane\*, Miles Briggs\*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE\*, Liam Kerr\*, Paul Sweeney\*



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**\*[S6M-20624](#) Craig Hoy: Langholm Wool, Woven and Wild Festival**—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Wool, Woven and Wild festival in Langholm, celebrating the town's rich wool heritage, textile creativity and natural landscape; notes that the festival will bring together makers, farmers, artists and the local community for a programme of stalls, talks, workshops and guided visits to local farms and businesses; recognises the festival as an opportunity to showcase the connections between craft, agriculture and landscape in the Langholm area; commends the organisers for promoting conversations around sustainability, heritage and creative practice; acknowledges the support of Dumfries and Galloway Council's Regional Cultural Fund in enabling the festival to take place, and wishes everyone involved success in establishing Wool, Woven and Wild as a new cultural event that celebrates the unique character of Langholm and the wider Dumfriesshire region.

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**\*[S6M-20623](#) Claire Baker: Celebrating Glenrothes Granola Producer Nakey Bakey on Being Named one of six Winners in Scotmid's Scottish Favourites Competition**—That the Parliament celebrates Glenrothes granola producer Nakey Bakey on being named one of six winners in Scotmid's Scottish Favourites Competition; welcomes that the winners' products will be listed in Scotmid stores in 2026; understands that the competition was launched as part of the 2025 edition of Scottish Food and Drink September, which is designed to support producers, raise their profile, open routes into retail and bring innovative Scottish food and drink produce to convenience shoppers; notes that Nakey Bakey, which was started by Megan Murrie as a small business in Methil in Fife before moving premises to Glenrothes, won the competition with its mixed berry and strawberry mango fusion granola; recognises the efforts of Megan to develop Nakey Bakey's produce, healthy granola that is free from the top 14 allergens, with no added sugar and full of real, natural ingredients that support gut health; acknowledges that Nakey Bakey has been recognised by several accolades including the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Award, Scotland Start-Up Awards' Health and Wellbeing Start-Up of the Year, and has been shortlisted as a finalist in multiple national awards, and extends its very best wishes to Megan for continued success in the future.

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**\*[S6M-20622](#) Evelyn Tweed: Congratulating Dawn Dickson on Being Named Action in Mind Volunteer of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates Dawn Dickson on being named Action in Mind Volunteer of the Year 2025; understands that this prize was awarded at Action in Mind's AGM and recognised Dawn's dedication to the organisation; notes that Action in Mind is an independent mental health charity based in Stirling that provides person-centred support to people experiencing mental health difficulties and their families; understands that Dawn has given her time both to the befriending service and to support the administration of the charity; commends Dawn for her dedication, and congratulates her on the receipt of this award.

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**\*[S6M-20621](#) Evelyn Tweed: Recognising Charlie Perfect's 20 years of Voluntary Service at Stirling Carers Centre**—That the Parliament commends Charlie Perfect for over 20 years of exemplary voluntary service at Stirling Carers Centre; understands that Charlie has given his time to support young carers in Stirling through weekly group sessions and trips; notes that colleagues have described him as loved by all of the young people for his kindness and sense of fun; commends Charlie for his commitment over the years and for the difference he has made in the lives of many young people; believes that young carers have a great deal of responsibility and that breaks are vital for their wellbeing; notes the importance of the work done by Charlie and his colleagues to provide safe, supportive and fun activities for young carers; notes that Charlie's colleagues have described his

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commitment and professionalism as an example to them all; congratulates him for his amazing achievement, and thanks him for his tireless work.

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**\*[S6M-20620](#) Evelyn Tweed: Thanking Trossachs Search and Rescue**—That the Parliament thanks Trossachs Search and Rescue for its service; notes that the team is run by volunteers who make themselves available to assist members of the public who may find themselves in difficulty in the mountains; understands that the team was established in 1998; notes that the area covered by the team is popular with hillwalkers and sees high visitor numbers; commends the team for its commitment and tireless work; notes that the team carries out regular training on top of the time spent on call-outs; understands that the team was recognised with a Kings Award for Voluntary Service in 2023; further understands that the team saw this as a fitting tribute to Stuart Ballantyne, late founder of Trossachs Search and Rescue; notes that the searches and rescues carried out would not be possible without generous donations from the public, and further notes the excellent work that Trossachs Search and Rescue does to help educate the public on the importance of first aid and CPR, as well as being prepared on the hills.

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**\*[S6M-20619](#) Evelyn Tweed: Thanking Killin Mountain Rescue Team**—That the Parliament thanks Killin Mountain Rescue Team for its service; notes that Killin Mountain Rescue Team is run by volunteers who make themselves available to assist members of the public who find themselves in difficulty in the mountains; understands that the team was established in 1967; notes that the area covered by the team is popular with hillwalkers and sees high visitor numbers; commends the team for its commitment and tireless work; notes that the team carries out regular training on top of the time spent on call-outs; notes that the rescues carried out would not be possible without generous donations from the public, and further notes the excellent work that Killin MRT does to help educate the public and ensure those enjoying Scotland's hills are equipped to do so safely.

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**\*[S6M-20618](#) Evelyn Tweed: Thanking Lomond Mountain Rescue Team**—That the Parliament thanks Lomond Mountain Rescue Team (MRT) for its service; notes that Lomond MRT is run by volunteers who make themselves available to assist members of the public who find themselves in difficulty in the mountains; understands that the team was established in 1967; notes that the area that the team covers is popular with hillwalkers and sees high visitor numbers; commends the team for its commitment and tireless work; notes that the team carries out regular training on top of the time spent on call-outs; further notes that the rescues carried out would not be possible without generous donations from the public, and recognises the excellent work that Lomond MRT does to help educate the public and ensure those enjoying Scotland's hills are equipped to do so safely.

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**\*[S6M-20617](#) Màiri McAllan: Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]**—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Graeme Dey\*

**\*[S6M-20616](#) Michelle Thomson: Grangemouth Business Lowland Cooperage Ltd Wins Scottish EDGE Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Lowland Cooperage Ltd in Grangemouth on its award at Scottish EDGE Round 26 in December 2025; notes that Lowland Cooperage Ltd won the Circular Economy EDGE Award, which is supported by Zero Waste Scotland, and that as part of its

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recognition it received £100,000; further notes that Lowland Cooperage Ltd is Scotland's only independent cooperage and specialises in the repair and maintenance of casks for the whisky industry; recognises that Scottish EDGE is the UK's largest funding competition for high-growth businesses, having supported 712 businesses so far, and having awarded a collective prize pot of £1.5 million at Scottish EDGE Round 26; congratulates Lowland Cooperage Ltd once again on its award, and wishes the business every success in the future.

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**\*S6M-20613 Roz McCall: Perthshire Trainee Conservationist in Running for the ALBAs—**That the Parliament congratulates Tony Marshall, from Dunkeld, on being shortlisted for Lantra Scotland's Awards for Land-based and Aquaculture Skills (the ALBAS); understands that Tony has been completing an SVQ in environmental conservation through Rural Skills Scotland whilst also working as a rural skills apprentice with Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust; notes that the ALBAs, whose award ceremony will be held in the Crieff Hydro Hotel on 5 March 2026, play a vital role in promoting careers in the rural sector, celebrate the achievements of learners and highlight the importance of employers investing in skills; understands that industry categories include animal care, aquaculture, equine, environmental conservation, game and wildlife, horticulture, land-based engineering, veterinary nursing and trees and timber, and wishes all nominees from across the region the very best of luck at the ceremony in March.

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**\*S6M-20612 Daniel Johnson: South Morningside Primary School Girls' Football Team Wins Edinburgh Schools Cup—**That the Parliament congratulates the South Morningside Primary School girls' football team on winning the Edinburgh Schools Cup; notes that the team was initially presented with a small plastic trophy in contrast to the larger trophy awarded to the boys' winners on the same day; commends the players for campaigning and raising concerns with the Edinburgh Primary Schools Sports Association; welcomes the subsequent presentation of a new trophy of equal stature to recognise the girls' achievement, and notes that this outcome highlights the importance of fairness, respect and equal recognition for girls' successes in school sport.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

**\*S6M-20611 Graeme Dey: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

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*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.55 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Motion on Reconsideration of a Bill: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 11 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 12 February 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time



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\*[S6M-20611.1](#) **Ash Regan: Business Programme**—As an amendment to motion S6M-20611 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), leave out from "*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill" to "5.55 pm Decision Time" and insert—

*"followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time".

Supported by: Douglas Ross\*, Michelle Thomson\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Tess White\*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE\*, Rachael Hamilton\*, Fergus Ewing\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Liam Kerr\*, Stephen Kerr\*, Graham Simpson\*

\*[S6M-20610](#) **Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 29 January 2026—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

insert

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

delete

5.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.25 pm Decision Time

\*[S6M-20604](#) **Annie Wells: BAaD in Glasgow Wins Top Award for Unique Weddings**—That the Parliament congratulates Barras Art and Design (BAaD) in Glasgow on being crowned the Most Unique Wedding Venue in Scotland at the 10th annual Confetti Wedding Awards; notes that the award recognises venues that go beyond traditional settings, celebrating originality, atmosphere and exceptional experiences for couples; recognises the creativity, dedication and innovation of BAaD staff, including wedding manager Jess, in delivering personalised, relaxed and memorable weddings; understands that the venue's versatile spaces, which include a main hall for up to 250 seated guests, a reception area for 500, a mezzanine bar, private rooms and a sheltered backyard, allow couples to create celebrations that truly reflect their personalities; acknowledges the national recognition achieved through the votes of real couples, reflecting the positive impact of BAaD's non-traditional approach to weddings, and commends the venue for contributing to Glasgow's cultural and creative life by transforming a historic site in Barras Market into a bold, personality-filled wedding destination.

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**[S6M-20601](#) Angela Constance: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft]—** That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

Supported by: Siobhian Brown

**[S6M-20567](#) Mercedes Villalba: Solidarity With Refugees—** That the Parliament notes with concern the reported rise in racist and far-right incidents connected to refugees and asylum seekers being accommodated in Aberdeen and across the North East Scotland region; further notes with concern what it sees as the disruption and danger to local communities caused by anti-refugee and anti-migrant protests organised by what it believes are far-right groups; believes that the increase in such disruption and aggression represents a significant threat to community cohesion and wellbeing; pays tribute to the numerous organisations, charities, faith groups and individual volunteers who work to ensure that all people are welcomed, sheltered and safe, and expresses its solidarity with refugees and people seeking asylum in the North East Scotland region and across the UK.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney\*

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S6M-20607](#) Sue Webber: Congratulating School Crossing Patrol Officer Hazel Donaldson on 30 Years of Service** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Russell Findlay\*

**[S6M-20603](#) Christine Grahame: Animal Welfare Sentencing and Public Protection** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Elena Whitham\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20598](#) Jeremy Balfour: Recognising Lived Experience and Strengthening Disabled People's Representation in Scottish Democracy** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Martin Whitfield\*

**[S6M-20597](#) Clare Adamson: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Keep Scotland Beautiful** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20596](#) Michelle Thomson: Congratulating Marion Stannage on her Retirement from St Margaret's Primary School after 30 Years** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Stuart McMillan\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20595](#) Marie McNair: 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*, Colin Beattie\*, Paul McLennan\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Rona Mackay\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Jamie Hepburn\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Miles Briggs\*, David Torrance\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Martin Whitfield\*, Alasdair Allan\*, Karen Adam\*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Elena Whitham\*, Bob Doris\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-20594](#) Jackie Dunbar: Celebrating 30 Years of EasyJet at Aberdeen International Airport** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

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**[S6M-20593 Emma Harper: Celebrating the Service of Norrie McIntosh, Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service](#)** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-20587 Jackie Dunbar: Asda Foundation Grant for Aberdeen Action On Disability](#)** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20586 Jackie Dunbar: Asda Foundation Grant for Dyce and Stoneywood Community Association](#)** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20585 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Walk Run Cycle East Dunbartonshire Awarded National Lottery Funding](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Russell Findlay\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-20584 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Bearsden Young Athlete James Alexander Wins ClubSport Glasgow Individual Performance Award](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Russell Findlay\*, Annie Wells\*, Miles Briggs\*, Liz Smith\*, Douglas Ross\*, Craig Hoy\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-20583 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Milngavie Ski Racer, Jamie Thomson, Qualifies for European and World Cup Circuits](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Russell Findlay\*, Annie Wells\*, Douglas Ross\*, Liz Smith\*, Miles Briggs\*, Craig Hoy\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Liam Kerr\*

**[S6M-20578 Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Dementia Heroes Café Opens in Milngavie](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S6M-20565 Craig Hoy: Commending Dumfries High School](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

**[S6M-20564 Alexander Stewart: The Hive in Alloa Welcomes Almost £100,000 in National Lottery Funding](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20563 James Dornan: Assurance for the Safety and Wellbeing of Scotland Football Fans](#)** (lodged on 28 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20558 Maggie Chapman: WASPI Women February Campaign](#)** (lodged on 27 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance\*, Beatrice Wishart\*

**[S6M-20556 Christine Grahame: Welcoming Increased Funding for Scotland's Colleges](#)** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: David Torrance\*

**[S6M-20555 Tess White: Lothians Speak Their Name Memorial Quilt Scotland-Wide Tour](#)** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Annie Wells\*, Liam Kerr\*, Colin Beattie\*, Miles Briggs\*, Bill Kidd\*, Edward Mountain\*

**[S6M-20554 Tess White: Congratulating Mearns Academy on a Positive Inspection](#)** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*, Liam Kerr\*, Miles Briggs\*, Colin Beattie\*, Bill Kidd\*, Annie Wells\*



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[S6M-20553](#) **Tess White: Paws on Plastic Receives The King's Award for Voluntary Services** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

[S6M-20552](#) **Finlay Carson: John MacMillan Appointed MBE in Honours List** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20551](#) **Finlay Carson: Kate Kaye Awarded British Empire Medal in Honours List** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20548](#) **Liam Kerr: Recognising the Contribution of Jon Oakey, Chief Financial Officer for Port of Aberdeen, on his Retirement** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20547](#) **Richard Leonard: Recognising Footballing Legend Billy Bremner** (lodged on 26 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

[S6M-20546](#) **Kenneth Gibson: 100th Anniversary of John Logie Baird's First Television** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

[S6M-20545](#) **Kenneth Gibson: 250 Year Anniversary of Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

[S6M-20544](#) **Kevin Stewart: The Return of NuArt to Aberdeen** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

[S6M-20540](#) **Roz McCall: Stroke Prevention Day 2026** (lodged on 23 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*, Edward Mountain\*

[S6M-20531](#) **Daniel Johnson: Edinburgh Secures 300 Skilled Defence Jobs** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden\*

[S6M-20524](#) **Tim Eagle: Erskine Veterans Activity Centre North in Forres Raises £12,400** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20523](#) **Tim Eagle: Forres Bluefins Secures Community Funding** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20522](#) **Tim Eagle: Epic Tree Care is Most Trusted Trader for Second Year** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20521](#) **Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Foyso Choudhury\*

[S6M-20520](#) **Tim Eagle: Celebrating the Careers of Moray Firth Credit Union Manager, Maggie Bell, and Supervisor, Linda Strathdee** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20513](#) **Alexander Stewart: Ten Years of The Ladybird Tea Room in Alloa** (lodged on 21 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20507](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Congratulating the Elders of the Lochside Union for being Awarded Certificates of Long Service** (lodged on 22 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20505](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Clydebank Schoolgirl Cora Courtney Qualifies for the ADC IBC Youth International Ballet Competition in USA** (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20497](#) **Brian Whittle: Sport and Activity as a Force for Good** (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20491](#) **Tim Eagle: Moray Business Revives Rothes Brewery** (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20490](#) **Tim Eagle: Two Highland Takeaways Win Fish and Chip Awards** (lodged on 20 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20482](#) **Alexander Burnett: Retirement of John Sinclair and Barry Florence of HM Sheridan Butchers in Ballater** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20464](#) **Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Dance Schools and Teacher Recognised as Scottish Dance Awards Finalists** (lodged on 16 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20461](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Rosamund Carmichael of Bearsden in Bloom to Retire After Five Years of Service** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20457](#) **Finlay Carson: Yacht Rescued by Brave Actions of RNLI Inshore Lifeboat Crew at Stranraer** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20452](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: HM Clyde Naval Base Commodore Sharon Malkin Appointed a CBE in The King's New Year Honours List** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20451](#) **Alexander Stewart: Bands for Brothers' 500 Miles Challenge** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20442](#) **Annie Wells: Hallside Primary Earns Top Marks in Education Scotland Inspection** (lodged on 15 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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

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New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20401](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Radio Clyde Leaves Clydebanks Offices After 43 Years** (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20391](#) **Craig Hoy: Welcoming the Next Phase of the Chapelcross Masterplan** (lodged on 12 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20380](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Antonine House in Bearsden Raises Funds for Cash for Kids** (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20379](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Kirkintilloch High School Pupils Raise £1,885 for Marie Curie** (lodged on 9 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20363](#) **Liam Kerr: 10th Anniversary of the Fit Like Joggers** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20358](#) **Finlay Carson: Dumfries's People Project, Community Clean-up of the A75 at The Glen** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20357](#) **Finlay Carson: Jan Crooks Awarded Prestigious Queen's Nurse Title** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20356](#) **Sharon Dowey: Ayr Practice Manager Receives BEM in The King's New Year Honours List 2026** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20349](#) **Annie Wells: University of Glasgow Celebrates 575th Anniversary** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20347](#) **Alexander Stewart: Scotmid Clackmannanshire's Innovative Donation Scheme for Alzheimer Scotland** (lodged on 8 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20340](#) **Sharon Dowey: Ayrshire's Big Boxing Day Dip** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20339](#) **Sharon Dowey: Top Award for Ayr Salon** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20334](#) **Sharon Dowey: Prestwick's Wilma Milligan Appointed an MBE in The King's New Year Honours List 2026** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

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[S6M-20333](#) **Annie Wells: Helping Little Hearts Understand Big Journeys, NHS Golden Jubilee** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20328](#) **Tim Eagle: Thanking Farmers for Assisting in Road Clearing Efforts** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20300](#) **Liam Kerr: Celebrating the Commitment of Ray McBain to her Business, Rose Bowl Florists in Stonehaven** (lodged on 6 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20286](#) **Tess White: Amanda Inglis Wins Women in PR, Marketing and Communications Award** (lodged on 7 January 2026)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20268](#) **Alexander Burnett: Fair Share of Funding for Public Services** (lodged on 19 December 2025)

New Support: Jackson Carlaw\*

[S6M-20146](#) **Daniel Johnson: Securing a Long-term Home for Edinburgh South FC and Recognising the Important Role of Grassroots Football** (lodged on 12 December 2025)

New Support: Paul McLennan\*, Liam McArthur\*

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## Questions

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## 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 29 January 2026

[S6W-43456](#) **Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports of a particularly challenging year for international trade, what action it has taken to support people and businesses in Scotland in delivering Scotland's Vision for Trade, and whether it plans to publish a fourth annual report of its progress.

### Written Questions lodged on 29 January 2026

[S6W-43294](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42412 by Gillian Martin on 16 December 2025, and in light of the information provided in the response to a request under Freedom of Information (FoI) legislation, dated 20 January 2026, whether the information in the response to the FoI request, regarding the travel costs for the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy's attendance at the COP30 UN climate summit, had been collated prior to the answer to the parliamentary question being provided, and, if so, for what reason that information was not included in the answer.

[S6W-43356](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to fulfil the commitments in the Scottish National Party 2021 manifesto and subsequent Framework For Tax, and the recommendation of the Barclay review of non-domestic tax rates, to restore the level playing field with England for retail, hospitality, and leisure premises that are liable for the higher property rate.

[S6W-43357](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has not brought the higher property rate into line with that in England, as recommended by the Barclay review of non-domestic tax rates.

[S6W-43358](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it expects to raise from the retail, hospitality and leisure industries, and business sectors, from the higher property rate in 2026-27.

[S6W-43359](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has decided not to extend retail, hospitality and leisure rates relief to premises that are liable for the higher property rate.

[S6W-43360](#) **Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish National Party 2021 manifesto commitment, what the cost would be in 2026-27 of bringing the higher property rate into line with that in England, broken down by industry sector.

[S6W-43384](#) **Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what estimated tonnage of lithium has not been recovered from single-use vapes in each of the last three years for which data is available.

[S6W-43414](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the procurement of new rail stock will include an increase in carriages with cycle storage spaces, in light of a reported lack of storage on certain routes.

[S6W-43415](#) **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding ScotRail's most recent procurement tender for a new rail fleet, how many battery electric multiple units will be (a) procured



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and (b) allocated for Fife routes.

**S6W-43416 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will prioritise rail fleet improvements for Fife routes, in light of reports that a significant portion of the trains currently servicing the route are older diesel models that are more prone to breakdowns and delays.

**S6W-43417 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to address overcrowding on the commuter trains on the Dunfermline/Alloa – Edinburgh route.

**S6W-43418 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many first-class rail tickets across all ScotRail routes have been sold since the permanent removal of peak fares in September 2025.

**S6W-43419 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what change there has been to passenger numbers on ScotRail routes since the permanent removal of peak fares in September 2025.

**S6W-43420 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many tickets that would have previously been considered peak-fare have been sold on ScotRail routes since the permanent removal of peak fares in September 2025.

**S6W-43421 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how regional transport partnerships will access the £4 million allocated in the draft Scottish Budget 2026-27 to support bus franchising, as set out in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

**S6W-43422 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial support there will be for regional transport partnerships to support the development and delivery of franchising of local bus services.

**S6W-43423 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns that the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund is making it more difficult for community projects to access funding needed to deliver their active travel initiatives.

**S6W-43424 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to make paths and streets accessible to all in (a) rural and (b) urban communities.

**S6W-43425 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to a national path fund, in light of the impact of the Ian Findlay Path Fund that has been delivered by Walking Scotland.

**S6W-43426 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the regional transport partnerships' budgets is spent on (a) walking and (b) wheeling.

**S6W-43427 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to ensure (a) the improvement and maintenance of paths and path networks and (b) sustained investment to support outdoor access, access officers and ranger services across Scotland.

**S6W-43428 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will commit to ending corridor care in NHS Scotland, and, if so, whether it will set clear milestones, timelines and accountability mechanisms to ensure that people are no longer treated in corridors and other non-clinical spaces.

**S6W-43429 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what long-term implementation plan is in place to reduce Type 1 emergency department bed occupancy to below the 85% level advised by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) and ensure that people can be seen quickly and safely admitted.

**S6W-43430 Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce (a) standards and (b) regular public reporting on hospital discharges and the use of non-clinical spaces to deliver care, in light of national standards being set for emergency department waits and ambulance holdovers but no equivalent standards relating to discharges or corridor care.

**S6W-43431 Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-41364 by Ivan McKee on 28 October 2025, what estimate it has made of the total future electricity demand resulting from expected AI and data centre developments in Scotland, in light of its joint commissioning of a Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) for Great Britain, and how this estimate

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is being communicated to any local authorities that will be responsible for consenting large-scale, energy-intensive infrastructure.

**[S6W-43432 Ariane Burgess:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-41364 by Ivan McKee on 28 October 2025, whether it received the full regional dataset underpinning the National Energy System Operator's modelling of data centre demand in its 2025 Future Energy Scenarios, including the location-specific scenarios that were not published in the public report, and whether it will make the Scotland-level figures available to the Parliament.

**[S6W-43433 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the number of (a) seafarer and (b) port jobs in Scotland that could be created by the introduction of a roll-on, roll-off passenger and freight ferry service between Rosyth and Dunkirk, and whether it will discuss these matters with representatives from the maritime trade unions in Scotland.

**[S6W-43434 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what estimate it has made of the level of public funding required to restart a ferry service between Scotland and Continental Europe.

**[S6W-43435 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has discussed the Fair Work Convention with (a) DFDS, (b) Ptarmigan Shipping and (c) trade unions, in relation to the crewing of vessels on any new roll-on, roll-off ferry services planned between Rosyth and Dunkirk.

**[S6W-43436 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to launch a public consultation on any legislation required to enable the operation of roll-on, roll-off (a) passenger and (b) freight ferry services between Rosyth and Dunkirk.

**[S6W-43437 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the five dimensions in the Fair Work Framework are applied to (a) seafarer and (b) port jobs in Scotland connected to any roll-on, roll-off ferry services between Scotland and Continental Europe in 2026-27.

**[S6W-43438 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government when its (a) ministers and (b) officials last met representatives of (i) DFDS, (ii) Ptarmigan Shipping and (iii) the Port of Dunkirk to discuss roll-on, roll-off ferry services between Rosyth and Dunkirk.

**[S6W-43439 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding seafarers' employment rights on any new roll-on, roll-off ferry services between Rosyth and Dunkirk.

**[S6W-43440 Mark Ruskell:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-40006 by Fiona Hyslop on 18 September 2025, what recent discussions it has had with the operator regarding the Fair Work First criteria in the granting of public funds.

**[S6W-43441 Ariane Burgess:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support access to specialist assessment and management for people with suspected or diagnosed postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) in the Highlands and Islands.

**[S6W-43442 Tim Eagle:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many weapon surrender bins (a) it and (b) Police Scotland has funded in each year since 2021, broken down by local authority area.

**[S6W-43443 Tim Eagle:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-42816 by Ivan McKee on 21 January 2026, whether the figures it cites from the Scottish Fiscal Commission take into account any projected reduction of occupied business premises as a result of the non-domestic rates revaluation. **R**

**[S6W-43444 Kevin Stewart:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government how many DFN Project Search internship places are available for young people with learning disabilities and/or autism, broken down by local authority area.

**[S6W-43445 Kevin Stewart:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider resourcing an expansion of DFN Project Search internship places in Scotland.

**[S6W-43446 Kevin Stewart:](#)** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider encouraging businesses and public bodies to take part in DFN Project Search internship schemes.

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[S6W-43447](#) **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many requests for review have been made by applicants to the Future Farming Investment Scheme whose application was deemed ineligible, and how many of these have been responded to.

[S6W-43448](#) **Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government how many requests for review have been made by applicants to the Future Farming Investment Scheme whose application was rejected, and how many of these have been responded to.

[S6W-43449](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed any potential reputational, economic or security risks associated with Scotland-based companies being involved in the transport of Russian liquefied natural gas following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, including vessels operated or managed by Seapeak, and, in light of any potential impact on Scotland's economy, what engagement it has had with the UK Government on the enforcement of sanctions and services prohibitions relating to Russia's energy sector.

[S6W-43450](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of recent media reporting, including in *The Herald*, *The Times* and *The Guardian*, regarding the involvement of Scotland-based shipping companies in the transport of liquefied natural gas from Russia, including reports regarding Seapeak, and what assessment it has made of any potential reputational, economic or security implications for Scotland.

[S6W-43451](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the reported (a) probation workload, (b) staffing pressures and (c) lack of accommodation on prisoner recall rates since January 2024.

[S6W-43452](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have been recalled to prison in each month since January 2024, also broken down by how many (a) had originally been released under any early, accelerated or emergency release arrangements and (b) were recalled due to (i) a breach or non-compliance with licence conditions and (ii) alleged further offending, broken down by alleged offence.

[S6W-43454](#) **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the average length of time has been between release on licence and recall to prison for people recalled since January 2024.

[S6W-43457](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43144 by Ivan McKee on 27 January 2026, what arrangements it has in place to verify that any frequent flyer or other travel loyalty scheme benefits arising from ministerial air travel are not used for the traveller's personal gain.

[S6W-43458](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43127 by Gillian Martin on 27 January 2026, regarding the transfer of responsibility for Electricity Act 1989 consents to the Minister for Public Finance on 18 December 2025, what role the First Minister had in deciding the transfer; whether the First Minister sought or received legal advice in advance of the transfer; if so, whether that advice was provided (a) internally or (b) externally, and what its reasons are for not answering whether legal advice was sought in the answer to question S6W-43127.

[S6W-43459](#) **Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-43144 by Ivan McKee on 27 January 2026, whether it will confirm whether Corporate Travel Management North Ltd holds any data on frequent flyer or other travel loyalty scheme accounts used in connection with ministerial air travel booked through Scottish Government travel management arrangements.

[S6W-43463](#) **Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it or its agencies, including through Sustrans, (a) have provided and (b) plan to provide to support the Trowan-Comrie all-abilities core path project.

[S6W-43464](#) **Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on to what degree investment in local core paths and all-abilities routes remains a priority within its active travel



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and outdoor access policies.

**[S6W-43465](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how many young people aged 16 to 24 in Inverclyde have been categorised as not in education, employment or training (NEET), in each of the last five financial years.

**[S6W-43466](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government, in the last five years, how many businesses in Inverclyde that have received support from Scottish Enterprise ceased trading within two years of receiving that support.

**[S6W-43467](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of participants from Inverclyde who have completed apprenticeships funded by the Scottish Government have remained in employment six months after completion, in the last five years.

**[S6W-43468](#) Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of a year having passed since it paused researcher access to the 2021-22 Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Census, following ethical concerns about the way that sensitive personal data from over 130,000 school children in 16 local authorities had been gathered without parental consent, shared with the Scottish Government and then promoted to external researchers, whether it will confirm whether (a) this data has now been deleted and (b) any organisation or department of the Scottish Government still has access to it.

**[S6W-43469](#) Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what factors have contributed to the reported increase in the number of prisoners subject to an Order for Lifelong Restriction living in the community on licence in recent years.

**[S6W-43470](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the ECO4 scheme for energy-efficiency upgrades, what advice it provides to homeowners seeking compensation where installers or scheme providers are no longer trading.

**[S6W-43471](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it operates a compensation scheme for people whose properties have been subject to damage, defects or faulty installations as a result of works carried out under the ECO4 scheme for energy-efficiency upgrades and, if not, what routes of compensation are available.

**[S6W-43472](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what oversight is in place to ensure that installers operating under the ECO4 scheme for energy-efficiency upgrades remedy defective or damaging works.

**[S6W-43473](#) Alexander Burnett:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the prevalence of faulty installations linked to the ECO4 scheme for energy-efficiency upgrades.

## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Bills introduced or reprinted on 29 January 2026

**Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 59B) (Government Bill)

**Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 55A) (Member's Bill)

### New accompanying documents printed on 29 January 2026

**Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)**—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 62A–EN) have been printed. (Government Bill)

## Amendments to Bills lodged on 29 January 2026

### Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

#### Before section 1

##### Miles Briggs

- 126 Before section 1, insert—

*<Kinship care support*

#### Information about support for kinship carers

The Scottish Ministers must take such steps as they consider appropriate to raise awareness of sources of support (including at local and national levels) available to kinship carers.>

#### Section 1

##### Martin Whitfield

- 127 In section 1, page 1, line 12, after <(aftercare)> insert <—  
<( ) in subsection (1), in paragraph (a), the words “(on his sixteenth birthday or at any subsequent time)” are repealed,  
( )>

##### Martin Whitfield

- 128 In section 1, page 1, leave out from line 20 to line 4 on page 2

#### After section 2

##### Martin Whitfield

- 129 After section 2, insert—

*<Continuing care*

#### Provision of continuing care: looked after children

- (1) This section applies where an eligible person ceases to be looked after by a local authority.
- (2) An “eligible person” is a person who—
  - (a) is at least sixteen years of age, and
  - (b) is not yet twenty-six year of age.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5) below, the local authority must provide the person with continuing care.
- (4) “Continuing care” means the same accommodation and other assistance as was being provided for the person by the authority, in pursuance of Chapter 1 of Part II of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, immediately before the person ceased to be looked after.
- (5) The duty to provide continuing care does not apply if—
  - (a) the accommodation the person was in immediately before ceasing to be looked after was secure accommodation,

- (b) the accommodation the person was in immediately before ceasing to be looked after was a care placement and the carer has indicated to the authority that the carer is unable or unwilling to continue to provide the placement, or
  - (c) the local authority considers that providing the care would significantly adversely affect the welfare of the person.
- (6) A local authority's duty to provide continuing care lasts, subject to subsection (7) below, until the expiry of such period as may be specified.
- (7) The duty to provide continuing care ceases if—
  - (a) the accommodation ceases to be available, or
  - (b) the local authority considers that continuing to provide the care would significantly adversely affect the welfare of the person.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7)(a) above, the situations in which accommodation ceases to be available include—
  - (a) in the case of a care placement, where the carer indicates to the authority that the carer is unable or unwilling to continue to provide the placement,
  - (b) in the case of a residential establishment provided by the local authority, where the authority closes the establishment,
  - (c) in the case of a residential establishment provided under arrangements made by the local authority, where the arrangements come to an end.
- (9) The Scottish Ministers may by order—
  - (a) make provision about when or how a local authority is to consider whether subsection (5)(c) or (7)(b) above is the case,
  - (b) modify subsection (5) above so as to add, remove or vary a situation in which the duty to provide continuing care does not apply,
  - (c) modify subsection (7) or (8) above so as to add, remove or vary a situation in which the duty to provide continuing care ceases.
- (10) If a local authority becomes aware that a person who is being provided with continuing care has died, the local authority must as soon as reasonably practicable notify—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers, and
  - (b) Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland.
- (11) Local authorities must ensure that any carer providing continuing care under this section is paid the same allowances in respect of the eligible person as they would have been if that person was looked after.
- (12) An order under this section—
  - (a) may make different provision for different purposes,
  - (b) is subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (13) Before making an order under this section, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) each local authority, and
  - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.

(14) In this section—

“carer”, in relation to a care placement, means the family or persons with whom the placement is made,

“care placement” means a placement such as is mentioned in section 26(1)(a) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995,

“specified” means specified by order made the Scottish Ministers.>

### **Martin Whitfield**

**130** After section 2, insert—

*<Return to care*

#### **Return to care: looked after children**

(1) This section applies where an eligible person ceases to be—

- (a) looked after,
- (b) subject to a kinship care order,
- (c) cared for or otherwise supported in such circumstances as may be specified.

(2) An “eligible person” is a person who—

- (a) is at least 16 years of age,
- (b) is not yet such higher age as may be specified,
- (c) is—
  - (i) not entitled to receive continuing care under section 26A, or
  - (ii) considered to have needs that would not be best met by continuing care.

(3) Subject to subsection (5), the local authority must, where the eligible person requests it, provide for return to care.

(4) “Return to care” means the provision of—

- (a) accommodation in a care setting,
- (b) support services, including support at a level beyond what was being provided to the person before they became an eligible person.

(5) The duty to provide return to care ceases if—

- (a) the person leaves the accommodation of the person’s own volition, or
- (b) the local authority considers that continuing to provide the care would significantly adversely affect the welfare of the person.

(6) In this section—

“care setting” means a supported residential setting, and may include—

- (a) residential settings for people over 18 years of age,
- (b) supported housing,

“specified” means specified in regulations by the Scottish Ministers.>

**Nicola Sturgeon**

**131** After section 2, insert—

*<Accommodation for children in need*

**Duty to provide accommodation for children in need**

- (1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 25 (provision of accommodation for children, etc.), in subsection (1), after paragraph (c) insert—
  - “(d) he is at least sixteen years of age and—
    - (i) is homeless, in accordance with section 24 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, or
    - (ii) the accommodation in which he is residing is not suitable for his welfare needs.”.>

**Nicola Sturgeon**

**132** After section 2, insert—

*<Provision of accommodation*

**Provision of accommodation for care-experienced people**

- (1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 25 (provision of accommodation for children, etc.)—
  - (a) in subsection (3)—
    - (i) for “may” substitute “shall”,
    - (ii) for “consider” substitute “determine”,
  - (b) after subsection (3) insert—
 

“(3A) There is a presumption that, in relation to the determination in subsection (3), the provision of accommodation would safeguard or promote the welfare of a person in relation to whom the duty to provide continuing care under section 26A—

    - (a) does not apply as a result of the application of section 26A(5), or
    - (b) has ceased as a result of section 26A(7)(b).”.>

**Nicola Sturgeon**

**133** After section 2, insert—

*<Continuing care*

**Extension of continuing care to children returning to care**

- (1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 26A (provision of continuing care: looked after children)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), after “authority” insert “or provided with accommodation under section 25(3)”,

(b) in subsection (4)—

- (i) after “means” insert “either—”,
- (ii) the words from “the same” to the end becomes paragraph (a),
- (iii) in paragraph (a), after “after” insert “or provided with accommodation under section 25(3)”,
- (iv) after paragraph (a) insert “or
- (b) such alternative accommodation and assistance as has been assessed by the authority to be the most appropriate to meet the welfare needs of the person.”.>

**Nicola Sturgeon**

**134** After section 2, insert—

*<Continuing care*

**Extension of continuing care to age 25**

- (1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 26A (provision of continuing care: looked after children), after subsection (3) insert—
  - “(3A) A local authority may (but is not required to) continue to provide continuing care to a person who ceases to be an eligible person until they attain the age of 25, if it is satisfied that doing so will promote or safeguard the person’s welfare.”.>

**Willie Rennie**

**135** After section 2, insert—

*<Return to care*

**Return to care**

- (1) A local authority must, where an eligible person requests it, provide for return to care.
- (2) An “eligible person” is a person who—
  - (a) is not yet 21 years of age,
  - (b) was looked after as a child, for a cumulative period of at least 6 months.
- (3) Within 4 weeks of a request under subsection (1) being made, the local authority must, provide—
  - (a) an appropriate supported residential placement,
  - (b) a support plan.
- (4) Local authorities must treat a return to care under subsection (1) as a continuation of the eligible person’s care, not a new application for care.>

**Section 3**

**Martin Whitfield**

**136** In section 3, page 2, leave out line 35 and insert—

<( ) for subsection (2) substitute—

“( ) Where a local authority is not certain of the person’s age but has reasonable grounds to believe that the person may be under the age of 26, the local authority must assume that the person is under the age of 26 for the purposes of this Part.”.>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**137** In section 3, page 2, line 35, at end insert—

<( ) In section 63 (guidance on corporate parenting)—

(a) before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance about corporate parenting.”,

(b) in subsection (2), for “may” substitute “must”.>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**138** In section 3, page 2, line 35, at end insert—

<( ) In section 63 (guidance on corporate parenting), in subsection (2), after paragraph (b) insert—

“(c) training (including renewal of training) in relation to corporate parent responsibilities.”.>

### After section 3

**Paul O’Kane**

**139** After section 3, insert—

#### <Duty of corporate parents to provide pathways to employment and training

(1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 58 (corporate parenting responsibilities), in subsection (1), after paragraph (e) insert—

“(ea) to provide pathways and support to those children and young people to find employment and training.”.

(3) After section 58 insert—

#### “58A Employment officers

(1) A corporate parent must appoint persons as employment officers.

(2) An employment officer appointed under this section must—

(a) provide guidance and support to children and young people to whom this Part applies in relation to employment and training opportunities,

(b) ensure that the corporate parent that appointed the officer has employment pathways for those children and young people,

(c) perform any other duty that the Scottish Ministers may specify in guidance under section 58B.



## 58B Guidance on employment

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable, introduce guidance for corporate parents on supporting children and young people to whom this Part applies into work.
- (2) Guidance under subsection (1) must include information on—
  - (a) the role of employment officers under section 58A,
  - (b) how corporate parents should fulfil the duty under section 58(1)(ea).”.>

### Martin Whitfield

140 After section 3, insert—

#### <Duty of corporate parents in relation to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

- (1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 58 (corporate parenting responsibilities), in subsection (1)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (c) insert—
 

“(ca) to uphold the rights of those children and young people to their identity, including their nationality, in accordance with Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,”
  - (b) after subsection (1) insert—
 

“(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1)(ca), that duty extends to circumstances where there are difficulties in establishing details of a child’s identity.”.>

### Martin Whitfield

141 After section 3, insert—

#### <Guidance and training for corporate parents

- (1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 63 (guidance on corporate parenting), after subsection (2) insert—
 

“(2A) Guidance must, in particular, include advice and information on—

  - (a) the Independent Care Review’s report, “the promise”, published on 5 February 2020,
  - (b) the obligations of corporate parents to children and young people to whom this Part applies,
  - (c) the meaning of the term “care-experienced”, having regard to any guidance issued under section 5 of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026,
  - (d) the ability of corporate parents to use their discretion to determine on a case-by-case basis whether aftercare should be provided,
  - (e) good practice in relation to providing support to care-experienced young people to access employment or training.

(2B) The Scottish Ministers must ensure that appropriate training is available to corporate parents, and senior leadership within bodies who are corporate parents, on the matters specified in subsection (2A).”>

**Willie Rennie**

**142** After section 3, insert—

**<Employment opportunities and support for care-experienced people**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, jointly with the persons specified in subsection (2), establish a national employment scheme to ensure that every care-experienced person under the age of 30 has guaranteed access to supported employment opportunities.
- (2) Those persons are—
  - (a) public bodies,
  - (b) local authorities,
  - (c) employers.
- (2) The national employment scheme must, in particular—
  - (a) provide support in the form of bursaries and support programmes,
  - (b) ensure flexible routes combining employment and education.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must publish annual progress reports on—
  - (a) the operation of the national employment scheme,
  - (b) the number of care experienced people supported into employment, training, or apprenticeships.>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**143** After section 3, insert—

*<Public bodies: duty to have regard to care-experienced persons*

**Duty of public bodies to have regard to care-experienced persons**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that specified public bodies must, in the exercise of their duties, have regard to the needs of care-experienced persons.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, “specified” means specified in regulations under subsection (1).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the negative procedure.>

**Section 4**

**Jackie Dunbar**

**144** In section 4, page 3, line 5, leave out <independent>

**Paul O’Kane**

**145** In section 4, page 3, line 6, after <person> insert <or a family member of a care-experienced person>

**Martin Whitfield**

**146** In section 4, page 3, line 11, at end insert—

<(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), care experience advocacy services are “independent” if they are to be provided by a person who is none of the following—

- (a) a local authority,
- (b) a Health Board,
- (c) a National Health Service trust,
- (d) a member of—
  - (i) the local authority,
  - (ii) the Health Board,
  - (iii) a National Health Service trust,

in the area of which the person to whom those services are made available is to be provided with them.

- (e) a corporate parent,
- (f) a lead children’s service planning body.

(2B) In subsection (7A)—

“corporate parent” is to be construed in accordance with section 56 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014,

“lead children’s service planning body” is to be construed in accordance with section 7 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**147** In section 4, page 3, line 11, at end insert—

<( ) For the purposes of subsection (2), services are “independent” if they are to be provided by a person who is none of the following—

- (a) a local authority,
- (b) a health board,
- (c) a National Health Service trust,
- (d) a member of—
  - (i) the local authority,
  - (ii) the health board,
  - (iii) a National Health Service trust,

in the area of which the person to whom the services are to be made available is to be provided with them,

- (e) a person who—
  - (i) in pursuance of arrangements made between that person and a Health Board, is giving medical treatment to,

- (ii) in pursuance of those arrangements, is providing, under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, treatment, care or services for, or
  - (iii) in pursuance of arrangements made between that person and a local authority, is providing, under Part II of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49) (promotion of social welfare) or any of the enactments specified in section 5(1B) of that Act, services for,
- the person to whom the services are made available.>

**Martin Whitfield**

- 148** In section 4, page 3, line 14, after <right> insert <, including those in rural and deprived areas>

**Martin Whitfield**

- 149** In section 4, page 3, line 14, at end insert—
- <(3A) In carrying out the duty in subsection (3) consideration must be given to ensuring availability in rural and deprived areas.>

**Willie Rennie**

- 150** In section 4, page 3, line 14, at end insert—
- <( ) Regulations under subsection (1) must ensure that—
- (a) care experience advocacy services—
    - (i) are fully independent from local authorities and care providers,
    - (ii) are provided on an opt-out basis,
    - (iii) prioritise long-term, relationship-based support built on trust and continuity,
  - (b) advocates can attend and contribute to key meetings and decisions affecting the care-experienced person's life, and
  - (c) there is transparent monitoring of outcomes, accessibility, and effectiveness of care experience advocacy services.>

**Jackie Dunbar**

- 151** In section 4, page 3, line 14, at end insert—
- <( ) Care experience advocacy services must be independent.
- ( ) Regulations under subsection (1) must specify criteria that care experience advocacy services must meet in order to be considered, in the different circumstances in which, or in relation to which, the services are to be provided, independent for the purposes of this section.>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

- 152** In section 4, page 3, line 36, at end insert—
- <( ) cared for or supported as a consequence of being estranged from their family,>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**153** In section 4, page 4, line 1, at end insert—

<( ) cared for or supported as a consequence of being estranged from their family,>

**Paul O’Kane**

**154** In section 4, page 4, line 6, insert—

<( ) the families of care-experienced persons,

( ) the families of persons who may become care-experienced persons by virtue of the regulations to which the consultation relates,>

**Martin Whitfield**

**155** In section 4, page 4, line 11, at end insert—

<( ) In subsection (3) and (3A), “deprived areas” means areas in the lowest 20th percentile in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**156** In section 4, page 4, line 13, at end insert—

<( ) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations define “estranged from their family” for the purposes of subsection (6).>

## Section 5

**Paul O’Kane**

**157** In section 5, page 4, line 22, after <identifying> insert <(including by way of the person’s self-identification)>

**Miles Briggs**

**158** In section 5, page 4, line 29, at end insert—

<( ) providing whole family support to kinship carers and children.>

**Roz McCall**

**159** In section 5, page 4, line 29, at end insert—

<( ) Guidance under subsection (1) must provide that a person’s entitlement to support, guidance or advocacy by virtue of being care-experienced is not affected by a change to the local authority area in which the person resides.>

**Paul O’Kane**

**160** In section 5, page 4, line 31, after <have> insert <due>

**Paul O’Kane**

- 161** In section 5, page 4, line 35, after <have> insert <due>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

- 162** In section 5, page 5, line 8, at end insert—  
 <( ) cared for or supported as a consequence of being estranged from their family,>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

- 163** In section 5, page 5, line 13, at end insert—  
 <( ) cared for or supported as a consequence of being estranged from their family,>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

- 164** In section 5, page 5, line 22, at end insert—  
 <( ) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations define “estranged from their family” for the purposes of subsection (6).>

**After section 6**

**Martin Whitfield**

- 165** After section 6, insert—
- <Guidance on restraint and seclusion in care settings**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance on the definition and use of restraint and seclusion in relation to children in care settings.
  - (2) Guidance under subsection (1) must in particular—
    - (a) define—
      - (i) “restraint”, and
      - (ii) “seclusion”
 for the purposes of this section,
    - (b) include information on monitoring, recording, and reporting instances of—
      - (i) restraint, and
      - (ii) seclusion.
  - (3) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
  - (4) For the purposes of this section, “children in care settings” includes children who are—
    - (a) looked after,
    - (b) subject to a kinship care order,



- (c) cared for or otherwise supported in such circumstances as are specified in the guidance produced under section 5(1).>

**Paul O'Kane**

**166** After section 6, insert—

*<Data collection and reporting*

**Data collection and reporting**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations establish data collection and reporting requirements for corporate parents.
- (2) The data collection requirements set out in regulations under subsection (1) must include—
  - (a) longitudinal data on the outcomes of care-experienced people throughout their lives, including—
    - (i) housing,
    - (ii) employment,
    - (iii) education and training,
  - (b) equalities data on care-experienced people and their families including—
    - (i) protected characteristics,
    - (ii) history of care-experience within the family,
  - (c) in the case of local authorities as corporate parents—
    - (i) the extent to which care experience advocacy services are utilised,
    - (ii) how care-experienced people engage with care experience advocacy services (for example whether engagement is face to face or over the phone),
  - (d) any other data the Scottish Ministers consider relevant after consulting as required by subsection (6).
- (3) The reporting requirements set out in regulations under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) require corporate parents to report annually,
  - (b) specify the matters to be reported on, which must include—
    - (i) the data collected by the corporate parent as required by any regulations under subsection (1),
    - (ii) the progress made by the corporate parent to eliminate—
      - (A) the practice of restraint of children and young people in care,
      - (B) the exclusion of care-experienced children and young people from education,
    - (iii) any other matters the Scottish Ministers consider relevant after consulting as required by subsection (6).
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may exercise the power under subsection (1) to streamline and reduce administrative burden in relation to data collection and reporting requirements placed on corporate parents.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4), regulations under subsection (1) may modify any enactment (including this Act).

- (6) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) care-experienced people,
  - (b) relevant stakeholders,
  - (c) corporate parents.
- (7) In this section—
  - “care-experienced” is to be construed in accordance with section 5(6),
  - “corporate parent” is to be construed in accordance with section 56 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**167** After section 6, insert—

*<Permanence*

**Timescales for decision on permanence**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide that any looked after child not in a situation of permanence must have a decision made on permanence within a specified timescale.
- (2) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (3) In this section—
  - “situation of permanence” means that the child—
    - (a) returns home to live with, or remains living with, the child’s birth parent or birth parents, or
    - (b) is subject to an order made under—
      - (i) section 11 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995,
      - (ii) section 28 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007, or
      - (iii) section 80 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007,
  - “specified” means specified in regulations made under subsection (1).>

**Willie Rennie**

**168** After section 6, insert—

*<Report on premature deaths of care-experienced people*

**Report on premature deaths of care-experienced people**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each reporting period, lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on the premature deaths of care-experienced people.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must provide—
  - (a) the total number of premature deaths in the reporting year,
  - (b) the cause of death for each premature death, as recorded officially,
  - (c) the type and location of care setting in which the person lived during their time in care (where known), and

- (d) any trends or learning the Scottish Ministers have identified to inform—
  - (i) prevention of premature deaths,
  - (ii) other policy development related to care or care-experienced people.
- (3) In this section—
  - “care-experienced” should be construed in accordance with section 5(6).
  - “premature death” is a death that occurs before the person has reached 65 years of age,
  - “reporting period” means—
    - (a) the period of 1 year beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
    - (b) each subsequent period of 1 year.>

### Willie Rennie

**169** After section 6, insert—

*<Corporate parents: data collection and reporting*

#### **Corporate parents: data collection and reporting**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, establish data collection, reporting and planning duties for corporate parents.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must, in particular, provide for the collection of data on—
  - (a) the views and experiences of care-experienced people of their relationships with any siblings they have,
  - (b) how the views and experiences in (a) impact on decision-making about sibling relationships,
  - (c) the provision of independent advocacy for care-experienced people.
- (3) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA).
- (4) In this section, “corporate parent” is to be construed in accordance with section 56 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.>

### **Section 8**

### **Martin Whitfield**

**170** In section 8, page 7, line 1, after <service,> insert <or

- ( ) a secure accommodation service, as defined in paragraph 6 of schedule 12 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010,>

### **Martin Whitfield**

**171** In section 8, page 7, line 36, at end insert—

- <( ) further persons to be treated as falling under subsection (3),>

## Section 10

### Martin Whitfield

- 172** In section 10, page 10, line 35, after <approved> insert <, but only if the decision not to approve the person was based on concerns about the person's suitability to work with children>

### Martin Whitfield

- 173** In section 10, page 11, line 17, at end insert—
- <( ) as to how a person to whom information in the register relates is able to—
- (i) access the personal data being held,
  - (ii) request correction of any information,>

### Roz McCall

- 174** In section 10, page 11, line 32, at end insert—
- <30BA Transparency and safeguarding in relation to the register of foster carers**
- (1) The register of foster carers must operate in a manner which promotes—
    - (a) the safeguarding and wellbeing of children placed in foster care, and
    - (b) fairness, transparency and protection from prejudice for foster carers.
  - (2) Arrangements to be made under section 30A(1) must ensure—
    - (a) the recording of information relevant to safeguarding and child protection, where such recording is necessary and proportionate,
    - (b) clear differentiation between—
      - (i) substantiated concerns, and
      - (ii) unsubstantiated, malicious or vexatious allegations,
    - (c) safeguards are in place to ensure that no adverse inference is drawn from the existence of an allegation alone,
    - (d) that foster carers have the right to be informed of information held about them on the register, except where disclosure would place a child at risk,
    - (e) that foster carers have the right to make representations and seek correction of factual inaccuracies on the register, and
    - (f) time-limited retention of information, subject to regular review.
  - (3) In exercising functions under this section, the Scottish Ministers and any other person performing functions in relation to the register must have regard to—
    - (a) the best interests of the child, and
    - (b) the need to ensure that foster carers are treated fairly and without prejudice.>

### Martin Whitfield

- 175** In section 10, page 12, leave out lines 27 to 40

**Martin Whitfield**

**176** In section 10, page 12, line 40, at end insert—

**<30DA Scottish Foster Carers Council**

- (1) The Scottish Foster Carers Council is established.
- (2) The functions of the Council are—
  - (a) to oversee the implementation of the register of foster carers,
  - (b) to ensure the register is kept up to date,
  - (c) to produce, jointly with the Scottish Ministers, guidance for foster carers on the handling of allegations against them,
  - (d) such other functions as the Scottish Ministers may authorise the Council to perform.
- (3) The persons constituting the Scottish Foster Carers Council must have experience—
  - (a) as a foster carer,
  - (b) as a kinship carer,
  - (c) working in a fostering service, or
  - (d) such other experience as the Scottish Ministers consider to be relevant.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make further provision about the Scottish Foster Carers Council.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**177** In section 10, page 13, line 26, leave out <and 30E(1)> and insert <, 30DA(4) and 30E(1)>

**Martin Whitfield**

**178** Leave out section 10 and insert—

**<Register of foster carers**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may make arrangements for the establishment and maintenance of a register of foster carers for the purposes of facilitating—
  - (a) either or both—
    - (i) the approval (or otherwise) of persons as foster carers by fostering services,
    - (ii) the placing of children with foster carers by fostering services,
  - (b) foster care generally (including improvements in foster care).
- (2) The register is to include, in relation to each person who has been approved as a foster carer by a fostering service—
  - (a) the person's name and address,
  - (b) whether—
    - (i) the person is approved as a foster carer, or
    - (ii) the person's approval as a foster carer has been terminated,
  - (c) where the person is approved as a foster carer, what foster care the person is providing,

- (d) where the person's approval as a foster carer has been terminated, the reasons for that termination,
- (e) such other information in relation to the person's current or previous approval as a foster carer as may be specified (for example, whether the person's approval relates to any child or to a particular category of children and the number of children the person is permitted to have in the person's care at any one time),
- (f) such other information about—
  - (i) the person, and
  - (ii) other members of the person's household,
 as may be specified.
- (3) The register may also include such information as is specified about persons who have been considered by a fostering service for approval as a foster carer but not so approved.
- (4) The information mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) is to be provided to the relevant person by the fostering service which approved or, as the case may be, did not approve the person to whom the information relates as a foster carer.
- (5) In this section, "specified" means specified in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.>

#### After section 10

#### Martin Whitfield

179 After section 10, insert—

#### <Register of foster carers: further provision

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in relation to—
  - (a) the arrangements to be made under section (*Register of foster carers*)(1),
  - (b) the register of foster carers.
- (2) Provision made under subsection (1) may, in particular, include provision—
  - (a) as to circumstances in which information in relation to a person who has been approved (or not approved) as a foster carer by a fostering service is not to be included in the register (and in relation to which section (*Register of foster carers*)(4) accordingly does not apply),
  - (b) as to when and how information mentioned in section (*Register of foster carers*)(2) and (3) is to be provided by a fostering service to the relevant person,
  - (c) as to when information in relation to a person is to be removed from the register,
  - (d) as to the form in which information included in the register is to be kept,
  - (e) creating offences in relation to—
    - (i) failures by fostering services to provide information as required by section (*Register of foster carers*)(4),
    - (ii) the provision of late or incorrect information,
  - (f) modifying Part 5 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 so as to—
    - (i) provide for offences created by virtue of paragraph (e) to be relevant offences,
 or



- (ii) otherwise make provision as to how the matters mentioned in paragraph (e)(i) and (ii) are to be treated,
- for the purposes of that Part,
- (g) as to the payment of fees in connection with—
  - (i) the inclusion of information in the register,
  - (ii) the disclosure of information from the register,
  - (iii) other matters relating to the register.>

### **Martin Whitfield**

**180** After section 10, insert—

#### **<Disclosure of information**

- (1) The register of foster carers is not to be open to public inspection or search.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers, by regulations—
  - (a) must authorise the disclosure of information derived from the register by the relevant person to a fostering service for a purpose mentioned in section (*Register of foster carers*)(1)(a),
  - (b) may authorise the disclosure of information derived from the register by the relevant person to other persons for the purpose mentioned in section (*Register of foster carers*)(1)(b), for example, for use—
    - (i) for statistical or research purposes,
    - (ii) in identifying training, development and other support needs of foster carers,
  - (c) may authorise the disclosure of information derived from the register by a fostering service to other persons for purposes specified in the regulations.
- (3) Authority to disclose information by virtue of regulations made under subsection (2) is subject to any further provision made in the regulations as to such disclosure, including provision—
  - (a) setting out conditions on which information may be disclosed (for example, a condition that information for use as mentioned in subsection (2)(b)(i) or (ii) must be anonymised),
  - (b) specifying steps to be taken by a fostering service in relation to information disclosed to it.
- (4) It is an offence to disclose any information derived from the register other than in accordance with regulations made under subsection (2).
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply to a disclosure of information by or with the authority of the Scottish Ministers.
- (6) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to—
  - (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months,
  - (b) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
  - (c) both.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**181** After section 10, insert—

**<Establishment and maintenance of register by person other than Scottish Ministers**

- (1) Arrangements made by the Scottish Ministers under section (*Register of foster carers*)(1) may in particular—
  - (a) authorise an organisation to perform the Scottish Ministers' functions in relation to the register (other than functions of making subordinate legislation),
  - (b) provide for the Scottish Ministers to make payments to an organisation authorised under paragraph (a).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must publish arrangements under section (*Register of foster carers*)(1) in so far as they authorise an organisation as mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (3) An organisation authorised in pursuance of subsection (1) must perform functions delegated to it in accordance with any directions (general or specific) given to it by the Scottish Ministers.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**182** After section 10, insert—

**<Pilot scheme**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, provide for the carrying out of a pilot scheme in relation to the register of foster carers.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that arrangements made under section (*Register of foster carers*)(1) are, for a period specified in the regulations, to apply—
  - (a) only—
    - (i) in relation to such fostering services as are specified in the regulations (for example, fostering services operating in a particular area), or
    - (ii) in relation to such matters as are specified in the regulations (for example, the identification of persons who are able to provide respite foster care), or
  - (b) in relation to such fostering services as are specified in the regulations, in relation to such matters as are specified in the regulations.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement describing—
  - (a) the pilot scheme, and
  - (b) how they intend to evaluate the pilot scheme.
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament—
  - (a) an evaluation of the pilot scheme, and
  - (b) a statement describing what action they intend to take in connection with section (*Register of foster carers*)(1) as a result of the pilot scheme.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**183** After section 10, insert—

### <Register of foster carers: procedure for regulations

Regulations under sections (*Register of foster carers*)(2)(e) and (f) and (3), (*Register of foster carers: further provision*)(1), (*Disclosure of information*)(2) and (*Pilot scheme*)(1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

### Martin Whitfield

184 After section 10, insert—

### <Register of foster carers: interpretation

In sections (*Register of foster carers*) to (*Register of foster carers: procedure for regulations*)—

“foster carer” means a person approved as suitable to be a foster carer in accordance with the Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (S.S.I. 2009/210) (and references to a person being approved or not approved as a foster carer, or to a person’s approval being terminated, are to be construed accordingly),

“fostering service” means a service which is provided by—

- (a) a local authority under paragraph (a) of section 26(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (fostering of children looked after by a local authority), or
- (b) a person other than a local authority and which consists of, or includes, the making of arrangements for or in connection with the performance of functions assigned to a local authority—
  - (i) under that paragraph, or
  - (ii) by virtue of section 5(2) to (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (regulations relating to performance of functions assigned to a local authority under that Act),

“register of foster carers” means the register established and maintained under section (*Register of foster carers*)(1),

“relevant person” means—

- (a) where the Scottish Ministers have authorised an organisation to perform the Scottish Ministers’ functions in relation to the register under section (*Establishment and maintenance of register by person other than Scottish Ministers*), that person,
- (b) otherwise, the Scottish Ministers.>

### Miles Briggs

185 After section 10, insert—

### <Review of children’s care services

### Review of children’s care services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must undertake a review of the provision and delivery of services in the children’s care system, including any bureaucratic barriers to accessing or delivering such services.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the review under subsection (1) within 1 year of Royal Assent.>

## After section 11

### Martin Whitfield

**186** After section 11, insert—

#### <Continuity of children's hearing chair

- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 6, after subsection (4B) insert—
 

“(4C) Where the National Convener selects under subsection (4) one of the members of the children's hearing to chair the hearing, the National Convener must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure the same member of the children's hearing is selected to chair the hearing as chaired any previous meetings relating to that child.”>

## Section 12

### Martin Whitfield

**187** In section 12, page 19, line 14, at end insert—

<( ) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) In making a determination under sub-paragraph (1)(b), the National Convener must have regard to whether the chairing member has—

- (a) relevant legal knowledge, including—
  - (i) knowledge of child law and practice, including the rights of children and their families,
  - (ii) a clear understanding of the children's hearing system and the statutory and non-statutory child protection and care framework in Scotland,
  - (iii) knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system and how it is experienced by children and families who come into contact with the care system,
- (b) tribunal skills, such as the ability to—
  - (i) manage hearings,
  - (ii) exercise sound judgement,
  - (iii) preside over proceedings,
  - (iv) mediate challenging discussions,
  - (v) share and interpret complex information in a person-centred way,
- (c) personal qualities, such as—
  - (i) kindness,
  - (ii) compassion,
  - (iii) empathy,

- (iv) strong communication skills,
- (d) such other skills and competences as the National Convener considers relevant.”.>

## Section 13

### Martin Whitfield

**188** Leave out section 13 and insert—

#### <Child’s attendance at children’s hearings and hearings before sheriff

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 73 (child’s duty to attend hearing)—
  - (a) in subsection (3), after paragraph (a) insert—
    - “(ab) the attendance of the child at the hearing, or that part of the hearing, would place the child’s health, safety or development at risk,”
  - (b) after subsection (3) insert—
    - “(3A) in considering whether to excuse a child under subsection (3), the children’s hearing must—
      - (a) consider whether the child’s non-attendance at the hearing would unfairly prejudice their right to a fair trial under article 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child or article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights,
      - (b) give due weight to any views expressed by the child in relation to their attendance, in line with article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.”.
- (3) In section 103 (child’s duty to attend hearing unless excused)—
  - (a) in subsection (3), after paragraph (a) insert—
    - “(ab) the attendance of the child at the hearing, or that part of the hearing, would place the child’s health, safety or development at risk,”
  - (b) after subsection (3) insert—
    - “(3A) in considering whether to excuse a child under subsection (3), the children’s hearing must consider whether—
      - (a) the child’s non-attendance at the hearing would unfairly prejudice their right to a fair trial under article 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child or article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights,
      - (b) give due weight to any views expressed by the child in relation to their attendance, in line with article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.”.>

## Section 14

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**189** In section 14, page 24, leave out line 20 and insert—

<(c) that the child will be referred to children’s advocacy services, unless the child intimates that they do not wish to be referred.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**190** In section 14, page 24, line 35, at end insert—

**<69AB Time limit on concluding proceedings**

(1) This section applies to—

(a) a children’s hearing arranged under section 69B or 69C, or

(b) an application to the sheriff under section 69D or 69E.

(2) The children’s hearing must reach a decision, or, as the case may, be the sheriff must make a determination, within 3 months of the date on which the Principal Reporter prepared the statement of grounds under section 69(1A).>

**Martin Whitfield**

**191** In section 14, page 29, line 39, at the beginning insert <In respect of a child aged 5 or over,>

**Martin Whitfield**

**192** In section 14, page 30, line 3, after <where> insert—

<( ) the child is under 5 years of age, or

( )>

## Section 16

**Martin Whitfield**

**193** In section 16, page 39, line 10, after <under> insert <—

( ) Article 16 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,  
or

( )>

**Martin Whitfield**

**194** In section 16, page 39, line 26, at end insert—

<“United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child” means the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989>



## After section 16

**Martin Whitfield**

**195** After section 16, insert—

*<Infant safeguarders*

### **Infant safeguarders**

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 9 (independence of children’s hearings), insert—

*“Infant safeguarders*

#### **9A Infant safeguarders**

- (1) The National Convener must appoint an infant safeguarder to any child under the age of 5 in relation to whom a children’s hearing has been arranged.
- (2) The infant safeguarder must attend any children’s hearing relating to the child to whom they have been appointed to represent the lived experience of that child.
- (3) When appointing a person under subsection (1), the National Convener must consider—
  - (a) whether that person has the skills and competences that the National Convener considers necessary to determine the views of children under 5 years of age,
  - (b) any specialist training that person has undertaken on—
    - (i) early child development,
    - (ii) infant mental health,
    - (iii) the impact of trauma on infants.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, provide for the carrying out of a pilot scheme in relation to the use of infant safeguarders.
- (5) The pilot scheme must be—
  - (a) time limited to such period as the regulations specify,
  - (b) developed after having sought, and had regard to, the views of relevant experts.
- (6) If a pilot scheme under subsection (4) has not been introduced within 6 months of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 receiving Royal Assent, the Scottish Ministers must lay a statement before the Parliament stating why not.
- (7) As soon as reasonably practicable after the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (5)(a), the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament—
  - (a) an evaluation of the pilot scheme, and
  - (b) a statement describing what action they intend to take in connection with this section as a result of the pilot scheme.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (4) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**196** After section 16, insert—

*<Permanence*

**Post-hearing report on permanence**

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 97 (application of Part where compulsory supervision order in force) insert—

**“97A Post-hearing report on permanence**

- (1) Where a children’s hearing has concluded in relation to a child who, at the time of the hearing, was not in a situation of permanence, the Principal Reporter must, within 3 months of the conclusion of the children’s hearing, prepare a report on permanence.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) identify whether the child has, since conclusion of the hearing, reached a situation of permanence, and
  - (b) if not, set out the steps that the Principal Reporter considers necessary to ensure that the child reaches a situation of permanence as quickly as possible,
  - (c) recommend what form of permanence, in the view of the Principal Reporter, would be in the best interests of the child.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may issue guidance on the meaning of “permanence” for the purposes of this section.
- (4) Before issuing guidance under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.”.>

**Roz McCall**

**197** After section 16, insert—

*<Independent representation for infants*

**Independent representation for infants**

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 122 (children’s advocacy services), insert—

*“Independent representation for infants*

**122A Independent representation for infants**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for the appointment of an independent person to represent the interests of an infant to whom a children’s hearing relates.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision about—
  - (a) the cases in which such a representative is to be appointed,
  - (b) the functions of a representative,
  - (c) the qualifications or training that a representative is required to have,

- (d) the infant's participation in proceedings before a children's hearing or the sheriff.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1)—
  - (a) may amend this Act,
  - (b) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (4) In this section “infant” means a child under 3 years old.”.>

**Roz McCall**

**198** After section 16, insert—

*<Report on waiting times*

**Report on waiting times**

- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 190 (effect of orders made outwith Scotland), insert—

*“Report on waiting times*

**190A Report on waiting times**

- (1) The Principal Reporter must prepare and publish reports on waiting times relating to proceedings under this Act, in particular—
  - (a) the period between the Principal Reporter receiving any of the items referred to in section 66(1)(a) and the preparation of a statement of grounds under section 69(1A), and
  - (b) the period between the preparation of a statement of grounds and the holding of the first children's hearing in relation to that child.
- (2) Reports under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) be published at intervals of not more than 12 months,
  - (b) include information disaggregated by local authority area, and
  - (c) include such other information as the Scottish Ministers may specify by regulations.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about—
  - (a) the form and content of reports under this section, and
  - (b) the publication and dissemination of such reports.
- (4) Regulations under this section are subsection to the affirmative procedure.”.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**199** After section 16, insert—

## <PART

### SAFE BABY HEARINGS

#### *Safe baby hearings*

#### **Safe baby hearings pilot scheme**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for the carrying out of a pilot scheme in relation to safe baby hearings.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that arrangements are to be made for a period specified in the regulations for the holding of safe baby hearings.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (2), a safe baby hearing is a hearing—
  - (a) relating to a child—
    - (i) under 5 years of age,
    - (ii) who is looked after or at risk of becoming looked after,
  - (b) that utilises expertise in—
    - (i) ascertaining the views of babies and infants,
    - (ii) trauma-informed practice,
    - (iii) evidence-based approaches,
  - (c) that prioritises outcomes of—
    - (i) children being able to remain safely in the care of their birth families,
    - (ii) children finding a permanent home as quickly as possible.
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement describing—
  - (a) the pilot scheme,
  - (b) how they intend to evaluate the pilot scheme.
- (5) As soon as reasonably practicable after the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (2), the Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament—
  - (a) an evaluation of the pilot scheme,
  - (b) a statement describing what action they intend to take as a result of the pilot scheme.
- (6) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

### **Section 18**

#### **Martin Whitfield**

**200** In section 18, page 44, line 22, leave out <availability of> <child's referral to>

#### **Martin Whitfield**

**201** In section 18, page 44, line 22, at end insert—

<( ) the availability of child-centred legal advice and representation.”.>

**Martin Whitfield**

- 202** In section 18, page 44, line 35, leave out <availability of> and insert <child's referral to>

**Martin Whitfield**

- 203** In section 18, page 45, line 6, leave out <availability of> and insert <child's referral to>

**Martin Whitfield**

- 204** In section 18, page 45, line 14, leave out <availability of> and insert <child's referral to>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

- 205** In section 18, page 45, line 14, at end insert—
- <( ) In section 122 (children's advocacy services), in subsection (7)—
- (a) after “means” insert “independent”,
- (b) after “hearing” insert “(including, where appropriate, non-instructed advocacy)”.>

**After section 18**

**Martin Whitfield**

- 206** After section 18, insert—
- <Children's advocacy services**
- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 122 (children's advocacy services)—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
- (i) leave out “availability of” and insert “child's referral to”,
- (ii) after “services” insert “and the child's ability to refuse those services”,
- (b) after subsection (3) insert—
- “(3A) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision to ensure where a child is referred to the Principal Reporter by virtue of this Act, the child is referred to children's advocacy services, unless that child refuses those services.”.>

**After section 21**

**Miles Briggs**

**Supported by: Martin Whitfield, Roz McCall**

- 207** After section 21, insert—
- <Family group decision making: information to be provided to the Principal Reporter**
- (1) The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 60 (local authority's duty to provide information to Principal Reporter), after subsection (3) insert—

- “(4) Where subsection (2) applies the local authority must also provide the Principal Reporter with information on—
- (a) the availability of family group decision making in the area,
  - (b) whether family group decision making has been, or will be, considered in relation to the child,
  - (c) the response and any report or views gathered through any family group decision making that has already been undertaken.
- (5) In subsection (4), “family group decision making” should be construed in accordance with guidance produced by the Scottish Ministers under section (*National standards and practice guidance on family group decision making*) of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026.”.>

### Miles Briggs

**208** After section 21, insert—

**<Principal Reporter to consider whether family group decision making should be offered**

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- 5 (2) In section 66 (investigation and determination by Principal Reporter)— after subsection (4) insert—
- (a) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) The Principal Reporter must require a local authority to give the Principal Reporter a report on—
- 10 (a) whether family group decision making is available,
- (b) whether an offer of family group decision making has been made to the child and the child’s family.”,
- (b) in subsection (5), for the words “subsection (4)” substitute “subsections (4) and (4A)”.>

### Martin Whitfield

**208A** As an amendment to amendment 208, line 12, at end insert—

- <(4B) Where family group decision making has not been offered to the child and the child’s family, the Principal Reporter must consider whether it would be appropriate to offer family group decision making—
- (a) while the Principal Reporter investigates, or
  - (b) as a recommendation as part of a Principal’s Reporter’s determination that it is not necessary for a compulsory supervision order to be made in respect of the child.”.>

### Willie Rennie

**209** After section 21, insert—



## <CHAPTER

### PLACES OF SAFETY FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

#### **Places of safety for children who have been arrested**

- (1) The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 4 (arrested person to be taken to police station), in subsection (1)—
  - (a) in subsection (1),
    - (i) the words “a police station” the second time they occur become paragraph (a),
    - (ii) in paragraph (a) after “station” insert “, in the case of a person 18 years of age or more,
    - (iii) after paragraph (a) insert—
 

“(b) a place of safety, in the case of a person under 18 years of age.”
  - (b) after subsection (3) insert—
 

“(4) The place of safety to which a person is taken under subsection (1)(b) must not be a police station unless an appropriate constable certifies that no appropriate alternative location is available.
  - (5) In this section “place of safety” has the meaning given in section 202(1) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011”>

#### **Miles Briggs**

**210** After section 21, insert—

## <PART

### FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

#### **Report on family group decision making**

- 5 (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 3 years of Royal Assent, produce a report on family group decision making provision in Scotland.
- (2) In preparing the report, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) the National Family Group Decision Making Steering Group,
  - (b) each local authority.
  - 10 (c) third sector providers of family group decision making services,
  - (d) the Principal Reporter,
  - (e) the National Convener of Children’s Hearings Scotland,
  - (f) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) The report must be—
  - 15 (a) published,
  - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) In this section, “family group decision making” should be construed in accordance with guidance produced by the Scottish Ministers under section (*National standards and practice guidance for family group decision making*).>

**Martin Whitfield**

**210A** As an amendment to amendment 210, line 6, at end insert—

- <( ) The report must set out—
- (a) which local authorities offer family group decision making services,
  - (b) whether family group decision making services that are available operate in a manner that is consistent with the National Standards and Practice Guidance produced by the National Family Group Decision Making Steering Group,
  - (c) what further actions need to be taken to ensure that family group decision making is accessible throughout all local authority areas.>

**Roz McCall**

**211** After section 21, insert—

**<PART**

**FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING**

**Report on family group decision making**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within one year of Royal Assent produce a report on family group decision making provision and sustainability in Scotland.
- (2) The report must be—
  - (a) published,
  - (b) laid before the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) In this section, “family group decision making” should be construed in accordance with article 2 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Services in relation to Children at Risk of Becoming Looked After etc.) Order 2016.>

**Willie Rennie**

**212** After section 21, insert—

**<PART**

**FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING**

**Guidance on family group decision making**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable, produce and publish guidance on family group decision making in the children’s care system.
- (2) Guidance under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) set out a definition of “family group decision making”,
  - (b) include information on—
    - (i) how family group decision making is offered to children, young people, and families,
    - (ii) how family group decision making supports early intervention, family participation in decision making, and the fulfilment of children’s rights,

- (iii) any measures that should be taken to ensure accessibility and consistency of family group decision making.
- (c) refer to existing Family Group Decision Making National Standards and Practice Guidance developed by the National Family Group Decision Making Steering Group,
- (d) give consideration to how family group decision making may connect with and support—
  - (i) child protection guidance,
  - (ii) unborn babies and pre-birth assessments,
  - (iii) children at child protection case conferences,
  - (iv) plans to return to family or otherwise leave secure or residential care.>

**Willie Rennie**

**213** After section 21, insert—

**<PART**

FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

*Family group decision making*

**Duty to provide family group decision making**

- (1) Lead children’s services planning bodies in relation to the area of a local authority must make arrangements to ensure the availability of family group decision making for children and families.
- (2) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended in accordance with subsection (3).
- (3) In section 13 (reporting on children’s services plan), after subsection (1) insert—
  - “(1A) A report under subsection (1) must also set out how the lead children’s services planning body has complied with the duty in section (*Duty to provide family group decision making*) of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026.”
- (4) In this section “family group decision making” should be construed in accordance with guidance produced under section (*Guidance on family group decision making*).>

**Willie Rennie**

**214** After section 21, insert—

**<PART**

FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

*Family group decision making*

**Duty to promote family group decision making**

- (1) A local authority must take reasonable steps to ensure that those persons specified in subsection (2) are made aware of any family group decision making services that are available within the local authority area.

- (2) Those persons are—
  - (a) a child who is at risk of becoming looked after,
  - (b) a parent of any such child,
  - (c) any other person with parental rights or responsibilities in relation to any such child.
- (3) The duty under subsection (1)—
  - (a) only applies where the local authority considers fulfilling the duty to be in the best interests of the child,
  - (b) includes providing clear, accessible information on the—
    - (i) purpose of,
    - (ii) process for, and
    - (iii) potential outcomes of,
 family group decision making.
- (4) In this section “family group decision making” should be construed in accordance with guidance produced under section (*Guidance on family group decision making*).>

### Willie Rennie

**215** After section 21, insert—

#### <PART

#### FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

#### *Family group decision making*

#### **Right to access family group decision making**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations confer rights of access to family group decision making services for children at risk of becoming looked after.
- (2) “Family group decision making services” has the meaning that the Scottish Ministers specify in regulations under subsection (1).>

#### **After section 22**

### Miles Briggs

**216** After section 22, insert—

#### <Reporting on children’s services plans

- (1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 13 (reporting on children’s services plan) after subsection (1) insert—
  - “(1A) A report under subsection (1) must include information on services relating to the—
    - (a) provision of care for children with life-shortening conditions,
    - (b) transition of care from childhood to adulthood for people with life-shortening conditions.”.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**217** After section 22, insert—

**<PART**

APPLICATION OF UNCRC (INCORPORATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2024

**Expiry of provisions not in scope of UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024**

- (1) Any provision of this Act to which Part 4 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 does not apply expires on 5 February 2030.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 5 February 2029, lay before the Scottish Parliament a statement—
  - (a) identifying any provision that will expire under subsection (1), and
  - (b) setting out what steps, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take to prevent such provisions from expiring.>

**Martin Whitfield**

**218** After section 22, insert—

**<PART**

REVIEW OF THE ACT

**Report on operation of Act**

- (1) The Scottish Parliament must make arrangements for one of its committees or sub-committees to report in accordance with this section to the Scottish Parliament on the operation of this Act during the review period.
- (2) In this section, the “review period” means the period—
  - (a) beginning on the day on which section 1 comes into force, and
  - (b) ending 18 months after that day, or
  - (c) such shorter period as the committee or sub-committee considers appropriate.
- (3) The committee or sub-committee must—
  - (a) consider to what extent this Act has been successful in fulfilling “the promise”,
  - (b) what further steps need to be taken to ensure “the promise” is fulfilled.
- (4) In subsection (3), “the promise” means the Independent Care Review’s report, “the promise”, published on 5 February 2020.
- (5) A report under subsection (1) must be made no later than 6 months after the end of the review period.
- (6) The Scottish Parliament must publish a report made under subsection (1).>

**Ross Greer**

**Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon**

**219** After section 22, insert—

## <PART

### REVIEW OF THE ACT

#### Review of operation of the Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later 2 years following commencement of this section, review the operation of this Act.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable following the conclusion of the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the review.
- (3) The report under subsection (2) must include a statement of any further action the Scottish Ministers consider necessary to implement the recommendations of the Independent Care Review's report, "the promise", published on 5 February 2020.>

#### Willie Rennie

**220** After section 22, insert—

## <PART

### REVIEW OF THE ACT

#### Review of operation of the Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later 2 years following commencement of this section, review the operation of this Act.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable following the conclusion of the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the review.
- (3) A report under subsection (2) must include—
  - (a) consideration of what further action may be needed in order to fulfil the promise by 2030,
  - (b) progress made in eliminating—
    - (i) the practice of restraint of children and young people in care,
    - (ii) the exclusion of care-experienced people from education,
  - (c) longitudinal data on outcomes for care-experienced adults and a statement of how this is being used to inform policy to address inequalities,
  - (d) equalities data on care-experienced people and the families of care-experienced people, including—
    - (i) protected characteristics,
    - (ii) history of care experience.
- (4) In subsection (3)(a), "the promise" means the recommendations set out in the Independent Care Review's report, "the promise", published on 5 February 2020.>

## Section 24

#### Paul O'Kane

**221** In section 24, page 49, line 36, after <4> insert <and section (*Data collection and reporting*)>

### **Martin Whitfield**

- 222** In section 24, page 49, line 36, after <4> insert <and section (*Timescales for decision on permanence*)>

### **Willie Rennie**

- 223** In section 24, page 49, line 36 after <4> insert <and section (*Right to access family group decision making*)>

### **Willie Rennie**

- 224** In section 24, page 49, line 36 after <4> insert <and section (*Corporate parents: data collection and reporting*)>

## **Section 26**

### **Paul O'Kane**

- 225** In section 26, page 50, line 12, leave out <Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning)> and insert <Promise>



## Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill — Stage 2

### Before section 1

#### Rhoda Grant

**166** Before section 1, insert—

#### <Residency duty: sole or main residence

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 5AA (crofters: residency duty)—
  - (a) the existing words become subsection (1),
  - (b) in subsection (1), for “crofter must be ordinarily resident” substitute “crofter’s sole or main residence must be”,
  - (c) after subsection (1) insert—
    - “(2) A crofter must provide satisfactory evidence to the Commission of their compliance with the duty mentioned in subsection (1).
    - (3) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision about the type of evidence that is to be provided by the crofter under subsection (2).”.
- (3) In section 60, (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “under” insert “section 5AA(3)”.>

### Section 1

#### Tim Eagle

**167** In section 1, page 1, line 22, at end insert <or

- (c) puts the croft to any environmental use but does not comply with the conditions mentioned in section 5C(3A).>

#### Beatrice Wishart

**168** In section 1, page 2, line 7, after <must> insert <by themselves or with their family, with or without hired labour>

#### Tim Eagle

**169** In section 1, page 2, line 17, at end insert—

<( ) after subsection (3), insert—

- “(3A) A crofter may only put the croft to a use mentioned in subsection (2)(a)(ii) if—
  - (a) the crofter is present on the land, and
  - (b) the croft is being actively used.”,>

#### Tim Eagle

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

<but may not include the person engaging in a use for the purpose of the generation, transmission or storage of renewable energy (except where the land is not suitable for food production or the keeping of livestock) or for the purpose of rewilding.>

## Section 2

### Edward Mountain

- 171** In section 2, page 3, line 31, leave out <as follows> and insert <by subsections (2) and (3)>

### Edward Mountain

- 172** In section 2, page 4, line 9, at end insert—
- <( ) The Crofting Commission must, within 2 years of Royal Assent, publish a policy setting out standard working practices relating to the performance of its functions and duties, including reasonable timescales for the making of decisions on applications received under sections 5C and 21B of the 1993 Act.>

## Section 3

### Rhoda Grant

- 173** In section 3, page 4, line 23, at end insert—
- <(g) the Scottish Ministers.”>

### Rhoda Grant

- 174** In section 3, page 4, line 23, at end insert—
- <( ) after subsection (3) insert—
- “(3A) A person mentioned in subsection (3)(d) that provides information relating to a matter mentioned in subsection (2) may request that their identity be kept anonymous.
- (3B) Where a person makes a request under subsection (3A), the Commission must not disclose their identity to any other person unless required by any other enactment or rule of law.”>

### Rhoda Grant

- 175** In section 3, page 4, line 24, at end insert—
- <( ) after subsection (5) insert—
- “(6) In considering under subsection (5) whether information received is frivolous or vexatious, the Commission may take into account whether it has previously determined under that subsection that the individual has provided information that was frivolous or vexatious.”>

## Section 8

### Rhoda Grant

- 176 In section 8, page 10, line 8, after <of> insert <—
- (i) a croft (or crofts) the total area of which exceeds 500 hectares, or
  - (ii)>

## After section 8

### Rhoda Grant

- 177 After section 8, insert—

*<Crofters' right to buy*

#### Abolition of crofters' right to buy

- (1) Sections 12 to 19A of the 1993 Act (rights of crofters to acquire their subjects) are repealed.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make any necessary provision in consequence of subsection (1).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2)—
  - (a) may modify any enactment (including this Act),
  - (b) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

## Section 9

### Rhoda Grant

- 178 In section 9, page 10, line 23, at end insert—
- <( ) in paragraph (a), for “(4)” substitute “(4A)”,>

### Rhoda Grant

- 179 In section 9, page 10, line 37, at end insert—
- <( ) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) The fourth condition is that the Commission is satisfied that the person is able to comply with the duties mentioned in section 19C.”.>

### Ariane Burgess

- 180 In section 9, page 10, line 37, at end insert—
- <( ) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) The fourth condition is that the person has provided satisfactory evidence that they will comply with the duties in section 19C(2)(a) and (c).”.>

### Ariane Burgess

- 181 In section 9, page 11, line 5, after <about> insert <—

(a)>

**Ariane Burgess**

**182** In section 9, page 11, line 8, at end insert—

<(b) the type of evidence that is to be provided by the person in respect of the fourth condition.>

**Rhoda Grant**

**183** In section 9, page 11, line 19, at end insert—

<(1A) But the Commission may not make a determination under subsection (1) unless it is satisfied that the applicant is able to comply with the duties mentioned in section 19C.”.>

**Rhoda Grant**

**184** In section 9, page 11, leave out lines 26 to 28

## Section 10

**Ariane Burgess**

**185** In section 10, page 12, line 5, after <person> insert <who is not mentioned in subsection (2A) or>

**Ariane Burgess**

**186** In section 10, page 12, line 7, at end insert—

<(2A) A person referred to in subsection (2) is—

(a) a local community group,

(b) a non-for-profit organisation.>

## After section 10

**Rhoda Grant**

**187** After section 10, insert—

### <Requirement to let croft where owner-occupier status not met

(1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.

(2) After section 19BB (as inserted by section 10 of this Act) insert—

#### “19BC Requirement to let croft where owner-occupier status not met

(1) Where the Commission determines under section 19B(4A) or 19BA(1A) that it is not satisfied that the owner of a croft is able to meet the duties mentioned in section 19C, the Commission must direct the owner to let the croft to a person as a crofter.

(2) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make further provision regarding the requirement for an owner to let a croft under subsection (1).

(3) Regulations under subsection (2) may modify any enactment (including this Act).”.

(3) In section 60 (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 19BC(2),”.>

### **Rhoda Grant**

**188** After section 10, insert—

#### *<Resumption*

#### **Purposes for which resumption by landlord may be authorised**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 20 (resumption of croft or part of croft by landlord), subsection (1), for “the croft or of the estate or to the public interest or” substitute “the public interest, the interests of the community in the locality of the croft, and ”.>

### **Rhoda Grant**

**189** After section 10, insert—

#### *<Consent for absence from croft*

#### **Abolition of right to apply for consent for absence from croft**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) Sections 21B to 21D (consent for absence from croft) are repealed.
- (3) In section 26 (provisions as to removal of crofter), subsection (1A), paragraph (b) is repealed.
- (4) In section 26B (enforcement of duties of crofters and owner-occupied crofters: general)—
  - (a) in subsection (2), paragraph (b) is repealed,
  - (b) in subsection (3), paragraph (b) is repealed.
- (5) In section 26E (circumstances where the Commission may not take action under section 26H or 26J), paragraph (f) is repealed.
- (6) In section 40A (annual notices)—
  - (a) in subsection (2), paragraph (b)(i) is repealed,
  - (b) in subsection (3), paragraph (b)(i) is repealed.>

### **After section 11**

### **Rhoda Grant**

**190** After section 11, insert—

#### **<Requirement for proposed crofter to be aware of duties**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 8 (assignation of croft), after subsection (1B) insert—

- “(1C) Where consent is applied for under subsection (1), the Commission may not grant that consent unless it is satisfied that the proposed assignee is aware of the duties they would have as a crofter, following any such assignation, under sections 5AA, 5B and 5C.”.
- (3) After section 19BB (as inserted by section 10 of this Act) insert—
- “19BC Regulations on requirement for proposed owner to be aware of owner-occupier duties**
- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, make provision requiring that before any person may—
- (a) acquire title to a croft as the nominee of a crofter, or
  - (b) purchase a croft from a constituting landlord,
- the Commission must be satisfied that the person is aware of the duties of an owner-occupier crofter under section 19C.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may modify any enactment (including this Act).”.
- (4) In section 23 (vacant crofts)—
- (a) after subsection (3) insert—
 

“(3ZZA) Where approval is applied for under subsection (3), the Commission may not grant that approval unless it is satisfied that the person that the croft (or any part of such a croft) is proposed to be let to is aware of the duties they would have as a crofter, following any such approval, under sections 5AA, 5B and 5C.”,
  - (b) after subsection (5C) insert—
 

“(5CA) The Commission may not make a determination under subsection (5C) to let the croft to an applicant unless it is satisfied that the applicant is aware of the duties they would have as a crofter, following any such determination, under sections 5AA, 5B and 5C.”.
- (5) In section 60 (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 19BC(1),”.>

## After section 14

### Ariane Burgess

**191** After section 14, insert—

#### *<Financial assistance*

#### **Financial assistance for croft houses: loans**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 42 (crofters)—
- (a) in subsection (1), after “grants” insert “and loans”,
  - (b) in subsection (1A), after “grants” insert “and loans”,

- (c) in subsection (2)—
  - (i) in paragraph (a), after “grants” insert “and loans”,
  - (ii) in paragraph (b), after “grant” insert “or loan”,
  - (iii) in paragraph (c), after each instance of “grant” insert “or loan”,
- (d) in subsection (4), after “grants” insert “and loans”,
- (e) in subsection (6)—
  - (i) in paragraph (a), after “grant” insert “or loan”,
  - (ii) in paragraph (b), after each instance of “grant” insert “or loan”,
- (f) in subsection (8), after each instance of “grant” insert “or loan”,
- (g) in subsection (9), after “grants” insert “and loans”,
- (h) in subsection (9A), after “grants” insert “or loans”
- (i) in subsection (10), after “grant” insert “or loan”.>

### Ariane Burgess

**192** After section 14, insert—

*<Financial assistance*

#### **Financial assistance: duty to provide loans**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 46A (regulations concerning loans), in subsection (1), for “may” substitute “must”.>

### **Section 15**

### Rhoda Grant

**193** In section 15, page 17, line 6, leave out <Except in so far as the conveyance expressly provides otherwise,>

### **After section 15**

### Rhoda Grant

**194** After section 15, insert—

#### **<Separation of grazing shares from croft**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 52ZA (as inserted by section 15 of this Act) insert—

#### **“52ZB Separation of grazing shares from croft**

- (1) Any shares in grazing land must not be separated from the croft to which it pertains without the consent of the Commission.



- (2) The Commission may not grant consent under subsection (1) unless it is satisfied that the separation is justifiable and in the best interests of the crofting community of the township within which the land is situated.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision regarding the granting of consent under subsection (1), including how consent may be sought.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may modify any enactment (including this Act).”.
- (3) In section 60 (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 52ZB(3),”.>

### Rhoda Grant

**195** After section 15, insert—

#### <Reunification of grazing shares with croft

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 52ZA (as inserted by section 15 of this Act) insert—
  - “52ZB Reunification of grazing shares with croft**
  - (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision to enable the reunification of any share in grazing land with the croft to which it once pertained.
  - (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may modify any enactment (including this Act).”.
- (3) In section 60 (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 52ZB(1).”.>

## Section 18

### Ariane Burgess

**196** In section 18, page 21, line 28, leave out <, includes (but> and insert <to having the right to exclusive economic and recreational use, including (but>

### Rhoda Grant

**197** In section 18, page 22, line 19, leave out from beginning to <section> in line 23

### Ariane Burgess

**198** In section 18, page 23, line 37, at end insert—

#### <50ZB Use of common grazings for forestry or environmental purposes: entitlement to financial benefit

A grazings committee is entitled to any financial benefit arising from activities carried out following a determination under section 50ZA(3) or (4) to—

- (a) plant trees on, and use as woodlands (within the meaning of section 50), any part of the common grazing, or

- (b) use any part of the common grazing for an environmental purpose (within the meaning of section 50).”.>

### After section 18

#### Edward Mountain

**199** After section 18, insert—

#### <Consultation on common grazings

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 2 years of Royal Assent, undertake a consultation on measures to improve the regulation of common grazings.
- (2) The consultation under subsection (1) must, in particular, include consideration of—
  - (a) measures to increase the number of common grazings for which a grazings committee is appointed,
  - (b) measures to improve transparency in relation to the persons holding shares in common grazings, and
  - (c) action that may be taken where such persons referred to in paragraph (b) cannot be identified.>

### After section 20

#### Ariane Burgess

**200** After section 20, insert—

#### <New crofts

#### Land outwith crofting counties: request for designation

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 3A (new crofts), after subsection (1) insert—
 

“(1A) Any person may request that the Scottish Ministers designate an area outwith the crofting counties for the purposes of subsection (1)(b).

(1B) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in connection with requests under subsection (1A).”.
- (3) In section 60, (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “under” insert “section 3A(1B)”.>

#### Ariane Burgess

**201** After section 20, insert—

#### <New crofts

#### Duty to consider request to constitute public land as a croft

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 3A (new crofts)—
  - (a) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The Scottish Ministers must give consideration to a reasonable request from a community body for the Scottish Ministers to apply under subsection (1) to have constituted as a croft an area of public land.”,

(b) after subsection (13) insert—

“(14) In this section, “community body” means—

- (a) a community body within the meaning of section 34 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, or
- (b) a crofting community body within the meaning of section 71 of that Act.”.>

## Rhoda Grant

**202** After section 20, insert—

*<Carbon units*

### **Rights of crofters to carbon units**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 19A insert—

*“Rights of crofters to carbon units*

#### **19AB Rights of crofters to carbon units**

- (1) A crofter is entitled to any financial benefit arising from the crediting of carbon units generated by activities carried out by—
  - (a) the crofter on the croft,
  - (b) the grazings committee on any common grazing to which the crofter holds a right.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in relation to the right conferred by subsection (1).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may modify any enactment (including this Act).
- (4) In this section, “carbon units” has the meaning given by regulations made under section 20 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.”.
- (3) In section 60 (regulations and orders), in subsection (3)(b), after “section 5C(8B),” (as inserted by section 1(5) of this Act) insert “section 19AB(2),”.>

## Rhoda Grant

**203** After section 20, insert—

*<Carbon units*

### **Carbon units: resumption of croft or part of croft by landlord**

- (1) The 1993 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 20 (resumption of croft or part of croft by landlord), after subsection (1) insert—
 

“(1ZZA) Where an application is made under subsection (1), the Land Court may not authorise the resumption where it considers that the landlord desires

to resume the croft, or part thereof, for the purpose of seeking the entitlement to any financial benefits arising from the crediting of carbon units generated by activities carried out on the croft.”.>

## Section 24

### Edward Mountain

- 204** In section 24, page 27, line 29, leave out from <give> to <days> and insert <—
- (a) give notice to the landlord in a form to be prescribed by Scottish Ministers in regulations,
  - (b) allow the landlord at least 21 days to respond in writing,>

### Edward Mountain

- 205** In section 24, page 27, line 32, after <statement> insert <, in a form to be prescribed by Scottish Ministers in regulations,>

### Edward Mountain

- 206** In section 24, page 27, line 33, after <with> insert <and detailing any comments made by the landlord in response>

### Edward Mountain

- 207** In section 24, page 27, line 33, at end insert—
- <(2C) Regulations under subsection (2A)(a) prescribing the form of the notice to be given to a landlord must provide that the notice is to include a copy of the draft application.”.>

### Edward Mountain

- 208** In section 24, page 27, line 33, at end insert—
- <( ) in subsection (3)(b), after “(4)” insert “, (4A)”,
- ( ) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) The Commission must, before forwarding an application for registration to the Keeper, have regard to any comments made by the landlord as detailed in the statement mentioned in subsection (2B).”.>

### Edward Mountain

- 209** In section 24, page 27, line 35, at end insert—
- <( ) In section 53 (subordinate legislation), subsection (4), before paragraph (a) insert—
- “(za) section 7(2A) or (2B).”.>

## Section 32

### Edward Mountain

- 210** In section 32, page 36, leave out lines 16 to 23

## After section 33

### Tim Eagle

- 211** After section 33, insert—

*<Review of crofting legislation*

#### **Review of crofting legislation**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 2 years of Royal Assent, undertake a review of crofting legislation.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must, in particular, include—
  - (a) an assessment of the impact and effectiveness of, in particular—
    - (i) the 1993 Act,
    - (ii) the 2010 Act,
    - (iii) this Act,
  - (b) consideration of whether further legislation relating to crofting is required,
  - (c) consideration of whether crofting legislation requires to be consolidated.
- (3) When undertaking the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) prepare a report on the review,
  - (b) publish and lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

### Ariane Burgess

- 212** After section 33, insert—

*<Review of crofting legislation*

#### **Review of crofting legislation: further reform**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, withing 5 years of Royal Assent, undertake a review of crofting legislation.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must include consideration of whether further legislation relating to crofting is required.
- (3) When undertaking the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.

- (4) Following the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) prepare and publish a report setting out—
    - (i) their views on whether further reform of crofting legislation is required,
    - (ii) what action, if any, they will take to make such reforms, or
    - (iii) where applicable, the reasons why they consider further reform of crofting legislation is not required,
  - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

**Ariane Burgess**

**213** After section 33, insert—

*<Further legislative change*

**Requirement to introduce further Bill to amend crofting law**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, within 5 years of Royal Assent, introduce a Bill to the Scottish Parliament making further provision to amend crofting law.>

**After section 39**

**Tim Eagle**

**214** After section 39, insert—

**<Review of the merger of the Scottish Land Court and the Lands Tribunal for Scotland**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, for each reporting period, undertake a review of the effectiveness of the merger of the Court and the Lands Tribunal for Scotland under section 36 ('the merger').
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must assess—
  - (a) the operational costs of the Court,
  - (b) the number of cases—
    - (i) waiting to be heard,
    - (ii) progressing through the Court,
    - (iii) concluded by the Court,
  - (c) whether expertise has been maintained during the merger,
  - (d) such other matters as the Scottish Ministers consider relevant.
- (3) In carrying out the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) such persons as they consider represent the interests of persons directly affected by the merger,
  - (b) such other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
  - (a) prepare a report on the review,
  - (b) publish and lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.

- (5) The report laid under subsection (4)(b) must include a statement of the action, if any, the Scottish Ministers intend to take as a result of the review.
- (6) In subsection (1), “reporting period” means—
  - (a) in the case of the first review, the period of 12 months beginning with the appointed day of the merger under section 36,
  - (b) each subsequent period of 5 years.>

### Section 43

**Ariane Burgess**

- 215** In section 43, page 39, line 11, after <sections> insert <(Requirement to introduce further Bill to amend crofting law),>



## New Subordinate Legislation

### Subject to affirmative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 January 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[Private Housing Rent Control \(Exempt Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)  
Laid under section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016.

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 29 January 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) 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 29 January 2026 and are subject to the negative procedure—

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/33\)](#)  
Laid under Paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (S) Act 2014.

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/34\)](#)  
Laid under Paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (S) Act 2014.

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/35\)](#)  
Laid under Section 326(3) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (S) Act 2003 and section 44(2) and (3) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024.

## Progress of Legislation

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

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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

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 27 January 2026

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

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

Introduced, 15 January 2026

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (9th Report, 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](mailto: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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

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

Stage 2 completed, 16 December 2025

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto: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 completed, 21 January 2026

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

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

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

### **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](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 February 2026

*Stage 1 Report – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee (1st Report, 2026)*

### **Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 11 February 2026

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 5 February with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Passed, 16 December 2025

### **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 February 2026

*Stage 1 Report – Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (4th Report, 2026)*

### **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 Report (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee) published, 26 January 2026

### **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)**

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026  
*Stage 1 Report – Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (2nd Report, 2026)*

### **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 28 January 2026  
*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (11th Report, 2026)*

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 5 February 2026  
*Stage 1 Report – Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (2nd Report, 2026)*

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 3 February 2026  
*Stage 1 Report – Criminal Justice Committee (2nd Report, 2026)*

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

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 29 January 2026  
*Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (2nd Report, 2026)*

### **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

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

Passed, 20 January 2026

### **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 15 January 2026

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

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 27 January 2026  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (7th Report, 2026)*

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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

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

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

Lodged on 12 January 2026  
Meeting of the Parliament, 15 January 2026

### **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-60a**

Lodged on 21 January 2026

### **Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57c**

Lodged on 19 December 2025  
Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 20 January 2026

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*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 (evidence, lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 27 January 2026

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (10th Report, 2026)*

## **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)*

## **Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill LCM-S6-72**

Lodged on 21 January 2026

*Lead committee - Health, Social Care and Sport*

## **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*

## **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61b**

Lodged on 17 December 2025

Meeting of the Parliament, 28 January 2026

*Report - Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (2nd Report, 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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## Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

### Affirmative Instruments

**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 3 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)



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[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)

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## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 24 February 2026

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Offshore Wind\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 28 February 2026

[Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom \(Amendment of Specified Time Periods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Social Security Up-rating \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 March 2026

[Care Home Services \(Visits to and by Care Home Residents\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Care Leaver Payment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Investigation and Commencement of Repair \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (21 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 3 March 2026

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

## Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 7 March 2026

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 8 March 2026**

[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Characteristic of Sex\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Fees\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 9 March 2026**

[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Private Housing Rent Control \(Exempt Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

## Negative instruments

**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)

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[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)

**Subject to annulment by 24 February 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026**

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/10\)](#) (16 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 27 February 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026**

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[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/13\)](#) (19 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 2 March 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 23 February 2026**

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/17\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Involved Third Party\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/18\)](#) (22 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 3 March 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026**

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/19\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[National Health Service \(Functions of the Common Services Agency\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/20\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[NHS Education for Scotland and Common Services Agency \(Transfer of Staff\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/23\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 7 March 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026**

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/30\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 9 March 2026**  
**Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026**

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/33\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/34\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/35\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

## Documents subject to parliamentary control

**Lead Committee report due by 23 March 2026**

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[Proposed Draft Order: The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 \(SG/2026/33\)](#) (23 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

## New Documents

## Committee Reports

[Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \[draft\] \(SP Paper 982\)](#), publication date: 29 January 2026

[Finance and Public Administration Committee, 2nd Report 2026 \(Session 6\): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Finance \(No.2\) Bill \(UK Parliament legislation\) \(SP Paper 981\)](#), publication date: 29 January 2026

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

## Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 January 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029: Parliamentary progress report 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 (SG/2026/38)** laid under Section 7 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018



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