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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Royal Assent

The Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 11 March 2026.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Martin Whitfield:
Edinburgh Medical School 300

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child
Poverty Delivery Plan

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying
for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security
Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Fergus Ewing: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05627](#))

2. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what targeted support it is providing to households in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency regarding the ongoing cost of living crisis, to ensure that they are aware of, and able to access, the financial support, benefits and energy assistance schemes available to them. ([S6O-05628](#))

3. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current Fiscal Framework is biased against Scotland. ([S6O-05629](#))

4. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government when it was first informed of water and mould ingress at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. ([S6O-05630](#))

5. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the reliability and accountability of bus services in rural and coastal constituencies. ([S6O-05631](#))

6. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether it is appropriate for the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy to use terms such as "far right" in the context of objections to energy projects. ([S6O-05632](#))

7. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the importance of local decision-making and local accountability in the NHS. ([S6O-05633](#))

8. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the financial sustainability of NHS Ayrshire and Arran. ([S6O-05634](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Russell Findlay: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04739](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04740](#))

3. Alex Cole-Hamilton: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04741](#))

4. Christine Grahame: To ask the First Minister what measures the Scottish Government can take, in discussion with the UK Government, to assist households in very rural areas that are wholly dependent on oil or liquefied natural gas for heating, and are not connected to the gas mains, to assist with increased costs. ([S6F-04748](#))

5. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of any impact on the NHS arising from reports that the number of consultants working in the private healthcare system is the highest on record. ([S6F-04747](#))

6. Kevin Stewart: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to promote vaccinations to combat measles, in light of reports of recent diagnoses in the NHS Grampian area. ([S6F-04746](#))

followed by Members' Business: Martin Whitfield: Edinburgh Medical School 300

[S6M-20683](#) Martin Whitfield: Edinburgh Medical School 300—That the Parliament recognises that, in 2026, medicine will have been formally taught at the University of Edinburgh for 300 years; notes that, while there remain challenges for the NHS and higher education, reflecting on 300 years of

history provides an opportunity to provide honesty on the past, and consider opportunities for the future of medical education and research; congratulates the organisers, who have curated a rich and diverse programme of events to explore the 300 years, including lectures, alumni reunions and public events; understands the value that the Edinburgh Medical School has contributed to the economy and health of Scotland, and the world, including what it sees as its crucial place in life sciences research, health innovation and policy, and wishes all staff and students the best for 2026.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

Education and Skills

- 1. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether colleges should have borrowing powers and how any such powers would be delivered. ([S6O-05635](#))
- 2. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to protect and strengthen schools in rural areas. ([S6O-05636](#))
- 3. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to colleges and universities to address skills shortages in the defence, aerospace and space sectors. ([S6O-05637](#))
- 4. Jamie Hepburn:** To ask the Scottish Government how much has been invested in schools in the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth constituency through the Schools for the Future programme and the Learning Estate Investment Programme. ([S6O-05638](#))
- 5. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will meet with stakeholders to discuss school provision and safe travel routes in Robroyston. ([S6O-05639](#))
- 6. Keith Brown:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-05640](#))
- 7. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Budget 2026-27 will support apprenticeships. ([S6O-05641](#))
- 8. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has taken to reduce the number of violent and disruptive incidents in schools. ([S6O-05642](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 10th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Transparency of intergovernmental activity and its implications for parliamentary scrutiny inquiry (In Private):** The Committee will further consider a draft report.
2. **Scottish Broadcasting inquiry (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-73](#) from—
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Will Dunn, Veterans Unit, and Clare McKinlay, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Adult Disability Payment:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Frank McKillop, Director of Governance and Policy, Enable;
Craig Smith, Public Affairs & Policy Manager, Scottish Action for Mental Health;
Keith Park, Senior Policy, Public Affairs and Campaigns Manager (Scotland), MS Society Scotland;
Erica Young, Senior Policy Officer (Social Justice), Citizens Advice Scotland.
4. **Adult Disability Payment:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 3.
5. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider a draft letter in response to the Scottish Government's consultation on its review of the National Performance Framework and draft correspondence on The City of Edinburgh Council's Suspended Housing Allocations Policy.
6. **Legacy report (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft legacy report.
7. **Annual report (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2025 to 8 April 2026.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private, and whether to take any further consideration of its annual report and legacy report in private at future meetings.
2. **Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (LCM-S6-74).
3. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2025 to 8 April 2026.
4. **Legacy report:** The Committee will consider a draft legacy report.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 11 March 2026

Friday 13 March 2026

9:30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:30 am Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Year of Progress in Bringing Down Long Waits - Driving Continued Improvement and Building a Stronger NHS

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 2026

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Kenneth Gibson: Towards the Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2:15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 March 2026

10:00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 March 2026

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

3:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice and Housing

followed by Motion of Thanks

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:45 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

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

Motions

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

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

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S6M-21077](#) Graeme Dey: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Friday 13 March 2026

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.30 am Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, on 13 March 2026, Rule 2.2.3 of Standing Orders be varied to replace "09:30 and 12:30" with "from 09:30".

***[S6M-21076](#) Kevin Stewart: Urban Floating Islands**—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government and local authorities in Scotland to consider taking lessons from Copenhagen's urban floating islands; understands that the islands, installed in the harbour as part of the "parkipelago" project to introduce wilderness and whimsy to the centre of Copenhagen, provide space for endemic plants, trees and grasses above and anchor points below providing a habitat for birds, insects, seaweeds, fish and molluscs; further understands that the islands offer a constantly changing, generous green space in the centre of the city, with some designed for swimming or kayaking stops, and others for picnics or small cultural events; believes that similar projects could help reintroduce wilderness to urban areas in Scotland, giving people more green space options, and hopes that this can happen in Scotland someday soon.

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***[S6M-21074](#) Brian Whittle: NHS Ayrshire and Arran Nursing Director's Award recognises John and Sheena Thomson**—That the Parliament warmly congratulates John and Sheena Thomson on their recent award from NHS Ayrshire and Arran; understands that NHS Ayrshire and Arran Nursing Director's Award recognises staff, volunteers and partners who demonstrate exceptional compassion, dedication and care in their work; notes that John and Sheena have volunteered within the cardiac unit at NHS Ayrshire and Arran for the past 30 years and were inspired to do so following John's life altering cardiac event, when they received expert support from the staff at the unit; further notes that John and Sheena established the Killie Heartmates rehab and exercise group with the support of NHS Ayrshire and Arran Cardiac Unit to support those who desired to continue with cardiac physiotherapy after discharge from statutory services; recognises that the group now welcomes anyone of any age or with health condition to their weekly classes and social get-togethers, which support both mental and physical health; commends John and Sheena for their outstanding dedication to the community which has made a marked, positive impact on the wider Ayrshire community, and wishes them all the best in the future.

Supported by: Annie Wells*, Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Meghan Gallacher*, Douglas Ross*, Craig Hoy*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Annabelle Ewing*, Kenneth Gibson*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Elena Whitham*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21073](#) Fulton MacGregor: Coatbridge St Patrick's Festival 2026**—That the Parliament recognises and celebrates what it sees as the enduring contribution of the Irish community to the social, cultural and economic life of Coatbridge; notes that Irish migration to the town dates back to the early 19th century, when many Irish workers came to Lanarkshire to work in the mines and ironworks during the rapid industrial expansion of the region; acknowledges that the 1851 census recorded that approximately 35.8% of the population of Coatbridge was Irish-born, representing one of the highest proportions of Irish residents in any town in Scotland; believes that the descendants of these immigrants have shaped the identity of the town through their work, family life, faith, cultural traditions and community institutions; recognises the historic presence of Irish cultural organisations in Coatbridge, including Gaelic sporting clubs and community groups established in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; celebrates the ongoing vitality of Irish heritage in the town through events, education and cultural activities; commends the people of Coatbridge for continuing to honour and share the rich legacy of Irish migration, which has played a significant role in the development of both the town and Scotland more widely; congratulates the organisers, volunteers and supporters of the Coatbridge St Patrick's Festival 2026 on delivering what it sees as another successful programme celebrating the town's Irish heritage; recognises that the festival, now proudly established for 23 years, reflects Coatbridge's significant Irish diaspora while bringing together the wider community in celebration of culture, music and friendship; notes the wide-ranging programme of events taking place throughout the festival week, including Irish and *Father Ted* quizzes, community fundraisers, genealogy presentations delivered in partnership with North Lanarkshire Libraries, traditional Irish music through Comhaltas, and sporting events such as the Primary Schools Gaelic Football Challenge Match at St Ambrose Gaelic Football Park; recognises the importance of events such as the Soccer Challenge Match between Milan and Burnbank in promoting youth participation and community spirit; welcomes the festival's grand finale, the Family Street Party, which is scheduled to take place on the town's Main Street on 14 March 2026; understands that this will feature live music and performances on the main stage, youth activities, traditional Irish and modern dance, primary school choirs, street entertainment and family attractions; acknowledges the positive impact that it believes the festival has on the town by increasing footfall, supporting businesses and strengthening community pride, and thanks everyone involved for their commitment, dedication and hard work in ensuring that this much-loved celebration of Irish culture continues to thrive for future generations.

Supported by: Emma Roddick*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21072](#) Sarah Boyack: Congratulating the Whitburn Band on Being Crowned 2026 Scottish Brass Band Champion**—That the Parliament congratulates Whitburn Band on being crowned the 2026 Scottish Brass Band Champion; celebrates its long history representing West Lothian at the

highest level of brass band competitions; celebrates its upcoming participation in the 2026 European championship; pays tribute to its continued representation of the Lothians and Scotland on the international stage, and wishes Whitburn Band further success in its competitive pursuits and in securing attendance to the 2027 European championships.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21071](#) Michelle Thomson: Constable Andrew Inglis and Police Dog Mac Receive Top Award at Crufts**—That the Parliament congratulates Larbert's Police Dog (PD) Mac and his handler, Constable Andrew Inglis, on the recognition they received at Crufts on 8 March 2026 in Birmingham, being awarded Police Dog Action of the Year; recognises that PD Mac and Andrew were awarded this recognition after finding a high-risk missing man who had been unlocatable for 17 days in 2025; notes that in fear for this vulnerable individual's safety, a victim detection dog was requested with cocker spaniel PD Mac and Andrew responding; further notes this was an extensive search covering over 30km of difficult terrain before the man was located in poor condition but alive; welcomes this recognition of the critical work police dogs and their handlers carry out, and congratulates Constable Inglis and PD Mac on their recent award for their efforts.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21070](#) Marie McNair: Milngavie Toddler's Group Raises Money for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity**—That the Parliament recognises Noah's Ark Milngavie for the coffee morning it held at St Paul's Church in order to raise funds for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity; congratulates the group for raising £1,500 for such a worthwhile cause; understands that this was raised from ticket sales, a cake stall and a contribution from Noah's Ark funds; celebrates what it sees as the great response from the congregation, mums, dads and grandparents who all supported the fundraiser; wishes the group all the best for the future, and thanks them for supporting such an excellent charity.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Clare Haughey*, Annabelle Ewing*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Ross Greer*, Emma Roddick*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21069](#) Willie Coffey: Celebrating Tom Wilson and 69 Years of Service to Scouting in Ayrshire**—That the Parliament congratulates Tom Wilson, Honorary President and Trustee of the 21st Ayrshire Scout Group in Kilmarnock, on almost seven decades of exceptional service to Scouting; notes that Tom first joined the Group 69 years ago as a Cub Scout and progressed through the movement as a Scout and Venture Scout before becoming an adult volunteer; recognises his significant leadership contributions in roles including Group Scout Leader and Group Chairman, as well as his dedication in leading and hosting national and international camps and visits for young people; acknowledges Tom's continued commitment to Scouting and the wider community through his ongoing work as a Trustee of the Group; notes that, in 2000, Tom founded the Group's annual Sports Dinner, which has become a major fundraising event for the organisation, running every year except for a single postponement during the COVID-19 pandemic; celebrates the upcoming 25th Sports Dinner, to be held on 13 March 2026, which will mark a major milestone for the Group; commends Tom on raising an outstanding £85,500 through this initiative to date, and wishes him, the volunteers and the young people of the 21st Ayrshire Scout Group continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21068](#) Mercedes Villalba: Support Scottish Teachers and Scottish Education**—That the Parliament notes the formal 10-day notice by Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) issued on 6 March 2026 of its intention to call members to take industrial action over workload; understands that the result of the statutory ballot of EIS members, including members in the North East Scotland region, shows 85% in favour of industrial action and 93% in favour of action short of strike; recognises the progress in negotiations made by the EIS to date, but notes its disappointment that an agreement has not yet been reached; expresses its solidarity to all teachers and EIS members in the North East Scotland region and across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government and COSLA to urgently work collaboratively to reach a firm and binding commitment, which, it believes, will deliver promised improvements to teacher workload, conditions and jobs.

Supported by: Monica Lennon*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21067 Mercedes Villalba: Motion of Condolence for George Ramsay, Unite Regional Officer](#)**—That the Parliament expresses its great sadness at the sudden passing of Unite regional officer, George Ramsay; notes George's work in Unite Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT) and across the construction industry, fighting for workers' rights, conditions and safety in the workplace; further notes George's role establishing an annual International Workers' Memorial Day ceremony in Angus; recognises with admiration George's roles in the community as a long-serving delegate and member of the Executive Committee of Dundee Trades Union Council, and as the longest-serving committee member of Dundee Violet JFC; pays tribute to George's dedication to the cause of the labour and trade union movement in Dundee and across Scotland, and to the values of dignity, solidarity, and justice, and offers its deepest condolences to his family, friends, comrades, and colleagues at this time. **R**

Supported by: Bill Kidd*, Jamie Hepburn*, David Torrance*, Colin Beattie*, Foysol Choudhury*, Pauline McNeill*, Monica Lennon* **R**, Carol Mochan*, Emma Roddick*, Rhoda Grant*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21066 Finlay Carson: Congratulating Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary on Winning the Golden Hip Award](#)**—That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary after it led the nation in caring for hip fractures in the Public Health Scotland annual Scottish Hip Fracture Audit, which tracks the treatment of fractures in hospitals across the country, looking at how often they occur, how well they are treated and what the eventual outcome is for each patient; understands that the audit's findings recognise the best hospital in Scotland for care and treatment to earn the Golden Hip award; believes that this award is tremendous and a very welcome honour of the good work carried out across Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary by offering the highest standard of care for hip fracture patients and supporting care at every stage of that journey, and wishes the medical staff continued success as it leads the way for other hospitals to follow.

Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Douglas Ross*, Miles Briggs*, Emma Harper*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Liam Kerr*, Russell Findlay*, Kevin Stewart*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annie Wells*, Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Roddick*, Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21065 Alexander Stewart: Babcock and Two Scottish Colleges to Collaborate on Development of Scotland's Defence and Manufacturing Workforce](#)**—That the Parliament is enthused that Babcock and Fife and Forth Valley colleges are teaming up with a new joint skills pact outlined in a memorandum of understanding signed by the three organisations; understands that the agreement comes as demand for engineering, digital and technical skills grows across Scotland's strategically important defence and industrial sectors; acknowledges that Gareth Hedicker, Chief Operating Officer of Babcock's marine sector, has said that the joint skills pact represents a major milestone in their collective commitment to build Scotland's future workforce; understands that Babcock's CEO, David Lockwood, has spoken about the experience of working at Rosyth, stating that there are increasing opportunities for young people, both at the dockyard and abroad, and that the workplace in the Mid Scotland and Fife region was "a welcoming place"; acknowledges that Fife College's Principal, Jim Metcalf, also highlighted the college's pride in its relationship with Babcock and its training engineers, technicians and digital specialists; further acknowledges that Kenny MacInnes, Principal of Forth Valley College, also pointed to the local benefits and said that the "collaboration demonstrates exactly how effective partnerships between colleges and industry can drive economic impact locally and nationally", and wishes everyone involved with all the organisations, including students, apprentices and all the staff, all the very best for the collaboration's ultimate success.

Supported by: Miles Briggs*, Liz Smith*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annie Wells*, Sharon Dowey*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21064](#) Alexander Stewart: Congratulating Dollar Academy Pipe Band and Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band**—That the Parliament congratulates Dollar Academy's pipe band and Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band on receiving a number of top awards at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships in Kilmarnock, including second place in the Juvenile category; understands that the school also secured fourth place in the Novice Juvenile 'A' section, winning £600 in total from the awards; further understands that the championships, held at the William McIlvanney Campus, drew young musicians from 172 schools across Scotland, which is the highest number in the event's 12-year history; believes that the entry of 51 bands and 10 quartets competing, with 90% of participating schools from the state sector, demonstrates that piping and drumming in Scotland's schools is not only thriving but becoming more inclusive and more accessible than ever before; notes that the event was backed by sponsors such as the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, William Grant Foundation and William Syson Foundation; acknowledges that Stirling and District Schools Pipe Band received the Eilidh MacLeod Endeavour Award for its dedication to supporting the suicide prevention charity Back Onside, and that it raised funds by busking throughout the winter months, and commends everyone involved on their sterling endeavours in this regard.

Supported by: Craig Hoy*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, David Torrance*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Liam Kerr*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Brian Whittle*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annie Wells*, Kenneth Gibson*, Sharon Dowe*, Paul Sweeney*

***[S6M-21063](#) Dr Sandesh Gulhane: South Morningside Primary School Girls Football Team**—That the Parliament congratulates the South Morningside Primary School girls football team on its victory in winning the prestigious Edinburgh Schools Cup in 2025; acknowledges the team's campaign, having secured success on the pitch, to receive parity with the boys football team by securing an enhanced trophy from the Edinburgh Primary Schools Sports Association, which was the same size as the trophy won by the boys team; understands that the girls football team will be visiting the Scottish Parliament on 12 March 2026; hopes that everyone enjoys their visit, and considers that this case further emphasises the importance of parity in sport to ensure that all children can experience pride in their sporting achievements.

Supported by: Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Craig Hoy*, Murdo Fraser*, Russell Findlay*, Edward Mountain*, Liam Kerr*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Kenneth Gibson*, Emma Roddick*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowe*

***[S6M-21062](#) Annie Wells: Congratulating Mark Peacock and Kinning Park Antiques**—That the Parliament congratulates Mark Peacock, owner of Kinning Park Antiques in Glasgow, on building and operating what is recognised as the largest antique dealership in the city, bringing together over 90 individual dealers under one roof; recognises the important role that Kinning Park Antiques plays in supporting independent traders, collectors and small businesses; commends Mark for his dedication to preserving and promoting antiques, craftsmanship and local enterprise; notes the contribution that the business makes to Glasgow's local economy, and wishes Mark and all the dealers at Kinning Park Antiques continued success in the years ahead.

Supported by: Russell Findlay*, Miles Briggs*, Annabelle Ewing*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Liam Kerr*, Bill Kidd*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Craig Hoy*, Brian Whittle*, Colin Beattie*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowe*

***[S6M-21060](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating Equi's Ice Cream Success at the Golden Scoop Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates Equi's Ice Cream, based in Rutherglen, on its extraordinary success at the inaugural Ice Cream Alliance Golden Scoop Awards, held recently in Birmingham; notes that the family-run business achieved a "clean sweep" with all 12 of its entries receiving a five-star rating, the highest possible accolade, which requires a score of at least 95% for flavour, texture and appearance; further notes that eight of these entries placed in the top five of their respective categories, including second place for Belgian Chocolate, White Chocolate, Pomegranate and Pistachio, and the Vegan Pistachio with Sea Salt, which is made using Scottish oat milk; recognises the hard work and dedication of CEO David Equi and the entire team at their solar-

powered dairy in Rutherglen; commends Equi's for continuing to build on over a century of Italian-Scottish heritage, while leading the way in modern, sustainable production and innovation; wishes the company continued success as it expands its footprint across the retail and foodservice sectors, and celebrates this significant contribution to Scotland's world-class food and drink industry.

Supported by: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

***S6M-21059 Rachael Hamilton: Doddie's Triple Crown 2026**—That the Parliament recognises Doddie's Triple Crown 2026, an endurance cycling challenge taking place from 10 to 13 March 2026 in support of the My Name's Doddie Foundation; understands that the challenge, organised by Rob Wainwright and Mark Beaumont, will begin at The Greenyards in the Scottish Borders, honouring the legacy of rugby legend Doddie Weir OBE; notes that the cyclists will cover around 800 miles over four days, travelling from Melrose to Dublin ahead of Scotland's Six Nations Championship match against Ireland; acknowledges the success of previous fundraising challenges, including Doddie's Grand Tour 2025, which raised over £1 million for motor neurone disease (MND) research; notes Doddie Weir's ambition to find a cure for motor neurone disease, and that the My Name's Doddie Foundation has now committed over £19.5 million to MND research; commends all those taking part for raising awareness and funds to support research into the disease, and encourages people across Scotland to support the challenge and the ongoing work of the foundation.

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***S6M-21057 Maggie Chapman: Recognising the Dundee Campaign to Revoke the Charity Status of KKL (Scotland)**—That the Parliament notes the establishment of the Dundee campaign to revoke the charity status of KKL (Scotland); understands that the purpose of the campaign is to address local concerns relating to the charitable status of the Jewish National Fund (JNF)/Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael (KKL) (Scotland) and to complement the ongoing national campaign led by the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Committee; understands that concerns relate to the veracity of the JNF/KKL's environmental activity, the reported reality of its relationship to the expulsion of Palestinians through forcible land acquisition, and the reported use of greenwash by it to justify ethnic cleansing; notes that engagement with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, based in Dundee, will be the focus of the campaign; understands that a similar campaign in Canada to revoke its tax-exempt status has been successful, and wishes the campaign to revoke the charity status of KKL (Scotland) success in its activities.

S6M-21035 Graeme Dey: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Year of Progress in Bringing Down Long Waits - Driving Continued Improvement and Building a Stronger NHS

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 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 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 March 2026

10.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 March 2026

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

3.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice and Housing

followed by Motion of Thanks

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

4.45 pm Decision Time

[*S6M-21035.1 Alexander Burnett: Business Programme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-21035 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), after second "*followed by* Topical Questions" insert "*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Baird Family Hospital and ANCHOR Centre".

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Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S6M-21058 Katy Clark: Ayrshire Chess Association's 120th Anniversary](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-21056 Christine Grahame: Concerns Regarding Use of Illegal E-bikes and Uninsured Driving](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Bob Doris*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Emma Harper*

[S6M-21055 Christine Grahame: Congratulating Penicuik Centenarian Ruth Powell Wilson](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Bill Kidd*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*, David Torrance*, Emma Harper*

[S6M-21054 Finlay Carson: Fleet Valley Care Home Wins National Award](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Colin Beattie*, Paul Sweeney*, Bill Kidd*, Douglas Lumsden*, Emma Harper*, Craig Hoy*, Russell Findlay*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-21031 Karen Adam: Deveronvale Community Hub's Contribution to Community Wellbeing](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-21030 Karen Adam: Friends of Duff House](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-21029 Karen Adam: Mary Duncan Swimming Gala](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-21028 Emma Harper: Wallace Hall Academy Recognised at the Lantra ALBAS Awards](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-21027 Jamie Hepburn: Congratulating Tryst 77 Handball Club](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

New Support: Paul Sweeney*, Elena Whitham*, Audrey Nicoll*, Rona Mackay*, Kevin Stewart*, Annabelle Ewing*, Fulton MacGregor*, David Torrance*, Miles Briggs*, Kenneth Gibson*, Colin Beattie*, Emma Harper*, Clare Haughey*, Bill Kidd*

[S6M-21026 Paul Sweeney: Show Up with SAMH Against Mental Health Stigma](#) (lodged on 10 March 2026)

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

New Support: Pauline McNeill*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, Monica Lennon*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Sarah Boyack*, Evelyn Tweed*, Bill Kidd*, Mercedes Villalba*, Annie Wells*

[S6M-21025](#) **Annie Wells: Thanks to Emergency Service Workers Following the Fire at Forsyth House, Glasgow** (lodged on 9 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-21023](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Recognising SAN TV Community Awards and the Contributions of the South Asian Diaspora** (lodged on 9 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Stuart McMillan*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-21022](#) **Roz McCall: Enva's Contribution to Scotland's Waste Management** (lodged on 9 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-21018](#) **Alexander Stewart: Roofing Pathway Leading to Apprenticeship** (lodged on 9 March 2026)

New Support: Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-21015](#) **Kevin Stewart: Energy Profits Levy Putting Investment Opportunities at Risk** (lodged on 6 March 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Emma Roddick*

[S6M-21012](#) **Clare Adamson: Our Lady and St Francis School Retains Gold Sports Award** (lodged on 6 March 2026)

New Support: Emma Harper*, Stuart McMillan*

[S6M-21011](#) **Clare Adamson: Stress Control Programme Success in Newmains** (lodged on 6 March 2026)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Stuart McMillan*, Emma Roddick*

[S6M-21010](#) **Foysool Choudhury: Congratulating the Association of Scottish Muslims of Edinburgh on its 25th Anniversary** (lodged on 6 March 2026)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Neil Bibby*

[S6M-21009](#) **Sharon Dowey: Troon Rotary Club Annual Fiddlers' Concert** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21008](#) **Sharon Dowey: Ayr Riding Club Volunteer Scoops National Award** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21007](#) **Sharon Dowey: Osas Aizeyosabor Agho Wins Robert Burns Humanitarian Award** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21006](#) **Sharon Dowey: 125 Years of Ayr Sketch Club** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21004](#) **Sharon Dowey: Prestwick Wedding Stationery Business Wins National Award** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21003](#) **Sharon Dowey: Ayr's "King of the Tartans" to Close After 35 Years** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21001](#) **Sharon Dowey: Turnberry Charity Team Raises Almost £600,000 in Last Decade**
(lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-21000](#) **Sharon Dowey: South Ayrshire Holiday Park Staff Fundraise for Cancer Charity**
(lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20999](#) **Sharon Dowey: Marr College Recognised for Commitment to International Learning**
(lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20998](#) **Sharon Dowey: BAFTA Winning Director Shoots Film in Troon** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20997](#) **Sharon Dowey: Girlguiding Ayrshire South Celebrates 100 Years of World Thinking Day** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20996](#) **Monica Lennon: Launch of International Association for Premenstrual Disorders, UK Charity Dedicated to PMDD Research** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S6M-20995](#) **Beatrice Wishart: Open Door Drama in Shetland Receives King's Award for Voluntary Service** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*

[S6M-20994](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Film Theatre Named Among the Top 100 Cinemas in the World** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20993](#) **Joe FitzPatrick: Celebrating 20 Years of Childsmile** (lodged on 5 March 2026)

New Support: Emma Roddick*

[S6M-20983](#) **Bill Kidd: Celebrating International Women's Day and the Women of Wonder** (lodged on 3 March 2026)

New Support: Marie McNair*

[S6M-20959](#) **Keith Brown: 30th Anniversary of the Dunblane Tragedy** (lodged on 3 March 2026)

New Support: Ross Greer*, Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Sharon Dowey*

[S6M-20911](#) **Alexander Burnett: Celebrating Callum Simpson, Young Farmer of the Year 2025**
(lodged on 25 February 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20903](#) **Alexander Burnett: Celebrating Aberdeenshire Gymnastics Achievements at the British Gymnastics Performance Partnership Awards** (lodged on 24 February 2026)

New Support: Douglas Lumsden*

[S6M-20881](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: A Scotland-wide Ban on the Use of Mobile Phones in Schools**
(lodged on 23 February 2026)

New Support: Alex Cole-Hamilton*, Paul Sweeney*

[S6M-20794](#) **Murdo Fraser: Farmers Urged to Put on Football Boots for Fundraiser in Perth**
(lodged on 12 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20790](#) **Clare Adamson: New Vocational Hub at Our Lady's High School in Motherwell** (lodged on 12 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20789](#) **Clare Adamson: Promoting STEM Opportunities for Young People in North Lanarkshire** (lodged on 12 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20786](#) **Roz McCall: Improved Childcare Support for Parents** (lodged on 12 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20785](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Opera on Your Doorstep Brings World-class Opera to Town Yetholm** (lodged on 12 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20783](#) **Marie McNair: Clydebank Man Runs Seven Marathons Across Seven Days in Seven Continents** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20782](#) **Annabelle Ewing: Closure of Kassy's Café, End of an Era** (lodged on 12 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20780](#) **Alexander Stewart: Forth Valley Sensory Centre Marks 20 Years with Fundraising and Celebration Events** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20776](#) **Clare Adamson: Electrical Fire Safety Week 2026** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20773](#) **Alexander Stewart: The Widening Health Inequalities Across Scotland** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20772](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: Congratulating Milngavie Community Development Trust on the Community Pond Refurbishment** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20770](#) **Dr Pam Gosal MBE: The Wedding Planner from Helensburgh Wins Confetti Awards 2026** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20761](#) **Finlay Carson: Congratulating the Mull of Galloway Trust on Visitor Numbers to the Mull of Galloway Experience in 2025** (lodged on 11 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20759](#) **Finlay Carson: Fed Up Community Cafe Serves Up Free Breakfasts and Lunch Thanks to Lottery Funding** (lodged on 10 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20758](#) **Finlay Carson: Citizen Scientists Save the Shores of Dumfries and Galloway.** (lodged on 10 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20742](#) **Annie Wells: Hope for Glasgow Tree to Bring European Glory Home** (lodged on 10 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20741](#) **Annie Wells: Glasgow Man Championing Male Breast Cancer Support** (lodged on 10 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20740](#) **Annie Wells: Honouring Glasgow D-Day Veteran Albert Lamond** (lodged on 10 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20739](#) **Annie Wells: Honouring Café D’Jaconelli for a Century of Community and Culture** (lodged on 10 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20737](#) **Marie McNair: Milngavie and Bearsden Swimming Club Receives National League Division B Trophy** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20736](#) **Bob Doris: Café D’Jaconelli Exhibition in Maryhill Museum** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20732](#) **Bill Kidd: Drumchapel St Andrew’s and Yoker Parish Church Awarded Grant for New Community Choir** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20728](#) **Elena Whitham: The Zone Initiative Limited Awarded National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20726](#) **Bill Kidd: Weekday Wow Factor Awarded £50,000** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20725](#) **Liam McArthur: The Orcadian Wins Newspaper of the Year at the Highlands and Islands Media Awards 2026** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20724](#) **Finlay Carson: A Listening Ear Receives National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 9 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20715](#) **Kevin Stewart: Belmont Cinema National Lottery Success** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20713](#) **Douglas Ross: Chris Saunderson Awarded the 2026 Barron Trophy** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20708](#) **Clare Adamson: Wishaw Men's Shed Receives £9,506 Grant from the National Lottery Community Fund** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20707](#) **Alexander Burnett: Aboyne Academy's Wild Cooks Project** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20706](#) **Evelyn Tweed: Recognising the Canmore Trust** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20705](#) **Evelyn Tweed: Celebrating Bannockburn House** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20704](#) **Evelyn Tweed: Recognising the Success of Thistles Shopping Centre** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20702](#) **Rachael Hamilton: Hawick High School Pupils Reach Powering Futures Regional Final** (lodged on 6 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20700](#) **Craig Hoy: Welcoming Portman Group's Protecting Consumers & Supporting Producers: Regulatory Report 2025** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20698](#) **Annabelle Ewing: Beath High School's Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20697](#) **Annabelle Ewing: Bob Garmory Appointed OBE** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20696](#) **Annabelle Ewing: Recognising Foulford's Lollipop Man Tom McPhillips** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20695](#) **Liam Kerr: Celebrating Strichen Primary School Robotics Team** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20693](#) **Emma Harper: Recognition of Keri Ann Van Nuil, Finalist in 2026 RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20691](#) **Finlay Carson: A Listening Ear Receives National Lottery Funding** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20690](#) **Finlay Carson: Fleet Bay Inshore Rescue Set to Splash Out on New Lifeboat Thanks to Lottery Grant** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20688](#) **David Torrance: Nakey Bakey Named One of Scotmid's Scottish Favourites** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20687](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton: The Need to Improve the Diagnosis and Management of Endometriosis** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20685](#) **Alexander Burnett: Rachel Groves Wins BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician 2026** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20679](#) **Kevin Stewart: Welcoming Aberdeen DFN Project Search Recruitment** (lodged on 4 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20678](#) **Claire Baker: Congratulating University of Stirling Swimmer Angharad Evans and Coach Ben Higson on Selection for Team Scotland at Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** (lodged on 5 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20677](#) **Michael Marra: Celebrating Major Funding Boost for the Reopening of Aberdeen's Belmont Cinema** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20676](#) **Clare Adamson: Celebrating BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician Award 2026** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20675](#) **Clare Adamson: Celebrating Celtic Connections 2026** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20674](#) **Clare Adamson: Ann Logan Celebrates 100th Birthday by Helping Others** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20673](#) **Clare Adamson: John Patterson and Ellie McKinlay Take Part in Charity Skydive** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20662](#) **Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Restaurant Weeks** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20661](#) **Alexander Stewart: CAMRA recognition for The Bobbing John in Alloa** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20659](#) **Liam McArthur: Orkney Group Auskerry Wins at Danny Kyle Open Stage 2026** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20658](#) **Alexander Stewart: Specsavers Alloa Helping Young People with Weekend Employment** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20656](#) **Liam McArthur: 2025 Orkney Sports Awards** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20652](#) **Claire Baker: Welcoming the Collaborative Art Installation Recreating the Visuals of the Cinema Listings at the Old ABC Cinema on Kirkcaldy High Street** (lodged on 3 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20647](#) **Liz Smith: T20 World Cup** (lodged on 2 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

[S6M-20644](#) **Edward Mountain: Stoma-friendly Accessible Toilets in Supermarkets** (lodged on 2 February 2026)

New Support: Sue Webber*

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

New Support: Sue Webber*

Questions

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

Oral Questions

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 18 March 2026

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

- 1. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on business confidence and investment of non-domestic rates threshold having limited movement since 2020-21. ([S6O-05648](#))
- 2. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support high streets and town centres in the West Scotland region, in light of reported issues, including high vacancy rates. ([S6O-05649](#))
- 3. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to expand the availability of venture capital funding to aid business growth. ([S6O-05650](#))
- 4. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what further support provisions will be available to Alexander Dennis following the expiration of the current £4 million support package this month. **R** ([S6O-05651](#))
- 5. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to businesses facing higher energy prices and other increased costs resulting from the conflict in the Middle East. ([S6O-05652](#))
- 6. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support Dumfries town centre. ([S6O-05653](#))
- 7. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason, despite an increase in the number of businesses pledging to pay the real Living Wage, the percentage of people actually being paid the real Living Wage or more has been decreasing for three consecutive years. ([S6O-05654](#))
- 8. Humza Yousaf:** [Not Lodged]

Finance and Local Government

- 1. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce a licensing system for local authorities to address the growing number of vaping shops. ([S6O-05656](#))
- 2. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of its Budget 2026-27 on the ability of local authorities, including Perth and Kinross Council, to meet rising demand for services. ([S6O-05657](#))
- 3. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of its local government funding settlement on the condition of roads across the Lothian region, in light of the City of Edinburgh Council, for example, facing an £86 million repair backlog. ([S6O-05658](#))
- 4. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of Audit Scotland's recent statement that local authorities will face a budget gap of nearly £1 billion by 2027, what action it is taking to

provide additional support to third sector organisations that prevent and respond to rent and council tax arrears. ([S6O-05659](#))

5. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how its Budget 2026-27 delivers fair funding for health and social care services across the country, including in South Scotland. ([S6O-05660](#))

6. Michael Matheson: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support local authorities, including Falkirk Council, to deliver vital services, including those aimed at reducing child poverty. ([S6O-05661](#))

7. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that its Budget 2026-27 adequately funds health and social care partnerships to deliver services, including social care. ([S6O-05662](#))

8. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to council tax increases approved by local authorities across Scotland for 2026-27. ([S6O-05663](#))

Portfolio Questions selected for answer on 19 March 2026

Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

1. Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the UK Government regarding Scotland's contribution to renewable energy generation. ([S6O-05672](#))

2. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to prevent further job losses in the oil and gas supply chain as a result of the energy transition. ([S6O-05673](#))

3. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the regulatory framework currently in place to monitor the development and operation of data centres in Scotland, in relation to ensuring that their energy use, water consumption and any environmental impacts are being effectively controlled. ([S6O-05674](#))

4. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will make an announcement regarding the development of the Sheriffhall Junction before the end of the parliamentary session. ([S6O-05675](#))

5. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it is content with the governance, accountability and delivery of both Scotland's water supply and wastewater treatment services. ([S6O-05676](#))

6. Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to reduce journey times and congestion for commuters travelling to and from Edinburgh and East Lothian, including measures to progress with the delayed upgrade of Sheriffhall Roundabout and to improve transport reliability across the region. ([S6O-05677](#))

7. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its environmental strategy and responsibilities, what evaluation it has made of the UK Government's *Nature security assessment on global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security*, published in January 2026. ([S6O-05678](#))

8. Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to formally define "green" to ensure alignment with net zero targets in its designation of data centres as a "national priority". ([S6O-05679](#))

General Questions selected for answer on 19 March 2026

- 1. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of NHS Tayside having stopped accepting referrals for children without co-existing mental health disorders in March 2025, what further action it has taken to support children in accessing timely autism spectrum disorder assessments. ([S6O-05664](#))
- 2. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it expects NHS Grampian to address a projected deficit of £76 million for 2026-27, in light of it having already made £62 million of savings in 2025-26 and requiring a further £40 million of budget reductions in 2026-27. ([S6O-05665](#))
- 3. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS boards regarding the 2017 Best Start plan to downgrade the number of level 3 neonatal intensive care units from eight to three. ([S6O-05666](#))
- 4. Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government how it would assess its handling of the NHS. R ([S6O-05667](#))
- 5. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether the current levels of Pupil Support Assistant staffing in schools to support pupils with Additional Support for Learning are adequate, including steps required where shortages exist. ([S6O-05668](#))
- 6. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Lord Advocate briefed the First Minister that suspects arrested on alleged embezzlement charges as part of Operation Branchform were not being charged, before the individuals themselves had been notified. ([S6O-05669](#))
- 7. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with Police Scotland and law enforcement agencies regarding actions to disrupt illegal drug activities, including cannabis farming. ([S6O-05670](#))
- 8. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the planned restoration of all vaccination services for children at GP practices in NHS Highland will go ahead from April. ([S6O-05671](#))

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 11 March 2026

[S6W-44232](#) **Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with Scotland's colleges to support their future success and sustainability as a sector.

Written Questions lodged on 11 March 2026

[S6W-44133](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has received any requests from Offshore Solutions Group regarding its proposal for marine storage of offshore wind farm bases, MorayFLOW-PARK, that it should not be required to submit a full environmental impact assessment (EIA), and, if it has, what its response is to reported comments from the company that a full EIA would be obtained by them, and what action the Scottish Government can take, in light of this reported reversal by the company.

[S6W-44134](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will automatically reject any planning application for a company proposing substantial marine development that does not require it to submit a full environmental impact assessment (EIA) where that company has previously undertaken to provide one, and, if not, for what reason.

[S6W-44135](#) **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the planning application should automatically be rejected of any company proven to have misled the public or the Parliament regarding what environmental safeguards will be applicable to their application.

[S6W-44176](#) **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any payments made by the Republic of Ireland's Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme will be disregarded for the purpose of awarding means-tested entitlements, such as help with care charges and Scottish Welfare Fund payments, in line with current practice for similar payments, such as from the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme.

[S6W-44181](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can confirm that all EU-flagged pelagic freezer trawlers that have operated in Scottish waters in the last year are now compliant with Scotland's remote electronic monitoring requirements for relevant pelagic boats.

[S6W-44182](#) **Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government, in the interest of helping to ensure the sustainability of fishing activity in Scottish waters, whether it has any plans to call on other fisheries administrations that are responsible in adjacent waters to align with Scotland's remote electronic monitoring requirements for relevant pelagic boats.

[S6W-44183](#) **Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consult with a wide number of chronic pain patients in future decisions relating to chronic pain services, as the Scottish Health Technologies Group did when reviewing NHS specialist pain relief for people with chronic pain.

[S6W-44184](#) **Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions are planned with the residents of Fair Isle regarding (a) (i) the repair of and (ii) funding for the existing energy grid on the island and (b) a sustainable replacement for the current system to ensure the long-term viability of the community.

[S6W-44185](#) **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with (a) Creative Scotland, (b) insolvency practitioners and (c) other relevant parties to ensure that former Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA) staff receive their redundancy claims, wages and entitlements without unreasonable delay, and in line with Scotland's Fair Work principles.

[S6W-44186](#) **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of whether Creative Scotland upheld its Fair Work policy commitments in its handling of the closure of the Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA), particularly regarding any decision to withhold agreed payments, in light of reported concerns in relation to the charity being left with no reserves and its staff being made redundant with no consultation, dignity or protection.

[S6W-44187](#) **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the expertise and experience of former Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA) staff are not lost to Scotland's cultural sector as a result of the centre's closure.

[S6W-44188](#) **Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to establish a genetic testing programme for "feral pigs" or wild boar (*Sus scrofa*).

[S6W-44189](#) **Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent report from King's College London and Czech Academy of Sciences, whether it will consider establishing a national forum comprising a broad range of stakeholders to develop advice on the management of "feral pigs" or wild boar (*Sus scrofa*).

[S6W-44190](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial and other practical support it will consider making available to individuals, businesses and other organisations affected by the devastating fire on Union Street in Glasgow on 8 March 2026, including for complex legal and insurance-related matters.

[S6W-44191](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of the number of bridges on the trunk road network that require repair work, including (a) the name and

location of each bridge, (b) when work was first identified as being required and (c) when work is projected to be completed by.

[S6W-44192](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many extra timetabled bus services are expected to be created following its decision to establish capped bus fares in the Highlands and Islands region, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-44193](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many new bus routes are expected to be created in the Highlands and Islands region, following its decision to establish capped bus fares, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-44194](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding from the Techscaler initiative has been invested in businesses based in the Highlands and Islands region in each year since it was launched, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-44195](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) primary and (b) secondary schools currently offer pupils CPR training, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-44196](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, following its announcement on 26 February 2026 that it will fund improvements to community capacity to respond to cardiac arrests, in which local authority areas it expects the estimated 1,000 to 1,250 new defibrillators will be located.

[S6W-44197](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people have downloaded the GoodSAM app in each year since it was launched.

[S6W-44198](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to develop a national strategy for the prevention of young sudden cardiac death.

[S6W-44199](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much Social Security Scotland spent on polling services to conduct its survey on tackling stigma around social security.

[S6W-44200](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of its National Drug Mission Fund has been spent on (a) rehabilitation services and (b) non-rehabilitation services, in each year since it was launched.

[S6W-44201](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether any new (a) GPs and (b) nurses will be recruited specifically to work in its proposed walk-in GP clinics.

[S6W-44202](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government where in Moray its proposed new walk-in GP clinic will be located, and when it is expected to open.

[S6W-44203](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any analysis of the potential health impacts arising from noise generated by wind turbines.

[S6W-44204](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27393 by Paul McLennan on 28 May 2024, how many homes have been built through the Rural and Islands Housing Fund in each year since 2023-24, broken down by local authority area. **R**

[S6W-44205](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-27394 by Paul McLennan on 28 May 2024, how much it has spent on the Rural and Islands Housing Fund in each year since 2023-24, broken down by local authority area. **R**

[S6W-44206](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government what the difference is between the Rural and Island Housing Grant Scheme and the Rural and Island Housing Fund. **R**

[S6W-44207](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many new homes it plans to deliver through the Rural and Island Housing Grant Scheme. **R**

[S6W-44208](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to implement any changes to the (a) application and (b) eligibility process for the Future Farming Investment Scheme in light of reported issues with the first funding round. **R**

[S6W-44209](#) **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-34718 by Richard Lochhead on 20 February 2025, how many properties in the North Lot area are yet

to be connected to superfast broadband through the R100 build scheme, broken down by local authority area.

[S6W-44210](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the impact of paediatric long COVID on paediatric health and social care services.

[S6W-44211](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government what ongoing work is being undertaken regarding data collection on paediatric long COVID.

[S6W-44212](#) **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the adequacy of Child Disability Payment for those affected by the long-term impact of paediatric long COVID.

[S6W-44213](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it and its agencies have taken to dredge the River Esk in Langholm.

[S6W-44214](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government how many tonnes of gravel have been extracted from the River Esk at Langholm in each of the last five years.

[S6W-44215](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is aware of reported local concerns about the build-up of gravel in the river Esk and its tributaries in Langholm.

[S6W-44216](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with SEPA regarding its guidance on flood defences and the wider flooding risk in the Langholm area.

[S6W-44217](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with Borders Buses to discuss the future funding of bus services that cross (a) local authority boundaries in South Scotland and (b) the border between Scotland and England.

[S6W-44218](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with stakeholders and other groups regarding the capital funding required to upgrade the A7 between Edinburgh and Carlisle to address concerns relating to speeding, safety, maintenance and congestion.

[S6W-44219](#) **Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the replacement of HMP Inverness with HMP Highland, and on what date it anticipates that the new prison will be open and fully functional.

[S6W-44220](#) **Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to alter the rules on council tax for properties that have become empty or second homes due to the bereavement of a family member.

[S6W-44233](#) **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider running a safety campaign with local authority and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service partners aimed at highlighting the safe storage of products in vape shops and other businesses that deal with products with lithium batteries.

[S6W-44234](#) **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to review the licensing of vape shops.

[S6W-44235](#) **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any discussions with COSLA or any local authorities about reviewing the licensing of vape shops.

[S6W-44236](#) **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service visits vape shops as part of its fire prevention work.

[S6W-44237](#) **Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with representatives, parents and local authorities following the reported announcement that Fernhill School in Rutherglen will close.

[S6W-44238](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration is given to patients having to travel long distances for health treatments including breast assessment clinics.

[S6W-44239](#) **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to operate breast assessment clinics within Dumfries and Galloway.

[S6W-44240 Miles Briggs](#): To ask the Scottish Government how many breaches of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 have been reported to the Scottish Ministers in each year since the Act came into force on 1 April 2024.

[S6W-44241 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding the cross-border referral of patients to facilities in England for routine healthcare treatment when waiting lists in NHS boards in Scotland exceed referral-to-treatment standards.

[S6W-44242 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the actions taken by the working group it established following the UK Supreme Court's judgment in the For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers case, to ensure that all public bodies are providing single-sex spaces.

[S6W-44243 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide information on any further action that the working group it established following the UK Supreme Court's judgment in the For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers case has assessed as necessary to ensure that all public bodies are providing single-sex spaces.

[S6W-44244 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what the total cost to date is of the working group it established following the UK Supreme Court's judgment in the For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers case.

[S6W-44245 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government how its revised Code of Practice for constables when exercising the power of stop and search, which is currently being consulted on, will ensure the safety of biological women, in light of proposals that could allow a biological male to request that a biological female constable searches them.

[S6W-44246 Rachael Hamilton](#): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent consultation on extending permitted development rights to support the provision of new homes.

[S6W-44247 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government in relation to current and future provision of postal services in Scotland. **R**

[S6W-44248 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on assurances it has had from Royal Mail that all postal deliveries linked to the forthcoming Scottish Parliament election, including postal ballots and other election material on behalf of all candidates and parties, will be delivered at no detriment to the delivery of other mail in Scotland, including medical appointments, legal and financial letters. **R**

[S6W-44249 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has been informed of any delays and disruptions to Royal Mail postal deliveries by public bodies, including NHS Scotland, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS). **R**

[S6W-44250 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it has had any discussions with Royal Mail about postal services in Scotland, and if so, on what date, and if no such discussions have taken place, what plans it has to meet with Royal Mail in this regard. **R**

[S6W-44251 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to meet with the Communication Workers Union (CWU) to discuss concerns that the trade union may have about the current and future provision of postal services in Scotland. **R**

[S6W-44252 Monica Lennon](#): To ask the Scottish Government what risk assessment it has conducted regarding the impact of Royal Mail delays on Scottish communities.

[S6W-44256 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the conditions or penalties for ScotWind lease holders (a) breaching Supply Chain Development Statements (SCDS), (b) breaching conditions of lease and (c) relinquishing leases.

[S6W-44257 Mercedes Villalba](#): To ask the Scottish Government what communication it has had with Crown Estate Scotland regarding the relinquishing of the CampionWind lease by Shell UK in

November 2025.

[S6W-44258](#) **Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to prevent relinquishing of ScotWind leases.

[S6W-44259](#) **Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that (a) ScotWind leases and (b) Supply Chain Development Statements (SCDS) produce stable, long-term economic benefits for (i) workers and (ii) businesses in north east Scotland.

[S6W-44260](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-44015 by Jenni Minto on 10 March 2026, in light of the minister's comment that any decisions are expected to "be taken in consultation with people who use services", what action it will take following Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership reportedly not doing so with families impacted by Huntington's disease prior to deciding to end the specialist service provided by the Scottish Huntington's Association.

[S6W-44276](#) **Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to support lung health in Scotland.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 11 March 2026

Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A revised version of the Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 77A–EN) has been printed.
(Government Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 11 March 2026

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Before section A1

Natalie Don-Innes

91 *In substitution for amendment 5*

Before section A1, insert—

<Aftercare

Aftercare

- (1) The responsible local authority in relation to a person must, unless satisfied that the person's welfare does not require it, provide advice, guidance and assistance to the person if—
 - (a) the person falls within subsection (2), or
 - (b) the person—
 - (i) falls within subsection (3), and
 - (ii) has made an application to the authority requesting that the authority provide the person with advice, guidance and assistance under this subsection.
- (2) The person falls within this subsection if the person—
 - (a) is aged 16, 17 or 18,
 - (b) ceased to be looked after by the responsible local authority on or after the person's 16th birthday, and
 - (c) has not, since ceasing to be looked after by the responsible local authority, been looked after elsewhere in the UK.
- (3) The person falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) the person's 16th birthday is on or after the date on which this section comes into force, and
 - (b) the person—
 - (i) is aged 16, 17 or 18,
 - (ii) was, at any time before the person's 16th birthday, looked after by the responsible local authority, and
 - (iii) has not, since ceasing to be looked after by the responsible local authority, been looked after elsewhere in the UK.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies in relation to a person who—
 - (a) falls within subsection (6), and
 - (b) has made an application to the responsible authority in relation to the person requesting that the authority provide the person with advice, guidance and assistance under subsection (5).
- (5) The responsible local authority in relation to the person—
 - (a) must, if satisfied that the person has eligible needs which cannot be met other than by taking action under this subsection, provide the person with such advice, guidance

and assistance as the authority considers necessary for the purpose of meeting those needs,

- (b) otherwise, may provide under this subsection such advice, guidance and assistance as the authority considers appropriate having regard to the person's welfare.
- (6) A person falls within this subsection if the person—
 - (a) is aged 19 to 25, and
 - (b) fell within subsection (2) or (3) on the day before the person's 19th birthday.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (5)(a), a person has “eligible needs” if the person needs care, attention or support of such type as the Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify.
- (8) A local authority may (but is not required to) continue to provide advice, guidance and assistance to a person in pursuance of subsection (5) after the person reaches the age of 26.
- (9) A person is not to be provided with advice, guidance and assistance under subsection (1) or (5) (including by virtue of subsection (8)) in respect of any time when the person is being provided with continuing care under section 26A of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.
- (10) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations amend this section to provide that specified descriptions of person who, for the time being, fall within any of subsections (2), (3) or (5) are instead to fall within another of those subsections.
- (11) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (3)(a) to substitute, for the date for the time being specified there (however expressed), an earlier date.
- (12) In subsection (10), “specified” means specified in the regulations made under that subsection.>

Roz McCall

92 Before section A1, insert—

<Financial assistance towards expenses of education or training etc.

- (1) Without prejudice to section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (general social welfare services of local authorities), the responsible local authority in relation to a person may, if the person falls within subsection (2), make—
 - (a) grants to the person to enable the person to meet expenses connected with the person's education or training, and
 - (b) contributions to the accommodation and maintenance of any such person in any place near where the person may be—
 - (i) employed, or seeking employment, or
 - (ii) receiving education and training.
- (2) A person falls within this subsection if the person—
 - (a) is aged 16 to 25,
 - (b) is not (but has, at any time in the person's life, been) looked after by a local authority, and
 - (c) has not, since ceasing to be looked after by the responsible local authority, been looked after elsewhere in the UK.

- (3) The responsible local authority in relation to a person may, after the person reaches the age of 26, continue to make grants or contributions of the types mentioned in subsection (1) if the authority is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so for the purposes of education, training, employment or employment-seeking in relation to which such grants or contributions were being made before the person's 26th birthday.>

Natalie Don-Innes

93 Before section A1, insert—

<Co-operation between authorities

- (1) Where it appears to a local authority that another public body (including in particular another local authority) could, by taking any specified action, help in the exercise of any of the local authority's functions under sections (*Aftercare*) to (*Financial assistance towards expenses of education or training etc.*) the local authority may request the help of that body, specifying the action in question.
- (2) A public body whose help is so requested must comply with the request if it is consistent with the exercise of its functions.>

Willie Rennie

94 Before section A1, insert—

<Promotion of family group decision-making services

- (1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended by subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) After section 69A, insert—

“69B Duty to promote family group decision-making services

A local authority must—

- (a) publish information about the provision of family group decision-making services in its area,
- (b) where such services are provided to persons in its area by virtue of section 68(1), take reasonable steps to promote awareness of those services among persons to whom they are likely to be provided,
- (c) publish information about how a request under section 69A may be made and take reasonable steps to promote awareness of the ability to make such a request among those likely to have a right to do so.”
- (3) In section 70 (interpretation of Part 12), for “The following expressions have the same meaning in this Part as they have in Part 1 of the 1995 Act—” substitute “In this Part—
- (a) “family group decision-making service” has the meaning given in section 69A(4) and “family group decision-making” is to be construed accordingly,
- (b) the following expressions have the same meaning as they have in Part 1 of the 1995 Act—”.
- (4) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Services in relation to Children at Risk of Becoming Looked After etc.) Order 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/44) is amended by subsections (5) and (6).

- (5) In article 2, paragraph (2)(a), for the words from “means” to “the child” substitute “has the same meaning as in Part 12 of the Act;”.
- (6) In article 4—
 - (a) the existing text becomes paragraph (1),
 - (b) after paragraph (1), insert—

“(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to family group decision-making services (as to which see section 69B of the Act).”.>

Willie Rennie

95 Before section A1, insert—

<Guidance on family group decision-making services

- (1) The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 69B, insert—

“69C Guidance on family group decision-making services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance on family group decision-making services in Scotland.
- (2) A local authority must, when securing the provision of family group decision-making services in its area, have regard to any guidance published under this section.
- (3) Guidance under this section must—
 - (a) set out—
 - (i) the purpose of family group decision-making,
 - (ii) the principles that underpin it,
 - (iii) the expectations for how it is to be applied in practice,
 - (b) include information on—
 - (i) the factors that a local authority should, whether or not a request for family group decision-making services has been made, consider in determining whether to offer family group decision-making services (such as, where appropriate, the views of the child),
 - (ii) how family group decision-making services may interact and be used in conjunction with other services provided in respect of children and families, as part of taking a holistic approach to the provision of support,
 - (iii) how family group decision-making services support early intervention, family participation in decision-making, and the fulfilment of children’s rights,
 - (iv) any measures that the Scottish Ministers consider should be taken to support the availability and quality of family group decision-making services.
- (4) Before issuing or revising guidance, the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) each local authority,

- (b) other providers of family group decision-making services,
- (c) the Principal Reporter,
- (d) the National Convener of Children’s Hearings Scotland, and
- (e) such other persons as they consider appropriate.”.>

Section 1A

Martin Whitfield

- 96 In section 1A, page 3, line 8, leave out <(on his sixteenth birthday or at any subsequent time)>

Martin Whitfield

- 97 In section 1A, page 3, line 19, leave out from <or> to end of line 26

Martin Whitfield

- 98 In section 1A, page 3, line 28, leave out <26A of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995> and insert <(Provision of continuing care: looked after children)>

Before section 2A

Martin Whitfield

- 99 Before section 2A, insert—

<Provision of accommodation for children, etc.

- (1) A local authority shall provide accommodation for any child who, residing or having been found within their area, appears to them to require such provision because—
 - (a) no-one has parental responsibility for him,
 - (b) he is lost or abandoned,
 - (c) the person who has been caring for him is prevented, whether or not permanently and for whatever reason, from providing him with suitable accommodation or care, or
 - (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.
- (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) above, a local authority may provide accommodation for any child within their area if they consider that to do so would safeguard or promote his welfare.
- (3) A local authority shall provide accommodation for any person within their area who is at least eighteen years of age but not yet twenty-one, if they determine that to do so would safeguard or promote his welfare.
- (4) 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 (*Provision of continuing care: looked after children*)—

- (a) does not apply as a result of the application of section (*Provision of continuing care: looked after children*)(6), or
 - (b) has ceased as a result of section (*Provision of continuing care: looked after children*)(8)(b).
- (5) A local authority providing accommodation under subsection (1) above for a child who is ordinarily resident in the area of another local authority shall notify the other authority, in writing, that such provision is being made; and the other authority may at any time take over the provision of accommodation for the child.
- (6) Before providing a child with accommodation under this section, a local authority shall have regard, so far as practicable, to his views (if he wishes to express them), taking account of his age and maturity; and without prejudice to the generality of this subsection a child twelve years of age or more shall be presumed to be of sufficient age and maturity to form a view.
- (7) Subject to subsection (8) below—
- (a) a local authority shall not provide accommodation under this section for a child if any person who—
 - (i) has parental responsibilities in relation to him and the parental rights mentioned in section 2(1)(a) and (b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, and
 - (ii) is willing and able either to provide, or to arrange to have provided, accommodation for him,
 objects, and
 - (b) any such person may at any time remove the child from accommodation which has been provided by the local authority under this section.
- (8) Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) above does not apply—
- (a) as respects any child who, being at least sixteen years of age, agrees to be provided with accommodation under this section, or
 - (b) where a residence order has been made in favour of one or more persons and that person has, or as the case may be those persons have, agreed that the child should be looked after in accommodation provided by, or on behalf of, the local authority,
- and paragraph (b) of that subsection does not apply where accommodation has been provided for a continuous period of at least six months (whether by a single local authority or, by virtue of subsection (5) above, by more than one local authority), unless the person removing the child has given the local authority for the time being making such provision at least fourteen days' notice in writing of his intention to remove the child.
- (9) In this section and sections (*Manner of provision of accommodation to child looked after by local authority*) and (*Provision of continuing care: looked after children*), accommodation means, except where the context otherwise requires, accommodation provided for a continuous period of more than twenty-four hours.>

Martin Whitfield

100 Before section 2A, insert—

<Manner of provision of accommodation to child looked after by local authority

- (1) A local authority may provide accommodation for a child looked after by them by—
 - (a) placing him with—
 - (i) a family (other than such family as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of that expression in section 93(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995),
 - (ii) a relative of his, or
 - (iii) any other suitable person,
 - (b) maintaining him in a residential establishment, or
 - (c) making such other arrangements as appear to them to be appropriate, including (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) making use of such services as are referred to in section 17(1)(b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.
- (2) A local authority may arrange for a child whom they are looking after—
 - (a) to be placed, under subsection (1)(a) above, with a person in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) to be maintained in any accommodation in which—
 - (i) a local authority in England and Wales could maintain him by virtue of section 23(2)(b) to (e) of the Children Act 1989, or
 - (ii) an authority within the meaning of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 could maintain him by virtue of Article 27(2)(aa) of that Order.>

Martin Whitfield

101 Before section 2A, insert—

<Provision of continuing care: looked after children

- (1) This section applies where an eligible person ceases to be looked after by a local authority or provided with accommodation under section (*Provision of accommodation for children etc.*)(3).
- (2) An “eligible person” is a person who—
 - (a) is at least sixteen years of age, and
 - (b) is not yet such higher age as may be specified.
- (3) Subject to subsection (6) below, the local authority must provide the person with continuing care.
- (4) 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 26, if it is satisfied that doing so will promote or safeguard the person’s welfare.
- (5) “Continuing care” means either—
 - (a) the same accommodation and other assistance as was being provided for the person by the authority, in pursuance of this Chapter of this Part, immediately before the person ceased to be looked after or provided with accommodation under section (*Provision of accommodation for children etc.*)(3), 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) A local authority's duty to provide continuing care lasts, subject to subsection (8) below, until the expiry of such period as may be specified.
- (8) The duty to provide continuing care ceases if—
 - (a) the person leaves the accommodation of the person's own volition,
 - (b) the accommodation ceases to be available, or
 - (c) the local authority considers that continuing to provide the care would significantly adversely affect the welfare of the person.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8)(b) 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.
- (10) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) make provision about when or how a local authority is to consider whether subsection (6)(c) or (8)(c) above is the case,
 - (b) modify subsection (6) above so as to add, remove or vary a situation in which the duty to provide continuing care does not apply,
 - (c) modify subsection (8) or (9) above so as to add, remove or vary a situation in which the duty to provide continuing care ceases.
- (11) 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.
- (12) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) may make different provision for different purposes,
 - (b) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (13) Before making regulations 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 (*Manner of provision of accommodation to child looked after by local authority*)(1)(a) of this Act,

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

Martin Whitfield

102 Before section 2A, insert—

<Consequential repeal of Children (Scotland) Act 1995 provisions

(1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.

(2) Sections 25, 26 and 26A are repealed.>

Section 2A

Martin Whitfield

103 Leave out section 2A

Section 2B

Martin Whitfield

104 Leave out section 2B

Section 2C

Martin Whitfield

105 Leave out section 2C

Section 2D

Martin Whitfield

106 In section 2D, page 6, line 33, leave out <25> and insert <26>

Martin Whitfield

107 Leave out section 2D

After section 2D

Martin Whitfield

108 After section 2D, insert—

<Extension of continuing care where person requests to return to accommodation

- (1) The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 26A (provision of continuing care: looked after children), after subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) For the purposes of subsection (7)(a) above, the duty to provide continuing care only ceases until such time (if any) as the person requests to return to the accommodation.”.>

Section 3

Willie Rennie

109 *In substitution for amendment 1*

In section 3, page 7, line 17, at end insert—

<() In section 59 (planning by corporate parents), after subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) A plan or revised plan must include information on how the corporate parent proposes to exercise its corporate parenting responsibilities in a way that delivers the recommendations set out in the report published on 5 February 2020 on behalf of the Independent Care Review established by the Scottish Ministers in October 2016 (“the Promise”).”.>

After section 3

Martin Whitfield

19A As an amendment to amendment 19, line 16, at end insert—

<() in paragraph (a)(i), after “responsibilities” insert “(including in relation to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children)”.>

Martin Whitfield

19B As an amendment to amendment 19, line 20, at end insert—

<“(2A) Guidance must also refer corporate parents to the guidance issued under section 13(1) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024.>

Martin Whitfield

110 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).”.>

Section 4

Martin Whitfield

- 111** In section 4, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

<(2ZA) Care experience advocacy services should, where reasonably practicable, be independent.>

Martin Whitfield

- 112** In section 4, page 8, line 12, leave out <(2)> and insert <(2ZA)>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 113** In section 4, page 8, leave out lines 23 to 32

Nicola Sturgeon

- 114** In section 4, page 8, line 32, at end insert—

<() where the person to whom the care experience advocacy services are made available is, or was, placed in residential or secure care, a person who provides care services under a contract or other arrangement with a local authority in the local authority area where the care-experienced person is or was placed,>

Martin Whitfield

115 In section 4, page 8, line 32, at end insert—

<() where the person to whom the services are made available is, or was, placed within a residential or secure care setting, a person who provides local authority contracted care services within the local authority area where the care-experienced person is or was placed,>

Jeremy Balfour

116 In section 4, page 8, line 36, leave out subsection (3A) and insert—

<(3A) Regulations under subsection (1) must include provision as to how care-experienced persons are to be made aware of the existence of their rights of access to care experience advocacy services.

(3B) The Scottish Ministers must, in complying with subsections (3) and (3A), have regard to the desirability of a person who has a right of access to care experience advocacy services in or in relation to a particular circumstance being able to be exercise the right at the earliest appropriate opportunity in relation to that circumstance.>

Jeremy Balfour

117 In section 4, page 9, leave out lines 13 to 15

After section 4

Nicola Sturgeon

29A As an amendment to amendment 29, line 16, at end insert—

<() where the person to whom the care experience advocacy services are made available is, or was, placed in residential or secure care, a person who provides care services under a contract or other arrangement with a local authority in the local authority area where the care-experienced person is or was placed,>

Section 5

Nicola Sturgeon

118 In section 5, page 10, line 3, leave out <issue guidance> and insert <by regulations make provision>

Nicola Sturgeon

119 In section 5, page 10, line 8, leave out <Guidance> and insert <Regulations>

Nicola Sturgeon

120 In section 5, page 10, line 8, leave out <promote best practice in> and insert <provide for requirements in relation to>

Roz McCall

121 In section 5, page 10, line 16, leave out from <and> to end of line 18 and insert—

- <() appropriately respecting the rights of persons who are or may be care-experienced, and
- () interacting with persons who are or may be care-experienced in a way that—
 - (i) takes account of the effects of trauma which the person may have experienced, and
 - (ii) seeks to avoid, or minimise the risk of, exposing the person to further trauma or any recurrence of past trauma.>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 122** In section 5, page 10, line 20, leave out <have due regard to guidance issued> and insert <comply with regulations made>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 123** In section 5, page 10, line 25, leave out <have due regard to guidance issued> and insert <comply with regulations made>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 124** In section 5, page 10, line 29, leave out <guidance issued> and insert <regulations made>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 125** In section 5, page 10, line 40, leave out <guidance> and insert <regulations>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 126** In section 5, page 11, line 5, leave out <guidance> and insert <regulations>

Section 6

Nicola Sturgeon

- 127** In section 6, page 11, line 14, leave out <issuing guidance> and insert <making regulations>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 128** In section 6, page 11, line 16, leave out <guidance> and insert <regulations>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 129** In section 6, page 11, leave out lines 24 to 26

Nicola Sturgeon

- 130** In section 6, page 11, line 27, leave out <guidance> and insert <regulations>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 131** In section 6, page 11, line 28, leave out <Guidance issued> and insert <Regulations made>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 132 In section 6, page 11, line 28, leave <include different guidance> and insert <make different provision>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 133 In section 6, page 11, line 30, leave out subsection (4)

After section 6

Fulton MacGregor

- 134 After section 6, insert—

<Review in relation to permanence

Review in relation to permanence

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must undertake a review in relation to permanence for persons who are, or have been, looked after by a local authority.
- (2) In carrying out the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consider—
 - (a) evidence on permanence and long-term stability in relation to persons who are, or have been, looked after by a local authority in Scotland,
 - (b) evidence and practice in relation to permanence planning and decision-making in the other jurisdictions of the United Kingdom,
 - (c) the timescales within which permanence is achieved in Scotland and the other jurisdictions of the United Kingdom,
 - (d) the impact of any delays in achieving permanence, including the impacts on development and relationships,
 - (e) different approaches to permanence planning in relation to babies and young children.
- (3) In carrying out the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate, which may include—
 - (a) children and young people with experience of care,
 - (b) organisations representing children and young people,
 - (c) local authorities,
 - (d) organisations involved in adoption, fostering and kinship care,
 - (e) persons with relevant professional or academic expertise.
- (4) In carrying out the review under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the rights of the child, including—
 - (a) the principle that the best interests of the child are to be a primary consideration, and
 - (b) that children's views should be taken into account in a manner appropriate to their age and maturity.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) complete the review under subsection (1) no later than 2 years after this section comes into force, and

- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review—
 - (i) prepare and publish a report on the review, and
 - (ii) lay that report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (6) The report prepared under subsection (5)(b)(i) must, in particular, include recommendations to ensure that arrangements relating to permanence support the—
 - (a) wellbeing and developmental needs of persons who are, or have been, looked after,
 - (b) timely achievement of stable and secure care arrangements,
 - (c) delivery of any commitments made by the Scottish Ministers in relation to early permanence,
 - (d) implementation of the recommendations set out in the report published on 5 February 2020 on behalf of the Independent Care Review established by the Scottish Ministers in October 2016 (“the Promise”).
- (7) For the purposes of this section, “permanence” means—
 - (a) the permanent placement of a child in their family home without statutory involvement, or
 - (b) the placement of a child outwith their family home (including with another person related to the child) with appropriate permanent legal orders in place.>

Martin Whitfield

135 After section 6, insert—

<Review of permanence

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 2 years after this section comes into force, undertake a review of the impact of delays to decisions relating to the permanent home of children, including the impact on young children and infants.
- (2) The review must include—
 - (a) consideration of existing research on permanence from Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) consultation with relevant experts on permanence.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the review as soon as reasonably practicable after completing the review.>

Section 8

Willie Rennie

136 In section 8, page 13, line 7, after first <requirement> insert <—

- (a)>

Willie Rennie

137 In section 8, page 13, line 10, at end insert <, but

- (b) does not apply to a person falling within subsection (3) if the person is a charity.>

Martin Whitfield

138 In section 8, page 13, leave out line 31

Willie Rennie

139 In section 8, page 13, line 42, after <(3)> insert <to whom the requirement would apply>

Martin Whitfield

140 In section 8, page 14, line 1, at end insert—

<(12) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify subsection (3) to add a person, or description of person, as being a person who falls within that subsection.

(13) Before making regulations under subsection (12), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Willie Rennie

141 In section 8, page 14, leave out lines 16 to 18 and insert—

<(2) When considering whether to impose (or modify) a profit limitation requirement, the Scottish Ministers must—

(a) treat the need to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children being looked after by local authorities as their primary concern,

(b) subject to that, also have regard to—

(i)>

Willie Rennie

142 In section 8, page 14, line 21, at end insert—

<(2A) For the purpose of subsections (1)(a) and (2)(c), a reference to persons falling within section 78E(3) does not include a reference to persons who are charities.>

Martin Whitfield

143 In section 8, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

<() In section 104 (orders and regulations: procedure), in subsection (2), after “78,” insert “78E(12),”.>

Section 10G

Martin Whitfield

144 In section 10G, page 19, line 22, leave out <26(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (fostering of children looked after by a local authority)> and insert <(Manner of provision of accommodation to child looked after by local authority)(1)>

Section 10H

Martin Whitfield

- 145 In section 10H, page 20, line 5, at end insert—
<() for “may” substitute “must”,>

Martin Whitfield

- 146 In section 10H, page 20, line 9, at end insert—
<(c) payments by a fostering service to foster carers.”,>

Martin Whitfield

- 147 In section 10H, page 20, line 11, after <authorities> insert <and fostering services>

Martin Whitfield

- 148 In section 10H, page 20, line 11, after <them,> insert <broken down into allowances, fees and any other payments,>

Martin Whitfield

- 149 In section 10H, page 20, line 12, at end insert—
<() after subsection (3) insert—
“(3A) Regulations under subsection (1) must make provision for Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland to monitor and report on the payments made.”,>

Martin Whitfield

- 150 In section 10H, page 20, line 16, at end insert—
<“fostering service” means a service which is provided by 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—
(a) under paragraph (a) of section 26(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (fostering of children looked after by a local authority), or
(b) 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).”,>

Section 10I

Martin Whitfield

- 151 In section 10I, page 20, line 26, after <1(a)> insert <or (b)>

After section 10I

Martin Whitfield

152 After section 10I, insert—

<Foster care: inspections and fees

The Scottish Ministers must take such steps as it considers necessary, including by making regulations, to ensure that inspections by Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland of providers of foster care include gathering information on the fees and other payments made to foster carers.>

Willie Rennie

153 After section 10I, insert—

<Report on deaths of care-experienced persons

Report on deaths of care-experienced persons

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare a report on any deaths mentioned in subsection (2) which are notified to them during the reporting period,
 - (b) make the report publicly available, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) The deaths referred to in subsection (1)(a) are those—
 - (a) of children who were being looked after by a local authority at the time of their death and which are notified to the Scottish Ministers by a local authority,
 - (b) which are notified to the Scottish Ministers by a local authority under—
 - (i) section 26A(10) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995,
 - (ii) section (*Other duties*)(4) of this Act.
- (3) A report under subsection (1) may include, for example, information about—
 - (a) the number of deaths,
 - (b) the age ranges within which those individuals fell at the time of their deaths,
 - (c) where known, the causes of death,
 - (d) the types of review (if any) which have been undertaken or are underway in respect of the deaths.
- (4) A person mentioned in subsection (5) must comply with any written direction issued by the Scottish Ministers requiring the person to provide such information as is specified by Ministers in the direction (being information which they consider that they require in connection with the production of a report under subsection (1)).
- (5) The persons referred to in subsection (4) are—
 - (a) Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland,
 - (b) a local authority,
 - (c) any other person.

- (6) In this section, “reporting period” means—
- (a) the period of 1 year beginning with the day of Royal Assent,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 1 year.>

Fulton MacGregor

154 After section 10I, insert—

<CHAPTER

SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION

Peer support services

- (1) The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 12, insert—

“Other support for adoptions

12A Duty to promote peer support services

- (1) Where peer support services are available in a local authority’s area for persons mentioned in section 1(3), the local authority must take reasonable steps to promote awareness of, and encourage the uptake of, such services by such persons throughout the adoption process and after any adoption has taken place.
- (2) In subsection (1), “peer support” means support in relation to adoption that is provided by persons with lived experience of the adoption process.”.>

Fulton MacGregor

155 After section 10I, insert—

<Provision of post-adoption social work

- (1) The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (duty of local authority to provide adoption service), in subsection (5), after paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) ongoing specialist post-adoption social work,”.>

Fulton MacGregor

156 After section 10I, insert—

<Sustainable funding for adoption support

- (1) The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 2 (carrying out of duties imposed by section 1), in subsection (1)—
 - (a) the word “and” immediately following paragraph (a) is repealed,
 - (b) after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) the desirability of ensuring sustainable funding for adoption support services to prevent adoption breakdown, and”.>

Fulton MacGregor

157 After section 10I, insert—

<Adopted persons: care-experienced status

- (1) The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3 (adoption services: regulations)—
 - (a) the existing provision becomes subsection (1),
 - (b) after subsection (1) insert—
 - “(2) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision to ensure that persons who have been adopted are recognised as having care-experienced status for the purposes of accessing relevant services and support, including access to mental health care services.”.
- (3) In section 117 (orders and regulations), in subsection (5), after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(iza)section 3(2),”.>

Fulton MacGregor

158 After section 10I, insert—

<Adoption breakdown: definition and data collection

- (1) The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 79 insert—

“Adoption breakdown

79A Adoption breakdown: definition and data collection

The Scottish Ministers must by regulations provide for—

- (a) a definition of “adoption breakdown”, and
- (b) guidance for local authorities on the collection and sharing of information relating to adoption breakdown to enable—
 - (i) accurate monitoring,
 - (ii) learning, and
 - (iii) prevention.”.
- (3) In section 117 (orders and regulations), in subsection (5), in paragraph (a), after sub-paragraph (iii) insert—

“(iv) section 79A,”.>

Fulton MacGregor

159 After section 10I, insert—

<Report on funding for therapeutic support

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must prepare and publish a report on the provision of funding for therapeutic support as an adoption support service under section 1 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007.

- (2) The report under subsection (1) must, in particular, include—
- (a) consideration of what funding support is available to adoption services to provide access to therapeutic support,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers' recommendation as to whether there should be a national therapeutic support fund.>

Section 11

Martin Whitfield

- 160 In section 11, page 22, leave out lines 20 to 22

Martin Whitfield

- 161 In section 11, page 23, leave out lines 1 to 13 and insert—

- <(4) A children's hearing is to be chaired by—
- (a) the chairing member selected by the National Convener as a member of the children's hearing, or
 - (b) where the children's hearing includes more than one chairing member, the chairing member selected by the National Convener to chair the children's hearing.
- (4A) The National Convener must, in selecting the members of the children's hearing (including, where subsection (4)(b) applies, the chairing member who is to chair the hearing)—
- (a) subject to paragraph (b), have regard to the desirability of the same chairing member chairing all children's hearings and pre-hearing panels held in relation to a child,
 - (b) so far as practicable, not select as the chairing member of a children's hearing to be held in relation to a child a chairing member who has, following a previous children's hearing held in relation to the child, notified the National Convener under subsection (2) of section 6D that subsection (3) of that section applies.">

Martin Whitfield

- 162 In section 11, page 23, line 37, at end insert—

- <(1C) The National Convener must, in selecting the member of the Children's Panel for the children's hearing—
- (a) subject to paragraph (b), have regard to the desirability of the same chairing member chairing all children's hearings and pre-hearing panels held in relation to a child,
 - (b) so far as practicable, not select as the member of a children's hearing to be held in relation to a child a chairing member who has, following a previous children's hearing held in relation to the child, notified the National Convener under subsection (2) of section 6D that subsection (3) of that section applies.>

Martin Whitfield

163 In section 11, page 24, line 39, leave out from <, or> to end of line 40 and insert—

- (6A) The National Convener must, in selecting the additional members of the children’s hearing (including selecting which chairing member is to chair the children’s hearing)—
- (a) subject to paragraph (b), have regard to the desirability of the same chairing member chairing all children’s hearings and pre-hearing panels held in relation to a child,
 - (b) so far as practicable, not select as the chairing member of a children’s hearing to be held in relation to a child a chairing member who has, following a previous children’s hearing held in relation to the child, notified the National Convener under subsection (2) of section 6D that subsection (3) of that section applies.>

Martin Whitfield

164 In section 11, page 25, line 34, at end insert—

<6D Selection of members of children’s hearing: continuity of membership

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a children’s hearing (whether consisting of one member or three members of the Children’s Panel) is held in relation to a child, and
 - (b) the outcome of the children’s hearing is such that at least one subsequent children’s hearing will require to be held in relation to the child.
- (2) The chairing member must, where subsection (3) applies, notify the National Convener of that fact as soon as reasonably practicable after the children’s hearing.
- (3) This subsection applies where the chairing member considers that it would not be in the best interests of the child for the chairing member to be selected as the chairing member of any subsequent children’s hearings to be held in relation to the child.
- (4) The chairing member must, in considering whether subsection (3) applies, have regard to any views expressed by the child.
- (5) In this section, “children’s hearing” includes a pre-hearing panel.”.>

Martin Whitfield

165 In section 11, page 27, line 38, at end insert—

- <(2A) The Scottish Ministers must, by regulations, specify criteria that the National Convener must consider when making a determination under sub-paragraph (2)(a)(ii), including—
- (a) relevant legal competences, including—
 - (i) knowledge of child law and practice, and of children and family’s rights,
 - (ii) a clear understanding of the children’s hearings 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 managing hearings, sound judgement, presiding over proceedings, mediating challenging discussions, and sharing and interpreting complex information in a person-centred way,
- (c) personal qualities such as kindness, compassion, empathy, and strong communication skills,
- (d) such other skills and competences as the Scottish Ministers consider relevant.”>

Martin Whitfield

166 In section 11, page 28, line 2, at end insert—

<() after sub-paragraph (6) insert—

“(7) Regulations under sub-paragraph (2A) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”>

After section 11

Martin Whitfield

167 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 (selection of members of children’s hearing), after subsection (4B) insert—
 - “(4C) The National Convener must, so far as is reasonably practicable taking into account logistical matters, ensure that the same chairing member chairs all children’s hearings relating to the same child.”>

Martin Whitfield

168 After section 11, insert—

<Location of chairing members

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 6C (inserted by section 11), insert—
 - “6D Location of chairing members**
 - (1) The National Convener must, unless exceptional circumstances require otherwise, ensure that each chairing member only chairs children’s hearings held in a single local authority area.
 - (2) Where, in the view of the National Convener, exceptional circumstances require arrangements for a chairing member to chair a hearing in a different local authority area, such arrangements should be for as short a time as is reasonably practicable.”>

Section 14

Nicola Sturgeon

Supported by: Ross Greer

169 In section 14, page 33, line 11, at end insert—

<(ba) whether, in the case of a child in relation to whom the children's hearing is considering whether to make, vary or continue an order, interim order or interim variation of an order—

(A) placing a child in secure accommodation,

(B) with directions authorising restriction of liberty,

(C) with prohibitions, or

(D) with movement restriction conditions,

the child opts-out of children's advocacy services,

(bb) whether, in the case of a child suspected of having committed an offence, the child opts-out of children's advocacy services,>

Nicola Sturgeon

Supported by: Ross Greer

170 In section 14, page 33, line 12, at beginning insert <in a case not mentioned in paragraph (ba) or (bb),>

Martin Whitfield

171 In section 14, page 33, line 23, at end insert—

<69AA 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).

(3) In exceptional circumstances, the sheriff may extend the period for a decision or, as the case may be, determination to be made.

(4) Where a children's hearing arranged under section 69B or 69C has not reached a decision within the 3 month period referred to in subsection (2), and no extension has been provided under subsection (3), the matters to be decided by the children's hearing must instead be determined by the sheriff.>

Martin Whitfield

172 In section 14, page 33, line 40, after <where> insert <the child is under the age of 5, or>

Martin Whitfield

- 173 In section 14, page 38, line 37, at the beginning insert <In respect of a child aged 5 or over,>

Martin Whitfield

- 174 In section 14, page 39, line 3, after <where> insert <—
(a) the child is under 5 years of age, or
(b)>

Natalie Don-Innes

- 175 In section 14, page 40, line 10, after <must> insert <, unless the child is immediately available to attend the grounds hearing>

Natalie Don-Innes

- 176 In section 14, page 40, line 15, leave out from <where> to end of line 18 and insert <in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1A),>

Natalie Don-Innes

- 177 In section 14, page 40, line 20, at end insert—
<(1A) The circumstances are—
(a) where the grounds hearing is, in relation to a ground, required by section 89B(5)(b) to proceed in accordance with this section,
(b) where the grounds hearing would have required the Principal Reporter to arrange, in relation to a ground, another grounds hearing under section 89C(8)(a) but for the child being immediately available to attend the grounds hearing,
(c) where—
(i) the grounds hearing is arranged by virtue of section 89B(4A) or 89C(8)(a), and
(ii) the child is in attendance at the hearing.>

Section 16

Martin Whitfield

- 178 In section 16, page 49, line 17, after <under> insert <(either or both)>

Martin Whitfield

- 179 In section 16, page 50, line 12, after <under> insert <(either or both)—
(A) Article 16 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,
or
(B)>

Martin Whitfield

- 180** In section 16, page 52, line 16, after <satisfied> insert <that the determination to which the appeal relates is justified>

After section 16

Bill Kidd

- 181** After section 16, insert—

<Timescales

Timescale for determination of application to sheriff

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 101 (hearing of application), for subsection (2) substitute—
 - “(2) The application must—
 - (a) begin to be heard not later than 28 days after the day on which the application is made, and
 - (b) be determined not later than 90 days after the day on which the application is made.
 - (2A) But the sheriff may, if satisfied after having regard to the best interests of the child that it is reasonable in the circumstances of the case to do so, allow the application—
 - (a) to begin to be heard later than mentioned in subsection (2)(a), or
 - (b) to be determined later than mentioned in subsection (2)(b).”>

Roz McCall

- 182** After section 16, insert—

<Reports on timescales in children’s hearing system

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 181, insert—

“181A Annual reports on timescales in children’s hearings system

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
 - (a) prepare a report containing the information mentioned in subsection (2) in relation to—
 - (i) Scotland as a whole, and
 - (ii) to the extent that the information is available at this level, each local authority area,
 - (b) make the report publicly available, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.

- (2) The information is information about the timescales—
- (a) between—
 - (i) the Principal Reporter receiving a notice, information, a statement, evidence or a reference mentioned in section 66(1)(a) in relation to a child, and
 - (ii) the Principal Reporter making a determination in relation to the child under section 66(2),
 - (b) between—
 - (i) the Principal Reporter making a determination under section 66(2) that it is necessary for a compulsory supervision order to be made in relation to a child, and
 - (ii) a grounds hearing being arranged in relation to the child or an application to the sheriff being made under section 69D or 69E,
 - (c) between—
 - (i) a grounds hearing being held in relation to a child or an application to the sheriff being made under section 69D or 69E, and
 - (ii) the child’s referral to a children’s hearing being discharged or a compulsory supervision order being made in relation to a child,
 - (d) between such other actions relating to the referral (or possible referral) of a child to a children’s hearing and the making of decisions in relation to the child as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) A report under subsection (1) may contain such other information as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) Information contained in a report under subsection (1) must not identify (or enable the identification of) a particular child.
- (5) In this section, “reporting period” means—
- (a) the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which section (*Reports on timescales in the children’s hearings system*) of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 comes into force, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 1 year.”.
- (3) The italic heading before section 181 becomes “Annual reports”.>

Roz McCall

183 After section 16, insert—

<Infant safeguarders

Infant safeguarders

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

“Infant safeguarders

9A Infant safeguarders

- (1) The National Convener must appoint an infant safeguarder to any child under the age of 5 years in relation to whom the Principal Reporter is to make a determination under section 66.
- (2) The role of the infant safeguarder is to represent the lived experience of the infant in the context of their caregiving relationships, throughout the infant’s engagement with the children’s hearings system, including by—
 - (a) gathering information about the child and their behaviour,
 - (b) representing the child’s best interests,
 - (c) attending hearings relating to the child,
 - (d) monitoring the provision of services.”>

Roz McCall

184 After section 16, insert—

<Representation of infants

Representation of infants

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

“Representation of infants

122A Representation of infants

- (1) This section applies where a children’s hearing is held in relation to an infant by virtue of this Act.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision in relation to services for the representation of infants in relation to whom a children’s hearing has been arranged.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) must make provision relating to the—
 - (a) qualifications to be held by,
 - (b) training of,
 - (c) payment of expenses, fees and allowances by the Scottish Ministers to, persons providing services for the representation of infants in children’s hearings.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may enter into arrangements (contractual or otherwise) with any person other than a local authority, CHS or SCRA for the provision of services for the representation of infants.
- (5) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (6) In this section—

“infant” means a child under the age of 5 years,

“services for the representation of infants” means services of support and representation provided for the purposes of assisting an infant in relation to their views being represented in a children’s hearing.”>

Section 18

Martin Whitfield

- 185** In section 18, page 54, line 27, leave out <availability of> and insert <child's referral to>

Nicola Sturgeon

Supported by: Ross Greer

- 186** In section 18, page 54, line 27, after <services> insert <, including the child's right to opt-out from a referral to children's advocacy services in the case of a child—
- (i) in relation to whom a children's hearing will consider whether to make, vary or continue an order, interim order or interim variation of an order—
 - (A) placing a child in secure accommodation,
 - (B) with directions authorising restriction of liberty,
 - (C) with prohibitions, or
 - (D) with movement restriction conditions, or
 - (ii) who is suspected of having committed an offence>

Martin Whitfield

- 187** In section 18, page 55, line 6, leave out <availability of> and insert <child's referral to>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 188** In section 18, page 55, line 6, after <services> insert <, including the child's right to opt-out from a referral to children's advocacy services in the case of a child—
- (i) in relation to whom a children's hearing will consider whether to make, vary or continue an order, interim order or interim variation of an order—
 - (A) placing a child in secure accommodation,
 - (B) with directions authorising restriction of liberty,
 - (C) with prohibitions, or
 - (D) with movement restriction conditions, or
 - (ii) who is suspected of having committed an offence>

Jeremy Balfour

- 189** In section 18, page 55, line 6, at end insert—
- <(d) the availability of child-centred legal advice and representation.”.>

Martin Whitfield

- 190** In section 18, page 55, line 13, leave out <availability of> and insert <child's referral to>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 191** In section 18, page 55, line 13, after <services> insert <, including the child’s right to opt-out from a referral to children’s advocacy services in the case of a child—
- (i) in relation to whom a children’s hearing will consider whether to make, vary or continue an order, interim order or interim variation of an order—
 - (A) placing a child in secure accommodation,
 - (B) with directions authorising restriction of liberty,
 - (C) with prohibitions, or
 - (D) with movement restriction conditions, or
 - (ii) who is suspected of having committed an offence>

Jeremy Balfour

- 192** In section 18, page 55, line 13, at end insert—
- <(d) the availability of child-centred legal advice and representation.”.>

Martin Whitfield

- 193** In section 18, page 55, line 21, leave out <availability of> and insert <child’s referral to>

Nicola Sturgeon

- 194** In section 18, page 55, line 21, after <services> insert <, including the child’s right to opt-out from a referral to children’s advocacy services in the case of a child—
- (i) in relation to whom a children’s hearing will consider whether to make, vary or continue an order, interim order or interim variation of an order—
 - (A) placing a child in secure accommodation,
 - (B) with directions authorising restriction of liberty,
 - (C) with prohibitions, or
 - (D) with movement restriction conditions, or
 - (ii) who is suspected of having committed an offence>

Jeremy Balfour

- 195** In section 18, page 55, line 21, at end insert—
- <(d) the availability of child-centred legal advice and representation.”.>

Martin Whitfield

- 196** In section 18, page 55, line 21, at end insert—
- <() In section 122 (children’s advocacy services)—
- (a) before subsection (1) insert—

“(A1) Where a children’s hearing has been arranged in relation to a child by virtue of this Act, the Principal Reporter must, as soon as reasonably practicable, offer the child an opportunity to be referred to children’s advocacy services.”,

(b) in subsection (1), for “This section” substitute “Subsection (2)”.>

Martin Whitfield

197 In section 18, page 55, line 21, at end insert—

<() In section 122 (children’s advocacy services), in subsection (2), for “inform the child of the availability of children’s advocacy services” substitute “offer the child an opportunity to be referred to children’s advocacy services, if such a referral is not already in place”.>

After section 18

Nicola Sturgeon

Supported by: Ross Greer

198 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) after “availability of” insert “or child’s referral to”,

(ii) after “services” insert “and, where applicable, the child’s ability to opt-out of those services”,

(b) after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision to ensure that in the case of a child—

(a) in relation to whom a children’s hearing will consider whether to make, vary or continue an order, interim order or interim variation of an order—

(i) placing a child in secure accommodation,

(ii) with directions authorising restriction of liberty,

(iii) with prohibitions, or

(iv) with movement restriction conditions, or

(b) who is suspected of having committed an offence,

the child is referred to children’s advocacy services, unless that child opts-out of those services.”.>

Martin Whitfield

199 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) after subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations make provision to ensure that the child is referred to children’s advocacy services, unless that child opts-out those services.”,
 - (b) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) leave out “availability of” and insert “child’s referral to”,
 - (ii) after “services” insert “and the child’s ability to opt-out of those services”.>

Ross Greer

200 After section 18, insert—

<Children’s advocacy services: non-instructed advocacy

- (1) The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 122 (children’s advocacy services), in subsection (7)—
 - (a) the words from “means” to the end become paragraph (a),
 - (b) after that paragraph insert “, and
 - (b) includes, where a child is unable due to the child’s age or capacity to instruct that such services be provided to the child, services provided other than on the child’s own instruction.”.>

After section 21A

Jeremy Balfour

201 After section 21A, insert—

<Legal aid

- (1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 28B (children’s legal aid), in subsection (3), after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(da) proceedings before a children’s hearing or a pre-hearing panel if—
 - (i) the statement of grounds specifies as a ground that the child to whom the proceedings relate has committed an offence, and
 - (ii) the offence in question is such that, were the child prosecuted in respect of it, it would be or would most likely be prosecuted under solemn procedure.”.
- (3) In section 28C (circumstances where children’s legal aid automatically available)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(da) a children’s hearing is arranged in relation to a child and—
 - (i) the statement of grounds specifies as a ground that the child has committed an offence, and

(ii) the offence in question is such that, were the child prosecuted in respect of it, it would be or would most likely be prosecuted under solemn procedure,”,

(b) in subsection (2), in paragraph (b) for “or (d)” substitute “, (d) or (da)”.>

Willie Rennie

202 After section 21A, insert—

<CHAPTER

PLACE OF SAFETY FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

Power to require that arrested children be taken to a place other than a police station, etc.

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify Part 1 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016—
 - (a) so that where, following arrest, a child is to be taken to a place in accordance with section 4(1) of the Act, that place is not a police station,
 - (b) so that section 4(1) of the Act does not require a child to be taken anywhere if the child is arrested at a place that—
 - (i) is not a police station, but
 - (ii) is a place to which a child may be taken in accordance with section 4(1) of the Act by virtue of provision made under paragraph (a),
 - (c) for the purpose of having provisions of the Part—
 - (i) apply in relation to a child who, in accordance with section 4(1) of the Act, has been or is to be taken to a place other than a police station as they would apply in relation to a person who has been or is to be taken to a police station in accordance with that section,
 - (ii) apply in relation to a child who has been arrested at a place of the kind described by paragraph (b)(i) and (ii) as they would in relation to a person arrested at a police station,
 - (d) to require the recording and reporting of information connected to the operation of provision made under the other paragraphs of this subsection.
- (2) The power under subsection (1)(a) may be exercised only for the purpose of requiring children to be taken to places that the Scottish Ministers consider to be more suitable for children than police stations.
- (3) Provision made under subsection (1)(a) may identify the places to which a child is to be taken by reference to a document that is not an enactment only if the following conditions are met—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers are under a duty to make the document publicly available,
 - (b) if the document does not exist on the day the provision is made, the Scottish Ministers are under a duty to consult the following persons before finalising the document’s content—
 - (i) the Police Service of Scotland,
 - (ii) local authorities,

(iii) any other persons that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.

- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a new version of a document (for example, an updated version of a web page) is a different document from any prior version.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of section 24(1)—
 - (a) the powers conferred by subsection (1) include the power to make different provision for different areas,
 - (b) the power conferred by subsection (1)(a) need not be exercised so that there is no case in which a child is to be taken to a police station under section 4(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.>

Section 21C

Willie Rennie

- 203** Leave out section 21C

Section 22A

Willie Rennie

- 204** *In substitution for amendment 4*

In section 22A, page 62, line 9, at end insert—

<(iva) supports the delivery of the recommendations set out in the report published on 5 February 2020 on behalf of the Independent Care Review established by the Scottish Ministers in October 2016 (“the Promise”).>

After section 22C

Willie Rennie

- 205** After section 22C, insert—

<Review of the Act

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the deadline, carry out a review of the implementation of this Act.
- (2) The deadline, for the purpose of subsection (1), is the day falling 2 years after Royal Assent.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after concluding the review, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) prepare a report on the review,
 - (b) make the report publicly available, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The report may contain any other information that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.>

Willie Rennie

206 After section 22C, insert—

<Report on fulfilment of the Promise

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the deadline, produce a report on the extent to which the recommendations set out in the Promise have been implemented.
- (2) The deadline, for the purpose of subsection (1), is 30 June 2031.
- (3) The report may contain any other information that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (4) In this section, “the Promise” means the report published on 5 February 2020 on behalf of the Independent Care Review established by the Scottish Ministers in October 2016.>

Section 22D

Willie Rennie

207 Leave out section 22D

Section 22E

Willie Rennie

208 Leave out section 22E

Section 24

Natalie Don-Innes

209 *In substitution for amendment 85*

In section 24, page 64, line 20, after <section> insert <(Aftercare)(7), (10) or (11),>

Martin Whitfield

210 In section 24, page 64, line 20, after <4> insert <and (*Foster care: inspections and fees*)>

Willie Rennie

211 In section 24, page 64, line 20, after <4> insert <, *(Power to require that arrested children be taken to a place other than a police station, etc.)*>

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 1

John Mason

1 In section 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- <(4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the definitions of restraint and seclusion in subsection (1) where they consider it necessary to do so in order to—
 - (a) prevent the definitions capturing actions which do not carry a significant risk of harm,
 - (b) allow the definitions to capture additional actions which carry a significant risk of harm.
- (5) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (4) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.>

Section 2

Jenny Gilruth

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

- <() For the purposes of subsection (6), it is immaterial that anything done by way of consultation in relation to the first guidance issued under this section was done before this section comes into force.>

Section 3

Jenny Gilruth

3 In section 3, page 3, line 9, at end insert—

- <() The duty under this section to inform the parent when a pupil is subject to restraint or seclusion in a school does not apply to types of restraint or seclusion specified in regulations under section 4(4A).>

Section 4

Jenny Gilruth

4 In section 4, page 3, leave out line 41

Jenny Gilruth

5 In section 4, page 3, line 41, at end insert—

- <() modify any enactment (including this Act).>

Section 6

Jenny Gilruth

- 6 In section 6, page 5, line 12, after second <school> insert <or a nursery class in a school>

Section 6B

Jenny Gilruth

- 7 In section 6B, page 5, line 25, at end insert—
<() Regulations under this section may modify any enactment (including this Act).>

Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 1

Ivan McKee

- 1 In section 1, page 1, line 11, leave out from beginning to <scheme> and insert—
- <(1) This section applies where a local authority is seeking to—
 - (a) introduce a VL scheme, or
 - (b) modify a VL scheme to change the basis on which the levy is to be charged.
 - (2) The local authority>

Ivan McKee

- 2 In section 1, page 1, line 19, after <to> insert <—
- (a)>

Ivan McKee

- 3 In section 1, page 1, line 21, after <amount> insert <, or
- (b) modify a VL scheme to provide for the levy to be charged in respect of a chargeable transaction on the basis of a fixed amount>

After section 1

Ivan McKee

- 4 After section 1, insert—
- <Permitted deduction by liable persons from levy payable*

Permitted deduction by liable persons from levy payable

- (1) The 2024 Act is modified as follows.
- (2) After section 12 insert—
 - “12A Permitted deduction by liable persons from levy payable**
 - (1) In introducing or modifying a VL scheme, a local authority may permit liable persons to deduct and retain an amount from the levy payable in respect of a chargeable transaction.
 - (2) If a local authority permits deductions to be made by liable persons under subsection (1), it must set the maximum amount of such a deduction in relation to the VL scheme (in this Act, the maximum amount set in relation to a VL scheme is referred to as “the permitted deduction”).
 - (3) The permitted deduction may be—
 - (a) a fixed amount, or
 - (b) a percentage of the amount of the levy payable in respect of a chargeable transaction.

- (4) The permitted deduction may be different for different purposes.
- (5) The power under subsection (1) may be exercised by a local authority only if it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so to take account of administrative costs that may be incurred by liable persons in connection with the VL scheme.

12B Regulations: further provision about deductions by liable persons from levy payable

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision for or in connection with local authorities permitting liable persons under section 12A(1) to deduct and retain an amount from the levy payable in respect of a chargeable transaction.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision about—
 - (a) local authorities disallowing the deduction and retention of such amounts in relation to relevant periods (within the meaning of section 26(4)),
 - (b) the procedure applying in connection with decisions of local authorities to disallow the deduction and retention of such amounts,
 - (c) time limits for payment of amounts of unpaid levy following decisions of local authorities to disallow the deduction and retention of such amounts,
 - (d) the effect of decisions of local authorities to disallow the deduction and retention of such amounts for the purposes of the imposition of penalties under Chapter 3 of Part 5.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may modify any enactment (including this Act).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1)—
 - (a) are subject to the affirmative procedure if they add to, replace or omit any part of the text of an Act,
 - (b) otherwise, are subject to the negative procedure.”.>

After section 2

Murdo Fraser

- 5 After section 2, insert—

<Meaning of overnight accommodation

Meaning of overnight accommodation: camping sites and caravan parks

- (1) Section 4 of the 2024 Act (meaning of overnight accommodation) is modified as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2), paragraphs (f) and (g) are repealed.
- (3) In subsection (3)—
 - (a) the word “or” immediately following paragraph (a) is repealed,
 - (b) after paragraph (b) insert—

- “(c) camping sites, or
- (d) caravan parks.”>

Murdo Fraser

- 6 After section 2, insert—

<Meaning of overnight accommodation

Meaning of overnight accommodation: camping sites

- (1) Section 4 of the 2024 Act (meaning of overnight accommodation) is modified as follows.
- (2) In subsection (3)—
 - (a) the word “or” immediately following paragraph (a) is repealed,
 - (b) after paragraph (b) insert “, or
 - (c) camping sites where the provision of camping sites is ancillary to the income of the main business activity.”>

Section 3

Ivan McKee

- 7 In section 3, page 4, line 5, leave out <the VL scheme> and insert <section 6A>

Section 4

Ivan McKee

- 8 In section 4, page 5, line 4, after <of> insert <—
- () the insertion of paragraph (fa) of section 14(1) of the 2024 Act by paragraph 5B of the schedule of this Act, or
 - ()>

Section 4A

Ivan McKee

- 9 In section 4A, page 5, line 30, after <of> insert <—
- (i) the insertion of paragraph (fa) of section 14(1) of the 2024 Act by paragraph 5B of the schedule of this Act, or
 - (ii)>

Ivan McKee

- 10 In section 4A, page 5, line 32, leave out < (“the adjusted proposed scheme”)>

Ivan McKee

- 11 In section 4A, page 5, line 34, leave out <the adjusted proposed scheme> and insert <the proposed scheme (or the proposed scheme as modified) that is adjusted as mentioned in subsection (1)(b) (“the adjusted proposed scheme”)>

After section 5

Murdo Fraser

- 12 After section 5, insert—

<Transitional provision: chargeable transactions prior to commencement of scheme

- (1) Section 17 of the 2024 Act (transitional provision) is modified as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), for the words “of the local authority’s decision to introduce a VL scheme” substitute “on which the VL scheme comes into force”.
- (3) Subsection (2) is repealed.>

Section 5A

Ivan McKee

- 13 In section 5A, page 7, line 1, leave out from <after> to end of line 3 and insert <for paragraph (a) substitute—

- “(a) the impact of VL schemes introduced under this Act on—
- (i) businesses and communities, and
 - (ii) tourism in rural areas,”.>

Section 10

Ivan McKee

- 14 In section 10, page 8, line 13, at end insert—

<() section (*Permitted deduction by liable persons from levy payable*),>

Ivan McKee

- 15 In section 10, page 8, line 19, leave out <Part 2> and insert <Parts 1A and 2>

Ivan McKee

- 16 In section 10, page 8, line 19, at end insert—

<() Part 1A of the schedule,>

Schedule

Ivan McKee

- 17 In the schedule, page 9, line 8, after <has> insert <—

(a)>

Ivan McKee

18 In the schedule, page 9, line 10, after <rate> insert <, or

(b) modified a VL scheme to provide for the levy to be charged in respect of a chargeable transaction on the basis of a percentage rate>

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19 In the schedule, page 9, line 14, after <to> insert <—

(a)>

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20 In the schedule, page 9, line 16, after <rate> insert <, or

(b) modify a VL scheme to provide for the levy to be charged in respect of a chargeable transaction on the basis of a percentage rate>

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21 In the schedule, page 10, leave out lines 13 to 15

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22 In the schedule, page 10, leave out line 29

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23 In the schedule, page 10, line 29, at end insert—

<PART 1A

CHANGES RELATING TO PERMITTED DEDUCTIONS BY LIABLE PERSONS FROM LEVY PAYABLE

5A The 2024 Act is modified as follows.

5B In section 14(1) (required content of a scheme), after paragraph (f) insert—

“(fa) whether liable persons are permitted to deduct and retain an amount from the levy payable in respect of a chargeable transaction (not exceeding the permitted deduction set under section 12A(2)) and, if so, the amount of the permitted deduction,”.

5C In section 26(2) (duty to make returns), for paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) include—

(i) an assessment of the amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period, and

(ii) if liable persons are permitted under the VL scheme to which the return relates to deduct and retain an amount from the levy payable in respect of a chargeable transaction—

(A) a statement of any amount (not exceeding the permitted deduction) that is to be deducted by the liable person

from the amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period, and

- (B) a statement of the net amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period, being the amount referred to in sub-paragraph (i) less the amount to be deducted referred to in sub-sub-paragraph (A),”.

5D In section 29 (payment of levy)—

- (a) in subsection (1), after “authority” insert “(unless subsection (1B) applies)”,
(b) after subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) Subsection (1B) applies if—

- (a) the liable person’s return made under section 26 to which a chargeable transaction relates includes a statement about a deduction in accordance with section 26(2)(a)(ii), and
(b) the deduction is not disallowed under section 29A(2).

(1B) The levy payable in respect of a chargeable transaction less the amount of the deduction relating to the chargeable transaction must be paid to the relevant local authority.”,

(c) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Where a return is to be made under section 26, the following amount must be paid at the same time as the return is made—

- (a) if the return includes a statement in accordance with section 26(2)(a)(ii) of an amount that is to be deducted from the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period, the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period less the amount of the deduction,
(b) otherwise, the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period.”.

5E After section 29 insert—

“29A Disallowance of deduction by liable persons from levy payable

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a liable person’s return made under section 26 includes a statement of an amount that is to be deducted from the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period in accordance with section 26(2)(a)(ii),
(b) the relevant local authority has imposed a penalty under Chapter 3 of Part 5 on the liable person, and
(c) the relevant local authority decides that the penalty relates to the relevant period.

(2) If this section applies—

- (a) the liable person’s deduction is disallowed, and

- (b) the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period must be paid to the relevant local authority in accordance with a notice under subsection (3).
- (3) The relevant local authority must notify the liable person—
- (a) of its decision under subsection (1)(c), and
- (b) that the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period (including the deducted amount) must be paid to it by no later than the end of the period specified in the notice.”.
- 5F In section 52(1) (penalty for failure to pay levy), for paragraph (a) substitute—
- “(a) P fails to pay the amount of the levy payable in accordance with—
- (i) section 29(2)(a),
- (ii) section 29(2)(b), or (as the case may be)
- (iii) section 29A(2).”.
- 5G In section 53(1) (reasonable excuse for failure to pay levy), after “29” insert “or 29A(2)”.
- 5H In section 66 (interest on unpaid levy), after subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) If section 29A applies in relation to a return made under section 26 by a liable person, the total amount of the levy payable in respect of the relevant period to which the return relates is to be treated for the purposes of subsection (1) as if it had been payable in accordance with section 29(2)(b).”.
- 5I In section 70 (summary warrant), in subsection (1)(a), after “section 29(2)” insert “or 29A(2)”.
- 5J In section 76(1) (interpretation of Act), after the definition of “overnight accommodation” insert—
- ““permitted deduction”, in relation to a VL scheme, is to be construed in accordance with section 12A(2).”.>

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- 24 In the schedule, page 10, line 32, at end insert—
- <In section 7 (maximum number of nights of overnight accommodation), in subsection (1), after “introduce” insert “or modify”.>

Progress of Legislation

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(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 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 12 March 2026

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 17 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (13th Report, 2026)

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

Passed, 25 February 2026

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 17 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (23rd Report, 2026)

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 18 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (33rd Report, 2026)

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

Passed, 17 February 2026

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)

Passed, 10 February 2026

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

Passed, 3 March 2026

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 19 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (24th Report, 2026)

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 5 March 2026

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)

Before Stage 2 (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee), 10 March 2026

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

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

Approved at Reconsideration Stage, 3 March 2026

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)

Before Stage 2 (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 19 February 2026

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

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

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

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 18 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (26th Report, 2026)

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 29 January 2026

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 17 March 2026

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29th Report, 2026)

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 19 March 2026

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

Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (34th Report, 2026)

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

Royal Assent, 11 March 2026

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

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 19 March 2026

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Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (30th Report, 2026)

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Armed Forces Bill LCM-S6-73

Lodged on 26 February 2026

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 12 March 2026

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

Lodged on 21 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 3 February 2026

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57d

Lodged on 2 March 2026

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

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

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 11 March 2026

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

Lodged on 7 January 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 11 February 2026

Report – Lead committee (Finance and Public Administration) (2nd Report, 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)

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-68a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Lead committee – Criminal Justice

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2026)

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 Supplementary LCM-S6-66a

Lodged on 4 February 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 February 2026
Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 10 March 2026
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)

Representation of the People Bill LCM-S6-74

Lodged on 27 February 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 12 March 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-S6-51b

Lodged on 27 February 2026

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 10 March 2026

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval by 17 March 2026

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/97\)](#) (18 February 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Note the 40-day date given is based on the anticipated date of Session 7 starting, and is subject to change.

Subject to approval by 21 May 2026

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

Note the 120-day date given is based on the anticipated date of Session 7 starting, and is subject to change.

Affirmative Instruments

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)

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)

[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)

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

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

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Glusadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
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[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)

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

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[Investigation and Commencement of Repair \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition and Rules of Procedure\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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

[Scottish Elections \(Representation and Reform\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (11 February 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

[Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 19 May 2026

[Marine Licensing \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (20 February 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

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

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (27 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 10 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 10 March 2026

[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/37\)](#) (30 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 13 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 9 March 2026

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/39\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/44\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Police Service of Scotland \(Vetting\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/46\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 13 March 2026

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/42\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/43\)](#) (2 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 9 March 2026

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/47\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Local Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/48\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/49\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/55\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 16 March 2026

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/52\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 17 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 17 March 2026

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/54\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/56\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Water Environment \(Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/57\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Police Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/58\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Duty to Notify\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/60\)](#) (6 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 20 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 20 March 2026

[Official Controls \(Location of Border Control Posts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/61\)](#) (9 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/63\)](#) (9 February 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland \(Cancellation of Registration\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/64\)](#) (9 February 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 23 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 16 March 2026

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/68\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/69\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/70\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/72\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Environmental Protection \(Wet Wipes Containing Plastic\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/75\)](#) (12 February 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 24 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 24 March 2026

[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/74\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/77\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Justice of the Peace Court Fees \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/78\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/79\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/80\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/81\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Parole Board \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/82\)](#) (13 February 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 May 2026
Lead Committee report due by 16 May 2026

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Revocation Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/95\)](#) (17 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

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Lead Committee report due by 6 June 2026

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/135\)](#) (10 March 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

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Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 16 March 2026

[Environmental Standards Scotland - Strategy 2026-2031 \(ESS/2026/1\)](#) (5 February 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 23 March 2026

[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

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2025-26 \(SP Paper 1061\)](#), publication date: 11 March 2026

[Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report, 2026 \(Session 6\): Delegated powers in the Children \(Care, Care Experience and Services Planning\) \(Scotland\) Bill \(as amended at Stage 2\) \(SP Paper 1062\)](#), publication date: 11 March 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 11 March 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report on Procurement Activity in Scotland - An overview of procurement activity 2023 to 2024 (SG/2026/55) laid under Section 21 (4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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