Wednesday 10 December 2025

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Connecting Scotland

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5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Keith Brown: Scotland National Football Team Qualifies for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Committee Meetings

8:30am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Education, Children and Young People Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic

1. Liz Smith: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of its recent decision to allow a flat-rate approach to the visitor levy, what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding whether to also introduce lower non-domestic rates for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses. (S6O-05259)

2. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports Scotland's Living Wage Places to encourage the uptake of the real Living Wage amongst employers. (S6O-05260)

3. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues on how its internal modelling of oil and gas jobs in the north east compares with the latest industry estimates. (S6O-05261)

4. Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of its export growth strategy, A Trading Nation, including what metrics it has used to assess this. (S6O-05262)

5. Michael Matheson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support manufacturing, including in the renewable energy sector. (S6O-05263)

6. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of parents now being able to request Gaelic school provision in their areas, what financial and resource support it is providing to local authorities to ensure that such requests can be considered and implemented. (S6O-05264)

7. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any implications for its work to grow Scotland’s economy, whether it will provide an update on its engagement with the UK Government regarding the Office for Budget Responsibility’s recent economic forecasts. (S6O-05265)

8. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the economy secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding support for the workforce and local economy of Mossmorran, in light of ExxonMobil's announcement that the Fife Ethylene Plant will be closed. (S6O-05266)

Finance and Local Government

1. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the contribution that community-led initiatives can make to supporting local government services and outcomes, and reducing demand through early intervention and prevention. (S6O-05267)

2. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government how the planning process monitors the delivery of any job creation figures included within planning applications, including applications for salmon farms, once they are built and operational. (S6O-05268)

3. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting Aberdeen City Council to maintain its local government services, including in response to any increasing social need in the city. (S6O-05269)

4. Audrey Nicoll: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its engagement with the UK Government regarding the Energy Profits Levy and its implications for north east Scotland. (S6O-05270)

5. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will take in its Budget to support high street retailers in the South Scotland region that are at risk of closing. (S6O-05271)

6. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what communication the finance secretary has had with the UK Government and the Financial Conduct Authority regarding what support is available for policyholders impacted by the withdrawal of the Family Protection Plan by CMutual and Maiden Life Försäkrings. (S6O-05272)

7. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how much it will allocate in its forthcoming Budget to local authorities to provide financial support to those affected by RAAC, including businesses. (S6O-05273)

8. Tim Eagle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what plans it has to amend tax thresholds in the next Scottish Budget. (S6O-05274)

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland

S6M-20056 Alexander Stewart: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—That the Parliament believes that social security spending by the Scottish Government and its future social security spending commitments are unsustainable; notes the report published by Audit Scotland in September 2025, *Adult Disability Payment*; further notes that the Audit Scotland report highlights a "funding gap for devolved social security spending of £2.0 billion by 2029/30"; calls on the Scottish Government to explain why, according to Audit Scotland, it "has not yet set out a detailed strategy for how it will manage the forecast gap between social security funding and spending"; believes that raising taxes in order to remove the limit on the child element of Universal Credit was not the right priority for either the Scottish Government or the UK Government, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the money that it will save, as a result of the UK Government's decision, to lower costs for people across Scotland by instead cutting income tax.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-20056.3 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “reaffirms its commitment to the social security principles contained in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and unanimously adopted by the Parliament, including that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland and is itself a human right; welcomes the abolition of the two-child limit across the UK; calls on the UK Labour administration to go further and scrap other damaging welfare reforms implemented by the previous UK administration, including the benefit cap, and supports the Scottish Government’s commitment to reinvest funding to end the two-child limit in further measures to tackle child poverty in Scotland.”

S6M-20056.2 Claire Baker: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “notes with concern Audit Scotland’s recent assessment of a 'funding gap for devolved social security spending of £2.0 billion by 2029/30' and the absence of a ‘detailed strategy for how [the Scottish Government] will manage the forecast gap between social security funding and spending‘; welcomes the announcement in the 2025 UK Budget of the removal of the two-child limit for universal credit, noting that this will lift an estimated 450,000 children across the UK out of poverty and that, in the assessment of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, ‘the projected fall in child poverty over the current parliament would be the biggest on record‘; believes that this must be followed by a renewed focus in Scotland on tackling the causes of poverty and boosting the means of defeating it, such as employability, housing and education, and further believes that the long-term solution to breaking the generational cycle of poverty in Scotland must include supporting people into sustainable and well-paid work.”

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Connecting Scotland

S6M-20057 Sue Webber: Connecting Scotland—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's road network to delivering enhanced connectivity and economic growth across Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to accelerate the upgrading and dualling of key roads such as the A75, A77 and A96, and to adhere to its promise to dual the A9 by 2035 or earlier and to ensure that this project is finally completed by not rejecting private funding; believes that improved connections across Scotland can be enhanced through the provision of more safe and secure rest stops, particularly for the logistics sector; rejects the UK Labour administration's planned imposition of a pay-per-mile tax for electric and hybrid vehicles, and urges the Scottish Ministers to undertake greater efforts to futureproof the EV charging network across Scotland's key roads, and urges the Scottish Government to commit to ensuring that the upgrading of Scotland's roads remains central to future economic and social development.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-20057.3 Fiona Hyslop: Connecting Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "; urges" to end and insert "and the progress being made to deliver the completion of the A9 dualling in 2035 specifically; further recognises that both public and private funding has been used to support the development of the trunk road network, including the use of private finance for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie-Tipperty and the M8, M74 and M73 motorway improvements, and that private finance will continue to play a role in the future; notes that the Union Connectivity Review, undertaken by Lord Peter Hendy on behalf of the previous UK Conservative administration, recognised the contribution that the A75 makes in linking the rest of the UK to Northern Ireland; urges the UK Government to match the previous UK Conservative administration's funding commitment for the A75; notes the improvements undertaken by the Scottish Government to the A77, including the Maybole Bypass; welcomes the ongoing constructive work between the Scottish Government and the A77 Campaign Group and South West Transport Alliance; supports the full dualling of the A96, beginning with the Inverness to Nairn section, along with delivery of the Inshes to Smithton Link Road, as part of the Inverness and Highland City Region Deal; agrees that improved connections across Scotland can be enhanced through the provision of more safe and secure rest stops, particularly for the logistics sector; rejects the UK Government's planned imposition of a pay-per-mile tax for electric and hybrid vehicles, regretting the ill-thought-out and counter-productive proposal, which will be bad for the climate and for rural Scotland in particular; agrees that the switch to EV cars and the provision of public and at-home EV infrastructure will be vital to Scotland meeting its climate change targets, and calls on the UK Government to engage in four nations discussions on motoring taxation reform to support a properly planned transition to EV car use."

S6M-20057.1 Daniel Johnson: Connecting Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "; rejects" to end and insert ", and considers that future transport infrastructure decisions should be based on economic importance, safety and local necessity, and underpinned by a national industrial strategy and a strategic spatial plan."

S6M-20057.2 Mark Ruskell: Connecting Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that future transport investment must prioritise sustainability, equality, public transport and active travel over large-scale road building, and further believes that investment in roads should improve safety, address maintenance backlogs, deliver climate resilience on vulnerable routes, including the A83, help prioritise road space for buses and be matched with ambitious investment in rail, including upgrading the Highland Mainline and reconnecting communities, such as Newburgh, to the rail network."

followed by Business Motions

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

after

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

insert

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

S6M-20068 Graeme Dey: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

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

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Cybercrime

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 December 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

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

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 December 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

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

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Energy Strategy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time".

S6M-20069 Graeme Dey: Stage 2 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 December 2025.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-20070 Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20071 Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20072 Graeme Dey: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Paul O'Kane be appointed as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Michael Marra as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Keith Brown: Scotland National Football Team Qualifies for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

S6M-19823 Keith Brown: Scotland National Football Team Qualifies for the 2026 FIFA World Cup—That the Parliament congratulates the Scotland national football team on qualifying for the 2026 FIFA World Cup; recognises that this marks Scotland's first appearance at the tournament in 28 years and represents a significant moment for Scottish sport; commends the team on its thrilling 4–2 win over Denmark at Hampden Park, which secured qualification; acknowledges the quality and determination shown throughout the match, including Scott McTominay's early goal from an overhead kick, Lawrence Shankland's restoration of Scotland's lead in the second half, and the dramatic stoppage-time goals from Kieran Tierney and Kenny McLean, which sealed the result; further acknowledges the contribution of head coach, Steve Clarke, and all the staff supporting the national side; pays tribute to the Tartan Army for its passionate and positive backing of the team at home and abroad; notes the wider social, cultural and sporting benefits that participation in major international events can bring to communities across Scotland; wishes the national team every success as preparations begin for the 2026 World Cup finals; notes the pride that this achievement has brought to communities across Clackmannanshire and Stirling, and recognises the work of local clubs and volunteers in supporting grassroots football.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
35th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

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

2. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

   Subject to Parliamentary Bureau approval of the Committee's request to meet at the same time as plenary business, the Committee will reconvene at 18:00 in Committee Room 4 to continue its consideration.

Criminal Justice Committee
34th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
   Dr Emma Forbes, National Lead for Domestic Abuse, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
   Professor Liz Gilchrist, Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
   Detective Superintendent Adam Brown, Police Scotland;
   Glyn Lloyd, Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Children's and Community Justice Services Dundee City Council and Chair of Justice Standing Committee, Social Work Scotland.

2. **Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

3. **Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

5. **Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish prisons (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Education, Children and Young People Committee
36th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee
19th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.

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

PE2099: Stop the proposed centralisation of specialist neonatal units in NHS Scotland. The Committee will take evidence from—

Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Kirstie Campbell, Unit Head, Maternity, Neonatal and IVF Policy, and Danielle Le Poidevin, Neonatal Policy Manager, Scottish Government

and then consider—

PE1952: Specialist services for patients with autonomic dysfunction;

PE2031: Provide insulin pumps to all children with type 1 diabetes in Scotland;

PE2038: Commission suitable NHS services for people with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and hyper mobility spectrum disorders;

PE2080: Implement the recommended screening guidelines for people with Li Fraumeni Syndrome;

PE2086: Recognise the vaccine injured and offer appropriate treatment;

PE2125: End the pause on new NHS building projects and prioritise capital funding for primary care buildings;

PE1876: Accurately record the sex of people charged or convicted of rape or attempted rape;

PE1995: Improve support for victims of spiking;

PE2081: Make chronic kidney disease a key clinical priority;

PE2102: Require anyone found guilty of rape or sexual assault to be registered as a sex offender;

PE2145: Bring in compulsory microchipping for cats in Scotland; and

PE2147: Create more women-only homeless accommodation that protects and meets the specific needs of women.

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

PE2174: Stop council tax debt collection;

PE2179: Strengthen veto powers when assessing Business Improvement District proposals;

PE2184: Provide BID levy relief to charities and non-profit organisations;

PE2186: Review the Personal Footcare Guidance to ensure equity to access footcare services in rural and remote areas in Scotland;

PE2189: Remove legal protected status for gulls to help reduce their numbers in residential areas; and

PE2195: Establish a kindergarten stage in Scottish education.

4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Economy and Fair Work Committee
35th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
   Greg McLardie, Co-Founder and CEO, Two Hands;
   Professor Jill Robbie, Professor of Property Law and the Natural Environment, University of Glasgow;
   Professor Burkhard Schafer, Co-investigator, DeCaDe.

2. **Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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

Public Audit Committee
33rd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Neil Rennick, Director-General Education and Justice, Andrew Watson, Director for Children and Families, and Gavin Henderson, Deputy Director for Care Experience, Children's Services and the Promise, Scottish Government;
   Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive and David Anderson, Chair of the Oversight Board, The Promise Scotland;
   Nicola Dickie, Director of People Policy and Fiona Whitelock, Policy Manager, The Promise, COSLA.

3. **The 2024/25 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Rachel Browne, Audit Director and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **The 2024/25 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Rachel Browne, Audit Director and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

5. **Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, and Claire Tennyson, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

6. **Improving care experience: Delivering The Promise:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

7. **The 2024/25 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 4 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 10 December 2025

Thursday 11 December 2025

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

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

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Progressing a Just Transition at Grangemouth

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Wednesday 17 December 2025

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

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5:00 pm Decision Time

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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2:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Future Committee Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of the Report at stage 1 of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at a future meeting.

2. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2(Day 1).

3. **Legal mechanism for any independence referendum inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Professor Aoife O'Donoghue, School of Law, Queen's University Belfast;
   Professor Nikos Skoutaris, Professor of European Constitutional Law, University of East Anglia;
   Dr Lea Raible, School of Law, University of Glasgow;
   Professor André Lecours, Professor of Political Studies, University of Ottawa;
   Professor Ailsa Henderson, Professor of Political Science, University of Edinburgh.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at james.johnston@parliament.scot

Social Justice and Social Security Committee
11 December 2025
33rd Meeting, 2025

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 3, 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Social Security Independent Advocacy Service:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Andrew Bartlett, CEO, Advice Direct Scotland.

3. **Social Security Independent Advocacy Service:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.

4. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

5. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government regarding the scope of the Fiscal Framework.

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Diane Barr on 85220 or at diane.barr@parliament.scot

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

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

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

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot

Scottish Commission for Public Audit
11 December 2025
2nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.

2. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal 2026/27:** The Commission will take evidence from—
   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Colin Crosby, Chair of the Board, Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, Kenny Oliver, Executive Director, Innovation and Quality, and Waqas Sanawar, Head of Finance, Audit Scotland.

3. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal 2026/27:** The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Secretary to the Scottish Commission for Public Audit, Claire Menzies at scpa@parliament.scot

Motions

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

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

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

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

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

Motions for debate

S6M-20057 **Sue Webber: Connecting Scotland—**That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's road network to delivering enhanced connectivity and economic growth across Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to accelerate the upgrading and dualling of key roads such as the A75, A77 and A96, and to adhere to its promise to dual the A9 by 2035 or earlier and to ensure that this project is finally completed by not rejecting private funding; believes that improved connections across Scotland can be enhanced through the provision of more safe and secure rest stops, particularly for the logistics sector; rejects the UK Labour administration's planned imposition of a pay-per-mile tax for electric and hybrid vehicles, and urges the Scottish Ministers to undertake greater efforts to futureproof the EV charging network across Scotland's key roads, and urges the Scottish Government to commit to ensuring that the upgrading of Scotland's roads remains central to future economic and social development.

*S6M-20057.3 **Fiona Hyslop: Connecting Scotland—**As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "; urges" to end and insert "and the progress being made to deliver the completion of the A9 dualling in 2035 specifically; further recognises that both public and private funding has been used to support the development of the trunk road network, including the use of private finance for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie-Tipperty and the M8, M74 and M73 motorway improvements, and that private finance will continue to play a role in the future; notes that the Union Connectivity Review, undertaken by Lord Peter Hendy on behalf of the previous UK Conservative administration, recognised the contribution that the A75 makes in linking the rest of the UK to Northern Ireland; urges the UK Government to match the previous UK Conservative administration's funding commitment for the A75; notes the improvements undertaken by the Scottish Government to the A77, including the Maybole Bypass; welcomes the ongoing constructive work between the Scottish Government and the A77 Campaign Group and South West Transport Alliance; supports the full dualling of the A96, beginning with the Inverness to Nairn section, along with delivery of the Inshes to Smithton Link Road, as part of the Inverness and Highland City Region Deal; agrees that improved connections across Scotland can be enhanced through the provision of more safe and secure rest stops, particularly for the logistics sector; rejects the UK Government's planned imposition of a pay-per-mile tax for electric and hybrid vehicles, regretting the ill-thought-out and counter-productive proposal, which will be bad for the climate and for rural Scotland in particular; agrees that the switch to EV cars and the provision of public and at-home EV infrastructure will be vital to Scotland meeting its climate change targets, and calls on the UK Government to engage in four nations discussions on motoring taxation reform to

support a properly planned transition to EV car use."
Supported by: Jim Fairlie*

*S6M-20057.2 **Mark Ruskell: Connecting Scotland—**As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that future transport investment must prioritise sustainability, equality, public transport and active travel over large-scale road building, and further believes that investment in roads should improve safety, address maintenance backlogs, deliver climate resilience on vulnerable routes, including the A83, help prioritise road space for buses and be matched with ambitious investment in rail, including upgrading the Highland Mainline and reconnecting communities, such as Newburgh, to the rail network."

*S6M-20057.1 **Daniel Johnson: Connecting Scotland—**As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "; rejects" to end and insert ", and considers that future transport infrastructure decisions should be based on economic importance, safety and local necessity, and underpinned by a national industrial strategy and a strategic spatial plan."

S6M-20056 **Alexander Stewart: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—**That the Parliament believes that social security spending by the Scottish Government and its future social security spending commitments are unsustainable; notes the report published by Audit Scotland in September 2025, *Adult Disability Payment*; further notes that the Audit Scotland report highlights a "funding gap for devolved social security spending of £2.0 billion by 2029/30"; calls on the Scottish Government to explain why, according to Audit Scotland, it "has not yet set out a detailed strategy for how it will manage the forecast gap between social security funding and spending"; believes that raising taxes in order to remove the limit on the child element of Universal Credit was not the right priority for either the Scottish Government or the UK Government, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the money that it will save, as a result of the UK Government's decision, to lower costs for people across Scotland by instead cutting income tax.

*S6M-20056.3 **Shirley-Anne Somerville: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—**As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "reaffirms its commitment to the social security principles contained in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and unanimously adopted by the Parliament, including that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland and is itself a human right; welcomes the abolition of the two-child limit across the UK; calls on the UK Labour administration to go further and scrap other damaging welfare reforms implemented by the previous UK administration, including the benefit cap, and supports the Scottish Government's commitment to reinvest funding to end the two-child limit in further measures to tackle child poverty in Scotland."
Supported by: Kaukab Stewart*

*S6M-20056.2 **Claire Baker: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—**As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "notes with concern Audit Scotland's recent assessment of a 'funding gap for devolved social security spending of £2.0 billion by 2029/30' and the absence of a 'detailed strategy for how [the Scottish Government] will manage the forecast gap between social security funding and spending'; welcomes the announcement in the 2025 UK Budget of the removal of the two-child limit for universal credit, noting that this will lift an estimated 450,000 children across the UK out of poverty and that, in the assessment of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 'the projected fall in child poverty over the current parliament would be the biggest on record'; believes that this must be followed by a renewed focus in Scotland on tackling the causes of poverty and boosting the means of defeating it, such as employability, housing and education, and further believes that the long-term solution to breaking the generational cycle of poverty in Scotland must include supporting people into sustainable and well-paid work."

*S6M-20056.1 **Jeremy Balfour: Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland—**As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits

Bill in Scotland), leave out from “unsustainable” to end and insert “challenging, and further believes that, while recognising that social security must continue to protect the most vulnerable in society, including disabled people, carers and low-income families, reforms should focus on ensuring that support is targeted effectively, delivered transparently and encourages pathways into work and independence wherever possible.”

Other new and altered motions and amendments

*S6M-20078 **Alexander Stewart: Welcoming the Muckhart Local Place Plan’s Submission to Clackmannanshire Council—**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the residents of Muckhart have submitted their opinions on village improvements to Clackmannanshire Council; understands that, in April 2025, the village community council appealed to residents to contribute their thoughts to the Local Place Plan (LPP), a guide for the development of Muckhart for the next 10 years, which includes establishing a Development Trust; believes that, in November 2025, a steering group reviewed the responses and acknowledged some of the biggest challenges facing the village, highlighting key issues raised by residents; notes that the proposals include creating safe walking and cycling connections between Muckhart and Dollar, increasing shared transport, a playpark upgrade, developing a pop-up community shop and investment in local renewable energy projects; concurs with the aspiration that, in 2035, Muckhart should be a welcoming village that proudly retains its rural identity with new homes that are of high quality, well designed and respect the village’s existing character while the community will own key land and assets, with village life centred around its vibrant civic space; believes that, once Clackmannanshire Council has validated the Muckhart LPP, it will be registered publicly as a material consideration for planning decisions and will also be used to support funding applications in future; commends everyone involved with the LPP’s development, and wishes the village of Muckhart ,and its entire community, all the very best in all its future endeavours. **R**
Supported by: Murdo Fraser*, Miles Briggs*, Douglas Ross*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Colin Beattie*, Tess White*

*S6M-20077 **Alexander Stewart: Alloa in Bloom Project Recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful —**That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Clackmannanshire community initiative, Alloa in Bloom - pollinator bed project, has been recognised by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) as one of the groups with a commitment to "nurture the people and nature living in their neighbourhoods"; understands that it was the only community initiative in Clackmannanshire to receive a certificate of recognition at the annual KSB seminar and awards event, which was held online on 3 December 2025; notes that KSB is an environmental charity, which aims to tackle environmental challenges in Scotland and is managed in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society; further notes that the event commended more than 200 community endeavours across the nation, each contributing to improved biodiversity and greener local environments, and congratulates Alloa in Bloom on what it sees as its significant and highly beneficial community work.
Supported by: Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Murdo Fraser*, Edward Mountain*, Miles Briggs*, Annie Wells*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Douglas Ross*, Annabelle Ewing*, Meghan Gallacher*, Colin Beattie*, David Torrance*, Craig Hoy*, Tess White*

*S6M-20075 **Katy Clark: Fire and Rescue Service Reform—**That the Parliament understands that in 2022, the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) engaged constructively with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to reach an “in principle” agreement on a proposal to be put to the FBU membership on role expansion; believes that both sides in the discussions fully understood that in order for the proposition to become a firm offer, it had to be underpinned by additional funding as the SFRS could not resource role expansion from its existing budget; further believes that the business case jointly agreed between the SFRS and FBU, outlining the developed role for Scottish firefighters, has since been sitting with the Scottish Government with no progress made; believes that the proposal has the potential to be transformative for the sector, reducing the burden on SFRS partners such as the Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS, and delivering significant societal benefits, including saving

lives and long-term financial savings, but that without investment the proposal cannot realistically progress, and calls on the Scottish Government, as a matter of urgency, to progress this reform of an essential public service.
Supported by: Mercedes Villalba*, Monica Lennon*, Carol Mochan*, Rhoda Grant*

*S6M-20073 **Paul O'Kane: Congratulating Author Jim Green MBA on the Publication of his Memoir—**That the Parliament congratulates Jim Green MBA on the publication of his memoir, *Another Feg*; notes that it pertains to Jim's recollections of his rise to success, starting out with nothing as a young Ferguslie boy but that "sans peur", without fear, Jim conquered the tribulations of growing up in poverty; believes that, despite the hardship, Jim has amazed all with his achievements, and wishes him the best of luck in all future endeavours.
Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, Neil Bibby*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*

*S6M-20072 **Graeme Dey: Committee Membership—**That the Parliament agrees that—

Paul O'Kane be appointed as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Michael Marra as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

*S6M-20071 **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

*S6M-20070 **Graeme Dey: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

*S6M-20069 **Graeme Dey: Stage 2 Timetable—**That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 December 2025.

*S6M-20068 **Graeme Dey: Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

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

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Cybercrime

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 December 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

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

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

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

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*S6M-20067 **Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times—**That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

*S6M-20066 **Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—**That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 December 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Statistics and the 2026 National Improvement Framework

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

*S6M-20065 **Annie Wells: Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Centre Named the Champion Team of the Year 2025—**That the Parliament commends the Glasgow and Clyde Rape Crisis Centre (GCRC) on being named the Champion Team of the Year 2025 at the Glasgow Times Community Awards; recognises that this award celebrates groups of dedicated individuals who are making an exceptional and positive difference in their communities; acknowledges what it sees as the Centre's vital and tireless work supporting women and girls affected by rape and sexual violence across Glasgow and Clyde; notes with concern that demand for support has increased year on year since 2021, with, it understands, the Centre recording over 40,000 contact points with survivors in the last year, representing a 42% increase from the previous year, and providing one-to-one trauma support to nearly 3,100 women and girls, equating to almost one in three survivors nationally; reaffirms the right of women and girls to feel safe and protected from all forms of violence and abuse, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with Rape Crisis Scotland, the GCRC, and other partners to secure sustainable and equitable funding and implement systemic change to end what it sees as the crisis of rape and sexual violence in Scotland.
Supported by: Alexander Stewart*, Craig Hoy*, Annabelle Ewing*, Dr Sandesh Gulhane*, Edward Mountain*, Jeremy Balfour*, Brian Whittle*, Douglas Ross*, Meghan Gallacher*, Miles Briggs*, Marie McNair*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*

*S6M-20063 **Maggie Chapman: Ongoing Solidarity with National Union of Journalists (NUJ) Members at STV—**That the Parliament recognises and values what it sees as the important role of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) trade union in supporting hardworking journalists, including those at STV whose jobs are reportedly at risk; understands that the union has described the planned STV job cuts as devastating, and that members have voted by 94% in favour of strike action; appreciates the organising and effort that the NUJ is making to protect news services in the north east; commends its ongoing commitment to protecting jobs and ensuring fair treatment for staff, and that it has passed two motions of no confidence in the senior management for its handling of the redundancies process; extends its solidarity with the workers, and sends its best wishes for their continued efforts in advocating for workers' rights and the future of localised journalism in the north east.
Supported by: Evelyn Tweed*, Kevin Stewart*, Jackie Dunbar*, Lorna Slater*, Carol Mochan*, Rona

Mackay*, Patrick Harvie*, Paul McLennan*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Ross Greer*, Richard Leonard*, Monica Lennon*, Ariane Burgess*, Mercedes Villalba*, Douglas Lumsden*, Rhoda Grant*

*S6M-20061 **Maggie Chapman: Aberdeen Red Squirrel Citizen Science Success—**That the Parliament congratulates the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (SSRS) partnership, led by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, on its citizen science work in Aberdeen; recognises the impact that volunteering has had on the red squirrel population in Aberdeen; commends the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the 30 local volunteers for recognising the importance of enhancing the red squirrel population in Aberdeen and the north east; understands that, in 2009, the grey squirrel population was growing and threatening the future of the native red squirrel population, but that, over the last 16 years, action has been taken to support the red squirrel population; further understands that there were 1,540 confirmed red squirrel hair samples identified between July and September 2025, with more than 900 taken since October, indicating a strengthening of the red population, and wishes the organisation and its staff and volunteers continued success in the years ahead as they safeguard this aspect of Aberdeen's wildlife.
Supported by: Emma Roddick*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kenneth Gibson*, Kevin Stewart*, Clare Haughey*, Lorna Slater*, Jamie Hepburn*, Miles Briggs*, Colin Beattie*, Stephanie Callaghan*, Ross Greer*, Ariane Burgess*, Mercedes Villalba*

*S6M-20058 **Christine Grahame: Protecting the Scottish SPCA and Scotland's Other Frontline Animal Welfare Services—**That the Parliament notes the significant financial pressures on national animal welfare services, including the Scottish SPCA; understands that the current deficit stems from rising demand, increased costs and long-standing structural pressures, with employee costs the largest expense; notes the growth in complex cases, prolonged veterinary treatments and higher costs for other veterinary, energy, fuel and consumable expenses, as well as a reported additional £400,000 in employer national insurance costs; believes that, despite recent investment in fundraising and service improvements, post-pandemic income has not recovered quickly enough, leaving the Scottish SPCA in an unsustainable financial position; notes that a voluntary severance scheme has been introduced by the organisation to reduce costs with minimal disruption and to safeguard its services, and calls for continued support to ensure the long-term sustainability of it and Scotland's other frontline animal welfare services.
Supported by: Annabelle Ewing*, John Mason*, Liam McArthur*, Rona Mackay*, Kenneth Gibson*, Audrey Nicoll*, Clare Haughey*, Kevin Stewart*, Jamie Hepburn*, Jeremy Balfour*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*

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

New Support: Annabelle Ewing*

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

New Support: Brian Whittle*

S6M-20048 **Jamie Hepburn: Caulders Garden Centres Awards Success** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, Kenneth Gibson*

S6M-20047 **Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to Maggie McGinlay** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

S6M-20046 **Clare Adamson: Commending St Bernadette's Primary School, Motherwell, for its Fundraising and Global Citizenship Work Supporting Malawi** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20045 **Clare Adamson: Congratulating Lanarkshire Nurses on Receiving the Queen's Nurse Award** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*, Kenneth Gibson*

S6M-20044 **Clare Adamson: Commending Specsavers Wishaw for Its Christmas Gift Bank Initiative** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20043 **Clare Adamson: Clyde Valley Blackhawks and Pathway Church Spreads Festive Joy Across Wishaw** (lodged on 8 December 2025)

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20033 **Fulton MacGregor: Asda Foundation Support for Coatbridge Community Groups** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20032 **Emma Harper: Recognition of Sulwath Brewery's Successful Recovery Following Fire** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

S6M-20028 **Liam McArthur: Orkney's Young Rugby Teams Come Out on Top** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20024 **Marie McNair: Congratulating Father John McGinley on 40 Years of Priesthood** (lodged on 4 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-20015 **Bill Kidd: Recognition of New Branch of Bayne's Bakers in Great Western Road** (lodged on 3 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*, David Torrance*

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

New Support: Audrey Nicoll*, Miles Briggs*, Jackie Dunbar*, Paul McLennan*, Kenneth Gibson*

S6M-19978 **Kevin Stewart: Fairer Aberdeen Fund** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*, Rona Mackay*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*, Jeremy Balfour*, Colin Beattie*, Edward Mountain*, Kevin Stewart*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*

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

New Support: Kevin Stewart*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*

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

New Support: Marie McNair*, Edward Mountain*, Colin Beattie*, Kevin Stewart*, Kenneth Gibson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Miles Briggs*, David Torrance*, Dr Pam Gosal MBE*, Annabelle Ewing*, Jamie Hepburn*

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

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19967 **Clare Adamson: Netherton Primary School Achieves Silver Rights Respecting School Award** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19966 **Kevin Stewart: Welcoming Research to Turn Spuds into Skincare Products** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19965 **Kevin Stewart: Energy Profits Levy** (lodged on 1 December 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19960 **Annie Wells: Govan Heritage: Remarkable Past, Bright Future, National Lottery Heritage Fund Award** (lodged on 27 November 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19947 **Annie Wells: Grassroots Action in Glasgow: £55,000 to Transform Communities** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19946 **Annie Wells: Empowering Glasgow's Young People, STEAM Skills for the Future** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19945 **Annie Wells: Celebrating Creativity and Inclusion in Glasgow Communities** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19943 **Annie Wells: Celebrating Decades of Dedication at Glasgow Taxis** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

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

New Support: Rhoda Grant*

S6M-19918 **Sue Webber: Dealing With the Dangerous Use of E-bikes and E-scooters** (lodged on 26 November 2025)

New Support: Monica Lennon*

S6M-19900 **Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding Success for Home-Start Cowdenbeath** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19899 **Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding Success for Hyperclub of Lochgelly** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*, Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19898 **Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding Success for Rosyth Men's Shed** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19897 **Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding Success for Lumphinnans Community Council** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19896 **Annabelle Ewing: Lottery Funding Success for Knights Templar Goodwill Charity** (lodged on 25 November 2025)

New Support: Jackie Dunbar*

S6M-19814 **Rona Mackay: Stitch and Yarn Named High Street Hero for West Scotland** (lodged on 19 November 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

S6M-19801 **Annie Wells: Wild & Kind CIC, Creative Workshops for Neurodivergent Young Adults** (lodged on 18 November 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

S6M-19744 **Rona Mackay: Celebrating National Lottery Community Fund Support for Groups in Strathkelvin and Bearsden** (lodged on 17 November 2025)

New Support: Colin Beattie*

S6M-19247 **Alexander Stewart: Sunnyside Primary School in Alloa Receives Two Coveted Awards** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19246 **Annie Wells: Honouring Allison Gardner's 32 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Glasgow Film** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19245 **Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025, Honouring Sir Jim McDonald GBE** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19243 **Annie Wells: Congratulating EGG Lighting, Glasgow's Most Outstanding Business 2025** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19242 **Annie Wells: Congratulating Oakminster Healthcare, Glasgow's Favourite Business 2025** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19241 **Annie Wells: Congratulating Jemma Robertson, Glasgow's Young Business Person of the Year 2025** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19238 **Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025: DTS Recognised for Family Business Leadership** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19237 **Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025: Threesixty Architecture Recognised for Employee Wellbeing** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19236 **Annie Wells: Beatson Cancer Charity Wins Excellence in Communications Award** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19235 **Annie Wells: Glasgow Business Awards 2025: Language Service Solutions Recognised for Outstanding Performance** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19234 **Annie Wells: Celebrating Silverburn: Glasgow's Best Performing Large Business 2025** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19233 **Annie Wells: Celebrating CCG's Award-winning Glasgow Developments** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

S6M-19230 **Craig Hoy: Congratulating Wallace Hall Academy** (lodged on 6 October 2025)

New Support: Pam Duncan-Glancy*

Questions

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

Oral Questions

General Questions selected for answer on 18 December 2025

1. Michael Marra: [Not Lodged]

Written Questions

Written Questions lodged on 9 December 2025

S6W-42458 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018, when it will publish the statutory review of qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS), which it is required to undertake “as soon as practicable after the end of the 5-year period", which was 5 June 2023.

S6W-42459 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018, for what reason the statutory review of the qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS), which the Scottish Government is required to complete “as soon as practicable” after 5 June 2023, has not yet been published.

S6W-42460 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018, which Minister or directorate has responsibility for progressing the statutory review of qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS), and what oversight arrangements are in place to ensure that it is completed.

S6W-42461 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018, what work has been undertaken to date in relation to the statutory review of qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS), including any (a) analysis, (b) internal correspondence and (c) scoping exercises since June 2023.

S6W-42462 **Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018, whether it has undertaken any consultation or engagement with the legal profession as part of the statutory review of qualified one-way costs shifting (QOCS), and, if so, which organisations or stakeholders have been consulted.

S6W-42464 **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in the UK Budget to provide a permanent business rate discount for retail and hospitality in England from April 2026, what steps it is taking to ensure that the New Deal for Business Group Implementation Plan recommendation to maintain the "most competitive environment to do business" on business rates is delivered in respect of these two industry sectors.

S6W-42465 **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in the UK Budget to provide a permanent business rate discount for retail and hospitality in England from April 2026, what analysis or assessment it has undertaken of the potential risk to commercial investment in retail and hospitality moving to England, in the event that Scotland does not introduce a commensurate reduction in the business rate.

S6W-42466 **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in the UK Budget to provide a permanent business rate discount for retail and hospitality in England from April

2026, what discussions it has had with its Retail Industry Leadership Group regarding the possible implications of this for retail investment in Scotland.

S6W-42467 **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in the UK Budget to provide a permanent business rate discount for retail and hospitality in England from April 2026, what discussions it has had with its Tax Advisory Group regarding the possible implications of this for retail investment in Scotland.

S6W-42468 **Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the decision taken in the UK Budget to provide a permanent business rate discount for retail and hospitality in England from April 2026, what discussions it has had with its Non-Domestic Rates consultative subgroup regarding the possible implications of this for retail investment in Scotland.

S6W-42469 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what parliamentary scrutiny of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review it anticipates.

S6W-42470 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it anticipates the Scottish Parliament will play in holding the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) to account regarding any decisions that may come from the Service Delivery Review of the SFRS.

S6W-42471 **Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it anticipates for MSPs to debate on the outcomes of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review.

S6W-42473 **Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide what information it has on the number of English teachers there are in each local authority area, broken down by (a) gender and (b) nationally.

S6W-42474 **Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide what information it has on the number of teachers, broken down by gender, in (a) nursery and early years settings, (b) primary schools and (c) secondary schools, also broken down by (i) nationally and (ii) local authority area.

S6W-42475 **Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what process was followed that resulted in the chairs of NHS Lothian and Greater Glasgow and Clyde being chosen to chair the respective Sub-National Planning and Delivery Committees for Scotland East and Scotland West; whether a vote was taken among all NHS board chairs, and whether any NHS boards objected to the chosen chairs. **R**

S6W-42476 **Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce a Scottish Joint Registry that would provide performance information for (a) hip, (b) knee, (c) ankle, (d) elbow and (e) shoulder joint replacement surgeons. **R**

S6W-42477 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government how many meetings of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council took place in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025, and how many of these were attended by the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy.

S6W-42478 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to devolve consenting powers to local authorities for applications for the (a) construction, (b) extension and (c) operation of electricity generating stations with capacity in excess of 50 megawatts.

S6W-42479 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to enforce community (a) benefit payments and (b) equity ownership from onshore renewable energy developments as a mandatory requirement for planning application considerations.

S6W-42480 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to enforce the construction of affordable housing as a mandatory requirement for planning application considerations of onshore renewable energy developments in island communities.

S6W-42481 **Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will require transmission operators to underground new distribution overhead lines in island communities.

S6W-42482 **Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the provision of bleed kits across Scotland.

S6W-42486 **Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what it considers the practical effects of Part 5 of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill would be with respect to reserved matters, including energy consents, transport and telecommunication.

S6W-42487 **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the comment by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on 3 December 2025 that "the national review [of group-based sexual harm] will provide a more accurate and focused picture of the scale of and response" to the issue, whether it will confirm who the members of the review will be; on what basis they will be selected, and when they will be in place.

S6W-42488 **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the article in *The Herald* on 4 December 2025, *So who is leading Scotland's grooming-gang review?*, whether it will confirm who will lead the review into grooming gangs.

S6W-42489 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the reported average 120% increase in draft rateable values for self-catering businesses, and what assessment it has made of any potential implications for the financial sustainability of the sector and any impact on the rural economy.

S6W-42490 **Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of the 2026 revaluation of eligibility for the Small Business Bonus Scheme.

S6W-42491 **Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government how often ministers meet with local authorities and divisions of Police Scotland to assess the progress of antisocial behaviour strategies.

New Bills and Accompanying Documents

New accompanying documents printed on 9 December 2025

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (As amended at Stage 2)—A supplementary version of the Delegated Powers Memorandum has been printed (SP Bill 46A-DPM) (Member's Bill)

Amendments to Bills lodged on 9 December 2025

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 3

Section 1

Jeremy Balfour

10 In section 1, page 2, line 12, at end insert—

<( ) the steps that education authorities and the managers of grant-aided schools should take to support participation in residential outdoor education by pupils, including, in particular, pupils with additional support needs,>

After section 1

Jeremy Balfour

11 After section 1, insert—

<Facilities providing residential outdoor education

(1) The owner of a facility providing residential outdoor education in accordance with section 6A of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 must, before the expiry of the period of 5 years beginning with the day section 1 comes into force, ensure at least one toilet meeting the conditions in subsection (2) is provided in the facility.

(2) The conditions are an accessible toilet facility which—

(a) has sufficient space, being not less than 12 square metres, to allow up to two carers to assist an adult to use the toilet and the equipment mentioned in paragraph (c),

(b) has a toilet with sufficient space, being not less than 1 metre, from the wall on either side for carers to assist an adult to use the toilet,

(c) includes—

(i) a height-adjustable changing bench of a size suitable for an adult,

(ii) a tracking hoist able to cover the full floor area of the facility,

(d) is equipped with—

(i) a non-slip floor surface,

(ii) a screen or curtain,

(iii) a height adjustable wash hand basin,

(iv) grab rails to assist in the use of the toilet facility,

(v) a shelf or other surface suitable for temporary placing of colostomy bags and related equipment,

(vi) a call assistance system.

(3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify the conditions in subsection (2).

(4) Regulations under subsection (3) are subject to the affirmative procedure.>

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

Section 1

Maggie Chapman

9 In section 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—

<(1A) In section 8 (religious instruction), after subsection (1) insert—

"(1A) With effect from the day on which section 1(1A) of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Act 2026 comes into force, the continuation of the custom described in subsection (1) is to be read so as not to include any right for parents to elect that their children should not receive instruction in religion.".>

Maggie Chapman

10 In section 1, page 1, line 11, at end insert—

<( ) the words "from any instruction in religious subjects and" are repealed,

( ) for the words "his being withdrawn from any instruction in religious subjects" substitute "withdrawal from any such religious observance",>

Maggie Chapman

11 In section 1, page 1, line 15, leave out <from instruction in religious subjects or>

Maggie Chapman

12 In section 1, page 1, line 18, leave out <religious instruction or>

Maggie Chapman

13 In section 1, page 1, line 20, leave out <from instruction in religious subjects or>

Maggie Chapman

14 In section 1, page 1, line 21, leave out <(or from both)>

Maggie Chapman

15 In section 1, page 2, line 16, leave out <all or part of>

Maggie Chapman

16 In section 1, page 2, line 20, leave out <all or part of>

Maggie Chapman

17 In section 1, page 2, line 22, leave out <to the extent of the pupil's objection>

Maggie Chapman
Supported by: Graham Simpson

18 *In substitution for amendment 2*

In section 1, page 2, line 26, at end insert—

<9AA Pupil's right to request withdrawal from religious observance

(1) Any pupil in a public or grant-aided school has the right to request withdrawal from any religious observance in that school.

(2) The operator of a public or grant-aided school must ensure that—

(a) pupils are aware of their right to request withdrawal from religious observance, and

(b) pupils are able to exercise that right in a manner that is suitable to their needs.

(3) The operator must give effect to the pupil's request.

(4) The operator is not required to comply with subsection (3) if, taking into account the pupil's age and maturity, the operator is satisfied that the pupil is not capable of forming a view.

(5) The pupil is to be presumed to be capable of forming a view unless the contrary is shown.

(6) No pupil in a public or grant-aided school shall be placed at any disadvantage with respect to the secular instruction given in the school by reason of the pupil's request to withdraw from religious observance being given effect under subsection (3).>

Long Title

Maggie Chapman

19 In the long title, page 1, line 2, leave out <religious instruction or>

New Subordinate Legislation

Subject to negative procedure

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 December 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/390)
Laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003.

Progress of Legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 2 completed, 25 November 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Finance and Public Administration)), 9 December 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (83rd Report, 2025)

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 10 December 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74th Report, 2025)

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 2 (Day 1) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 16 December 2025
All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Wednesday 10 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 24 June 2025

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 2 (Day 1) (Economy and Fair Work Committee), 14 January 2026

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

Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Delegated Powers and Law Reform)), 9 December 2025
Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (77th Report, 2025)

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill (G)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69th Report, 2025)

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 September 2025

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 10 December 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (81st Report, 2025)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (M)
After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 9 December 2025
Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 December 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 9 December 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (70th Report, 2025)

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)
Passed, 23 March 2021
Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 27 November 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (79th Report, 2025)

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)
Passed, 22 December 2022
Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Affairs and Islands)), 12 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (52nd Report, 2025)

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)
Passed, 5 November 2025

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 2 (Day 4) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 10 December 2025

Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Passed, 27 November 2025

Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 9 December 2025
Stage 1 (evidence (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)), 9 December 2025

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 10 December 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025)

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 10 December 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (80th Report, 2025)

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 12 November 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (53rd Report, 2025)

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 16 December 2025

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (M)
Stage 1 completed, 13 November 2025
Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 2 completed, 3 December 2025
Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team (legislationteam@parliament.scot)

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)
Stage 2 (Day 1) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee), 11 December 2025

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill (M)
Stage 1 (lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security)), 11 December 2025
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (54th Report, 2025)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill LCM-S6-64
Lodged on 25 September 2025
Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 9 December 2025
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (89th Report, 2025)

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM-S6-60
Lodged on 12 June 2025

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 June 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 26 June 2025
Report – Lead committee (Education, Children and Young People) (8th Report, 2025)

Crime and Policing Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-57b
Lodged on 1 August 2025
Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (7th Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (67th Report, 2025)

Employment Rights Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-53b
Lodged on 14 August 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 4 September 2025
Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (6th Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (56th Report, 2025

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15
Lodged on 7 February 2022
Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Pension Schemes Bill LCM-S6-65
Lodged on 26 September 2025
Report - Lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning) (6th Report, 2025)
Report - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (78th Report, 2025)

Planning and Infrastructure Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-56b
Lodged on 24 October 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 30 October 2025

Public Office (Accountability) Bill LCM-S6-66
Lodged on 31 October 2025
Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (87th Report, 2025)

Sentencing Bill LCM-S6-67
Lodged on 26 November 2025
Lead committee - Criminal Justice

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-61a
Lodged on 27 October 2025
Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 4 November 2025

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill LCM-S6-62
Lodged on 27 August 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 9 December 2025
Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (9th Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (73rd Report, 2025)

Tobacco and Vapes Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-51a

Lodged on 28 March 2025
Meeting of the Parliament, 29 May 2025

Report – Lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport) (3rd Report, 2025)
Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (29th Report, 2025)

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval by 15 December 2025

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

Affirmative Instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Negative instruments

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

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

Subject to annulment by 15 December 2025

Lead Committee report due by 8 December 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject to annulment by 1 February 2026

Lead Committee report due by 26 January 2026

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

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

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by 19 December 2025

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

New Documents

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 December 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/283) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/284) laid under section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries in Scotland (SG/2025/325) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Scottish Government Non Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/188) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Corrections

Members' Corrections

Official Report, Meeting of the Parliament, 27 November 2025

The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) has identified an error in her contribution and provided the following correction to the Official Report of 27 November 2025. Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy

At col 7, para 9, line 1—

Original text—

Mr Burnett is referring to an application that has not been put into the Scottish Government's energy consents unit. Even when it is a live application, he knows full well that I cannot discuss it in public.

Corrected text—

Mr Burnett is referring to an application that has not been submitted to me by the Scottish Government's energy consents unit. Even when it is a live application, he knows full well that I cannot discuss it in public.

Members' corrections are published alongside, but do not replace the original contribution and can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

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