

Friday 24 April 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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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.

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

Stage 1 Report (Economy and Fair Work Committee) published, 4 March 2026

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)), 11 February 2026

Stage 3 (Criminal Justice Committee), 4 March 2026

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

Withdrawn, 3 December 2025

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.

Testing Dec 15 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (G)

Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee), 4 March 2026

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 4 March 2026

Testing December 11 Government Bill (Scotland) Bill (G)

Testing December 8 (Scotland) Bill (G)

Fell, 9 December 2025

Testing December 8 Private Bill (Scotland) Bill (P)

Testing December 9 (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 3 (proceedings, meeting of the Parliament), 4 March 2026

Testing January 8 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture)), 4 March 2026

Fell, 4 March 2026

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

Introduced, 30 January 2026

Fell, 4 March 2026

Stage 3 (evidence (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)), 5 March 2026

Passed, 5 March 2026

Legislative Consent Memorandums

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

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

Fiona test LCM LCM-S6-29

Lodged on 29 January 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 29 January 2026

Meeting (evidence (Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee)), 29 January 2026

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Made Affirmative Instruments

Subject to approval by 17 January 2026

[Fiona test 4 - take 2 \(SSI 2025/997 hhh\)](#) (5 December 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval by 20 January 2026

[Fiona Test 4A \(SSI 2025/996 \[testcccc\]\)](#) (8 December 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to approval by 24 February 2026

[Made affirmative SSI Fiona Test 1 \(SSI 2026/2\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval by 15 April 2026

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/20\)](#) (5 March 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Due to the new session, the 40 day deadline date is provisional.

Subject to approval by 6 May 2026

[Fiona test \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (13 March 2026) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Affirmative Instruments

[Fiona test \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (18 February 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Fiona Test Dissolution \(SSI 2026/20\)](#) (10 March 2026)

[The Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 October 2025

[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (28 August 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 August 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 27 October 2025

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Councillors\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 28 October 2025

[Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 30 October 2025

[Carer's Assistance \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (5 September 2025) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 10 November 2025

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 11 November 2025

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber \(Police Appeals\) \(Procedure\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 September 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

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

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Record Keeping\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Administration\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (19 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 17 November 2025

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Equality\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (23 September 2025) (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 19 November 2025

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (25 September 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 26 November 2025

[Firefighters' Pension Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 October 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (2 October 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 27 November 2025

[Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(Register of Interests\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2025) (COVID-19 Recovery Committee)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No.20\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 October 2025) (Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 December 2025

[Town and Country Planning \(Marine Fish Farming\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (8 October 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands 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 27 January 2026

[Fiona Test 1 for 40-day date \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 28 January 2026

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

[Fiona Test 2 40 day date \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Fiona Test 3 40 Day Date \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (4 December 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

[Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Characteristic of Sex\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

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

[Test B for additional information \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (25 February 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)
Added additional information for testing

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

[Antisocial Behaviour \(Fixed Penalty Offences\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (4 March 2026) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)
All dates are provisional due to new Session.

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 27 April 2026

[Town and Country Planning \(Marine Fish Farming\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (5 March 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)
This is the additional information for the relaying SSI.

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 1 May 2026

[Fiona Test \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (9 March 2026) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)
Fiona added additional info

Subject to approval; lead committee report due by 2 June 2026

[Fiona testing report date change \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#) (11 March 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 30 September 2025
Lead Committee report due by 29 September 2025

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/678\)](#) (18 June 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 2 October 2025
Lead Committee report due by 29 September 2025

[Firefighters' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/187\)](#) (20 June 2025) (Criminal Justice Committee)

Subject to annulment by 7 October 2025
Lead Committee report due by 6 October 2025

[Teachers' Pensions \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/197\)](#) (25 June 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment by 10 October 2025
Lead Committee report due by 6 October 2025

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/212\)](#) (24 July 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/239\)](#) (29 August 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Offshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing Methods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/240\)](#) (1 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Subject to annulment by 29 October 2025
Lead Committee report due by 27 October 2025

[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/241\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/244\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/245\)](#) (4 September 2025) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 5 November 2025
Lead Committee report due by 3 November 2025

[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/249\)](#) (11 September 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Redemption of Heritable Securities \(Excluded Securities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/251\)](#) (11 September 2025) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 10 November 2025
Lead Committee report due by 10 November 2025

[Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure \(Scottish Parliament Elections\) Code of Practice 2025 \(SG/2025/214\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[Draft statutory guidance on imprints for non-party campaigners at Scottish Parliamentary elections and council elections in Scotland \(SG/2025/215\)](#) (16 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/259\)](#) (18 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 12 November 2025
Lead Committee report due by 10 November 2025

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/262\)](#) (18 September 2025) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Subject to annulment by 16 November 2025
Lead Committee report due by 10 November 2025

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/263\)](#) (22 September 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

Subject to annulment by 26 November 2025
Lead Committee report due by 26 November 2025

[Diligence against Earnings \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2025/293\)](#) (2 October 2025) (Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee)

[Animal Products \(Transitional Import Conditions\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2025/300\)](#) (2 October 2025) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

Subject to annulment by 2 December 2025
Lead Committee report due by 1 December 2025

[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/301\)](#) (8 October 2025) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

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

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

All dates have been corrected.

Subject to annulment by 25 January 2026

Lead Committee report due by 19 January 2026

[Fiona Test 5 - annul date \(SSI 2025/380\)](#) (1 December 2025) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

[TEST 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 9 March 2026

Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/11\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

Subject to annulment by 19 April 2026

Lead Committee report due by 19 April 2026

[Test C \(SSI 2026/112\)](#) (25 February 2026) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)
Added additional info

Subject to annulment by 27 April 2026

Lead Committee report due by 27 April 2026

[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/21\)](#) (5 March 2026) (Economy and Fair Work Committee)
40 Day date is provisional due to upcoming new Session. Date will be updated once new Session is underway.

Documents subject to parliamentary control

Lead Committee report due by N/A

[Environmental Standards Scotland - Strategy 2026-2031 \(SSI 2026/23\)](#) (5 March 2026) (Criminal Justice Committee)
All dates are provisional and subject to change.

Lead Committee report due by 7 March 2026

[Instrument subject to approval \(SSI 2025/7\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Public Audit Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 8 March 2026

[Super affirmative Fiona test 1 \(SSI 2026/3\)](#) (28 January 2026) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 9 March 2026

[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/12\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Proposed Draft Order: The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/14\)](#) (29 January 2026) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

Lead Committee report due by 19 April 2026

[Test A for add info \(SSI 2026/10\)](#) (25 February 2026) (The Scottish Parliament)
40 day dates are provisional until Session 7 starts in May.

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