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10th Meeting 2026, Session 6

CONVENER

Audrey Nicoll (Aberdeen South and North Kincardine) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

Jamie Hepburn (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)

Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)

Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab)

Rona Mackay (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

Sharon Dowey (South Scotland) (Con)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Alasdair Allan (Na h-Eileanan an Iar) (SNP)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (LD)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Clerk Name

LOCATION

The James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 00:00]

Antisocial Behaviour

The Convener (George Adam): Good morning, and a warm welcome to the 20th meeting in 2025 of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee. Our first agenda item is to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture on the Scottish Government's humanitarian response to Gaza. We are joined in the room by the cabinet secretary, Angus Robertson, along with Joanna Keating, head of international development; Alice Guinan, humanitarian and conflict lead; and Stuart Adam, head of Asia team, international relations, from the Scottish Government. We welcome you all to the committee. Cabinet secretary, would you like to make an opening statement?

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