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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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The Presiding Officer has grouped questions 1 and 3.

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

1. Joe FitzPatrick: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to grow Scotland's arts, culture and creative sector. ([S6O-04753](#)) **R**

2. Paul McLennan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress to restore the Mackintosh Building of the Glasgow School of Art. ([S6O-04749](#))

3. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how its draft Budget will support the arts and culture sector in 2025-26, including through the provision of multi-year funding programmes for artists and cultural organisations. ([S6O-04752](#))

Education and Skills

1. Karen Adam: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle antisocial behaviour, and safeguard the welfare of girls, in schools. ([S6O-04747](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Future Meetings of the Parliament

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

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>

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

3 February 2026
2nd Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft remit for its inquiry.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at TestEmailAddress@Parliament.Scot

Criminal Justice Committee

3 February 2026
1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill.
- 2. Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider written evidence received on the Financial Memorandum of the Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill.
- 3. Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at TestEmailAddress@Parliament.Scot

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

4 February 2026
1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- 1. UK Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (In Private):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by UK (LCM(S5)1).
- 2. Inquiry in car parking charges - witness expenses (In Private):** The Committee will consider a claim under the witness expenses scheme.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Greg Black on 86266 or at TestEmailAddress@Parliament.Scot

Education, Children and Young People Committee

4 February 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in a virtual meeting and it will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

- 1. Testing December 8 Private Bill (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the UK Committee.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at TestEmailAddress@Parliament.Scot

Finance and Public Administration Committee

5 February 2026
1st Meeting, 2026

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

- 1. Testing Dec 16 Gov Bill (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
- 2. Testing December 11 Government Bill (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Joanne McNaughton on 85390 or at TestEmailAddress@Parliament.Scot

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

5 February 2026
26th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
2. **Legacy paper (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft legacy paper.
3. **Testing December 8 (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the UK Committee.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Alex Bruce on 85229 or at TestEmailAddress@Parliament.Scot

Scottish Commission for Public Audit
5 February 2026
1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Secretary to the Scottish Commission for Public Audit, Jane Williams on 0131 348 5205 or at scpa@parliament.scot

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.

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

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

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

Testing December 8 (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

Testing December 9 (Scotland) Bill (G)

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

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)

Affirmative Instruments

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

[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 5 December 2025

[Town and Country Planning \(Marine Fish Farming\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#) (17 October 2025) (COVID-19 Recovery 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

[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)

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 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 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 7 March 2026
Lead Committee report due by 2 March 2026

[Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings\) Amendment Rules 2026 \(SSI 2026/30\) \(SSI 2026/1\)](#) (27 January 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

Documents subject to parliamentary control

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)

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