

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
Wednesday 26 February 2025
7th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Economic, social and cultural rights in the Highlands and Islands

1. In November 2024, the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC), Scotland's independent watchdog for human rights, published a report on the ['Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands'](#).
2. The report assessed the state of human rights in the Highlands and Islands across nine key economic, social and cultural indicators, such as access to high-quality housing and public services, fair work, food and clothing.
3. The SHRC produced eight general recommendations which they suggested would "ensure full compliance with Scotland's international human rights obligations". The organisation also noted that it "expect[s] the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Government and other public authorities to take serious and careful consideration of all the evidence and the recommendations made".
4. At its meeting on 26 February, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee will take evidence from representatives of the SHRC to discuss the key findings and recommendations of the report.

Clerks to the Committee
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