



## Scottish Parliament backs luxury wealth tax on mansions and private jets

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The Scottish parliament has voted to approve a [new wealth tax on high-end luxury goods](#) especially mansions and houses over £1m and private jet travel.

### Scottish parliament leading the way

MSPs went to the Scottish parliament chamber to debate a new [fair, progressive and sustainable](#) approach to tax. This included the plans for a levy on private jets and houses owned by the wealthiest in society.

The motion which passed 84-28, with 10 abstentions highlighted the role taxes play in the delivery of essential public services. The motion welcomed all of Scotland's recent

progress made towards the creation of a private jet tax and a mansion tax

The vote was largely symbolic, as the [SNP](#)'s budget already outlined plans to implement a mansion tax by 2028, alongside a private jet tax. Labour's amendment calling for an immediate and comprehensive review of [business rates](#) also passed by 95 votes to 27.

Posting on X, Scotland's newly (re-)elected SNP First Minister John Swinney celebrated the vote:

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These are the words we heard from Starmer once upon a time. How refreshing that they should actually be taken to mean something and be acted upon.

✘ BREAKING: Parliament backed our plans for a private jet tax and a mansion tax.

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John Swinney (@JohnSwinney) [June 4, 2026](#)

## Call it the "Offord Tax"

The Scottish Greens have [long campaigned for a private jet levy](#) and other forms of wealth taxes, and joined the SNP politicians in celebrating the vote online.

However, a Greens amendment was defeated by 30 votes to 37, with 55 abstentions. It argued that progressive reform of property tax could play a powerful role in wealth taxation.

Nonetheless, the Greens have clear cause for celebrating the policy which they, alongside other progressives, have made the loudest case for. This is partly thanks to Zack Polanski's bold messaging to the south.

✘ Private jet flights are 30 times more polluting than regular flights.

After years of campaigning from Scottish Green MSPs, the Scottish Government is set to introduce a private jet tax! [pic.twitter.com/WoURMIQsqc](https://pic.twitter.com/WoURMIQsqc)

Scottish Greens (@scottishgreens) [June 4, 2026](#)

But it's Scottish Greens leader [Ross Greer's sharp jibes at Reform UK's leader Malcom Offord](#) in the final stretch of May's Holyrood elections which clearly captured the wealth debate.

Appearing together on the party leaders' [televised STV debate](#) the multi-millionaire ex-BoJo donor Lord Offord bragged about his wealth accumulation. [Offord stated](#)

Today, I own six houses, five cars, and six boats.

Mr Greer, in your Scotland? Do you want more people like me or fewer people like me?

To this, Greer swiftly and [unapologetically replied](#) "Fewer people like you." He said he was glad [Offord finally admitted](#) how many homes he owns! He also pointed out that there are [three times as many empty homes](#) in Scotland as there are homeless children.

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Reform UK's amendment warned that increases in wealth taxes lead to [significant flight of tax revenues](#). It lost by 16 votes to 94, with 10 abstentions. Perhaps with some luck, Mr Orford will take Mr Greer's advice and flee away, taxes and all if needs be.

The Conservatives' amendment called on the Government to "reduce income tax to stimulate growth." It was [also defeated](#) in the Scottish parliament by 28 votes to 94. Reducing tax burdens on working people and focusing on wealth tax isn't a bad idea but Tories *don't* support that. Let's sort out wealth taxes *before* we reconsider income, eh?

## [Reform's Scottish leader brags about owning 6 houses in debate](#)

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