



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

29 April 2025

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Gillian Mackay
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Lorna Slater
- Annabelle Ewing
- Jackie Dunbar

Apologies:

- Liam McArthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Joanna Kendall
- Samantha Currie

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 22 April.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau confirmed the programme of business for the week beginning 28 April and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 5 and 12 May.
3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 5 May (subject to the attainment of cross-party support) would be—
 - Tuesday 6 May: Collette Stevenson: Concerns Over UK Government Foreign Aid Reductions
 - Wednesday 7 May: Roz McCall: Mental Health Awareness Week 2025
 - Thursday 8 May: Michael Marra: Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that it agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

5. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
 - consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 21 November 2025.
 - consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 31 October 2025.
 - consideration of the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 10 October 2025.
 - consideration of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 26 September 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Approval of SSIs

6. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged—

The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025

The Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025.

Agenda item 6 – Committee Membership Changes

7. Business Managers agreed to lodge motions proposing changes to Committee Membership and substitutes, to be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 29 April 2025, to take effect from that point forward.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
April 2025