



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

20 May 2025

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Gillian Mackay

Officials present:

- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Joanna Kendall
- Samantha Currie
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 13 May.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 19 May and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 26 May and 2 June.
3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 26 May would be—
 - Tuesday 27 May: Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer
 - Wednesday 28 May: Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population
 - Thursday 29 May: Michelle Thomson: 30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica

Agenda item 3 – Referral of Bills

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Prevention from Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.
5. Business Managers discussed the designation of a lead committee for consideration of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 and agreed to return to it at a future meeting.

Agenda item 4 – Timetabling of Bills at Stage 2

6. Business Managers agreed—
 - to refer the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill back to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 27 June 2025.
 - to refer the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill back to the Criminal Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 20 June 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Committee Membership and Substitute Changes

7. Business Managers agreed that a motion proposing Committee Membership and substitute changes should go to the Chamber on Tuesday 21 May to take effect from that point forward.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
May 2025