



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

10 June 2025

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

Officials present:

- David McGill
- 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
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 3 June.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 9 June and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 16 and 23 June.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business in the week beginning 16 June would be—
 - Tuesday 17 June: Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland's Historic Football Clubs;
 - Wednesday 18 June: Liam Kerr: Recognising RAAC in Council and Former Council Housing;
 - Thursday 19 June: Marie McNair: Action Mesothelioma Day 2025.
4. Lorna Slater requested a Ministerial Statement on the timing of the laying of the Carbon Budget Regulations under the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2024.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of Bills at Stage 1

5. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motions that the Parliament agrees, under Rule 9.6.1—
 - that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at Stage 1;
 - that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1; and
 - that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs and a Laid Document

6. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments and laid document would be lodged:
 - the Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025;
 - the Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025 revokes the Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2021;
 - the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025.
 - The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman - Statement of Complaints Handling Principles.

7. Lorna Slater reserved her party's position on the Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of an LCM

8. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 6 – Committee Request to meet at the same time as the Parliament

9. Business Managers declined to recommend to the Parliament that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber on Wednesday 18 June from 2:30pm until decision time.
10. The Bureau agreed to consider any further requests from the Committee by correspondence.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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