



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

26 August 2025

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 24 June.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 1 September and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 8 and 15 September.

3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 1 September, subject to gaining appropriate cross-party support, would be—
 - Tuesday 2 September: Alex Rowley: Provision of NHS Dentistry
 - Wednesday 3 September: Kenneth Gibson: Recognising the Impact of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
 - Thursday 4 September: Bob Doris: Peak Rail fares.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that—
 - consideration of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment to UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 28 November 2025.
 - consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 16 January 2026.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

5. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged.
 - the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025;
 - the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of LCMs

6. Business Managers agreed to refer—
 - the supplementary LCM on the Crime and Policing Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee;
 - the supplementary LCM on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee; and
 - the LCM on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee.
7. Business Managers agreed to recommend to Parliament by motion—
 - that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as lead committee on the supplementary LCM on the Employment Rights Bill.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
August 2025