



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

16 December 2025

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Graeme Dey
- Tim Eagle
- Martin Whitfield
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Irene Fleming
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Katrina Venters
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 9 December.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 15 December and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 5 and 12 January 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 5 January would be—
 - Tuesday 6 January: Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition.
 - Wednesday 7 January: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges. (Subject to the achievement of cross-party support)
 - Thursday 8 January: Claire Baker: Non-fatal Strangulation Laws and Intimate Partner Homicides.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 23 January 2026.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

5. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged—
 - The Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026.
 - The Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 and the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Modifications) Regulations 2026.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of an LCM

6. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 6 – Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change

7. Business Managers agreed to write to the SPPA Committee to request that it lodge a motion proposing a Temporary Rule to amend Standing Orders in relation to the deadline for lodging amendments to Bills and confirmed that they were content for the letter to be sent by the Presiding Officer before recess.

Agenda Item 7 – Progress of Legislation

8. Business Managers noted the current status of Bills progressing through Parliament.

Agenda Item 8 – Committee Membership

9. Business Managers agreed to lodge a motion on committee membership changes, to be taken at Decision Time on Wednesday 17 December, to take effect from that point forward.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
December 2025