



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

06 January 2026

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Graeme Dey
- Martin Whitfield
- Sharon Dowie
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Apologies:

- Tim Eagle
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Katy Orr
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Mark Brough
- Katrina Venters
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden
- Joanne Kendall

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 16 December 2025.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 5 January and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 12 and 19 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: Craig Hoy: Scotland's Flood Defences.
 - 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 Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 6 February 2026.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 2

5. Business Managers agreed to refer the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill back to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of an LCM

6. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5 —
 - the LCM on the Railways Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee.
 - the LCM on the Crime and Policing Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee.
7. Business Managers noted that the Bureau agreed, by correspondence over recess, to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the supplementary LCM relating to the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill and the second supplementary LCM on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee.

Agenda Item 6 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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