



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

13 January 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay
- Ash Regan

Apologies

- Liam McArthur

Officials present:

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 6 January 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 12 January and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 19 and 26 January 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 12 January would be —
 - Tuesday 13 January: Fulton MacGregor: Improving Support and Treatment for People living with PKU in Scotland.
 - Wednesday 14 January: George Adam: The Importance of Football within Scotland.
 - Thursday 15 January: Maggie Chapman: A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Fit for the Future.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

Agenda item 4 – Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

5. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 13 February 2026.
6. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 6 February 2026.
7. Ash Regan, in her capacity as Member in Charge, made representation to the Bureau concerning an extension to the Stage 1 deadline for the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill, indicating her preference that the deadline be extended to the 30 January. Business Managers then discussed the extension and agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Stage 1 deadline for the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill be extended to Friday 6 February 2026.

Agenda item 5 – Consideration of a Bill at Stage 2

8. Business Managers agreed to refer the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill back to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

9. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 23 January 2026.

Agenda item 6 – Approval of SSIs

10. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - The Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026.
 - The Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026.
 - The Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026.
 - The Cross-border Placement of Children (Requirements, Effect and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026.

Agenda item 7 – Referral of LCMs

11. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5 —
 - the LCM on the Finance (No 2) Bill to the Finance and Public Administration Committee as lead committee.
 - the LCM on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill to the Economy and Fair Work Committee as lead committee.
12. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary LCM on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill.

Agenda item 8 – Progress of Legislation

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

Agenda item 9 – Correspondence

14. Business Managers noted correspondence from the SPPA Committee on the proposed Temporary Rule relating to lodging deadlines for amendments to public bills. Business Managers further noted that a short debate on the motion is scheduled for Thursday 15 January 2026.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau

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