



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

20 January 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Jackie Dunbar

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 13 January 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 19 January and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 26 January and 2 February 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 19 January would be —
 - Tuesday 20 January: No Members' Business
 - Wednesday 21 January: Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Bridges.
 - Thursday 22 January: Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success; Liam McArthur: Future Farming Investment Scheme [rescheduled from Tuesday 20 January].

Agenda item 3 – Budget Bill timetabling and rate resolution

4. Business Managers agreed the proposed timetable for the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill and noted the procedural requirements for handling a motion for a Scottish Rate Resolution.

Agenda item 4 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

5. Business Managers agreed to refer the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill back to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
6. Business Managers agreed to refer the Children (Care, Care Experience and Service Planning) (Scotland) Bill to the Education, Children and Young People Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

Agenda item 5 – Approval of SSIs

7. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - The Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026.
 - The Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026.

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

8. Business Managers considered and agreed—
 - to recommend to the Parliament that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be given permission, if required, to meet at the same time as the Chamber after Decision Time on Wednesday 21 January; and

- noted that the motion would be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 20 January.

Agenda item 7 – Committee membership

9. Business Managers agreed to lodge a motion proposing a committee membership change to be taken at Decision Time on 21 January, to take effect from that point forward.

Agenda item 8 – Removal of motions from the Business Bulletin

10. Business Managers agreed to retain the following motions from the Business Bulletin:

- S6M-19207 John Mason – Nature Champions Initiative
- S6M-19214 Jackie Dunbar – Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for profit Organisations
- S6M-19514 Michelle Thomson – Building Links with Bhutan
- S6M-19950 Bill Kidd – The Mental Health Impact of Cell Therapies

Agenda item 9 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
January 2026