



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

03 February 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

- Tim Eagle
- 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
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 27 January 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 2 February and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 9 February and 16 February 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 2 February would be —
 - Tuesday 3 February: Michael Marra: Publication of Level up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector
 - Wednesday 4 February: Bill Kidd: The Mental Health Impact of Cell Therapies
 - Thursday 5 February: Claire Haughey: 900th Anniversary of Rutherglen as a Royal Burgh.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 20 February.

Agenda item 4 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

5. Business Managers agreed to refer the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill back to the Education, Children and Young People Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
6. Business Managers agreed to refer the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill back to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

Agenda item 5 – Approval of an SI and an SSI

7. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - The Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026
 - The Animal Health (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2026
8. Sharon Dowey reserved her party's position on the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026.

Agenda item 6 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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