



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

27 January 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 20 January 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 27 January and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 2 February and 9 February 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 27 January would be —
 - Tuesday 27 January: No Members' Business
 - Wednesday 28 January: No Members' Business.
 - Thursday 29 January: Kenneth Gibson: Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, Bridging Generations; and Michelle Thomson: Building Links with Bhutan [rescheduled from Tuesday 27 January].

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 6 February.

Agenda item 4 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

5. Business Managers agreed to refer the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill back to the Economy and Fair Work Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
6. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedie) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 6 February 2026
7. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 20 February 2026.
8. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 20 February 2026.
9. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 20 February 2026.

Agenda item 5 – Reconsideration of a Bill

10. Business Managers noted information about the Reconsideration of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

Agenda item 6 – Approval of an SSI

11. Business Managers noted that a motion to approve the following instrument would be lodged —
 - The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026
12. Lorna Slater reserved her party's position on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026

Agenda item 7 – Referral of LCMs

13. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as lead committee.
14. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary LCM on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

Agenda item 8 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
January 2026