



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

10 March 2026

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Graeme Dey
- Martin Whitfield
- Tim Eagle
- Gillian Mackay
- Alex Cole-Hamilton

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

- Liam McArthur
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Officials present:

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 3 March 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 9 March and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 16 March and 23 March 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 9 March would be —
 - Tuesday 10 March: No Members' Business [rescheduled to w/c 23 March]
 - Wednesday 11 March: No Members' Business [rescheduled to w/c 23 March]
 - Thursday 12 March: Martin Whitfield: Edinburgh Medical School 300.

Agenda item 3 – Approval of SSIs

4. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026
 - Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026
 - National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026
 - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026
 - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber) Regulations 2026
 - Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026
 - Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026
 - Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2026
 - Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026
 - Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026
5. Tim Eagle reserved his party's position on the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2026, the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 and the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026.
6. Gillian Mackay reserved her party's position on the Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026, the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 and

the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of LCMs

7. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament, under Rule 9B3.5, that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the LCM relating to the Armed Forces Bill.
8. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B3.5 —
 - the LCM on the Crime and Policing Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee.
 - the LCM on the Representation of the People Bill to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 5 – Timetabling of Debate

9. Business Managers agreed that time should be scheduled in the Business Programme for consideration of a motion from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to agree the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modifications) Resolution 2026.

Agenda item 6 – Temporary amendment to Standing Orders

10. Business Managers agreed that they did not wish to propose Temporary Rules on the Oath of Allegiance and/or the Election of the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers.

Agenda item 7 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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