



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

17 March 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay

Apologies

- Liam McArthur

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
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 10 March 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed revisions to the programme of business for the week beginning 16 March and the week beginning 23 March 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 9 March would be —
 - Tuesday 17 March: No Members' Business [rescheduled to w/c 23 March]
 - Wednesday 18 March: No Members' Business [rescheduled to w/c 23 March]
 - Thursday 19 March: Kenneth Gibson: Towards the Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine.

Agenda item 3 – Approval of SSIs

4. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025
 - Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2026
 - Prisoners (Early Release) Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions (Scotland) Regulations 2026
 - Scottish Aggregates Tax (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026
 - Investigation and Commencement of Repair (Scotland) Regulations 2026
 - Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2026
5. Tim Eagle reserved his party's position on the Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025 and the Prisoners (Early Release) Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions (Scotland) Regulations 2026.
6. Martin Whitfield reserved his party's position on the Prisoners (Early Release) Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions (Scotland) Regulations 2026.

Agenda item 4–Committee requests to meet at the same time as the Parliament

7. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and the Education Children and Young People's Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Parliament on Tuesday 24 March between 9am and 1pm.
8. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Parliament on Tuesday 24 March between 9am and 12pm.

9. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Parliament on Tuesday 24 March between 9.30am and 1pm.

Agenda item 5 – Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme and New Party Leaders’ Expenses Scheme

10. Business Managers noted the request from the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body for chamber time to consider the resolutions and noted that time has been allocated on Thursday 19 March for the motions to be taken.

Agenda item 6 – Correspondence

11. Business Managers noted correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee dated 11 March in relation to Miscellaneous and minor Standing Order rule changes.

Agenda item 7 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
March 2026