



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

26 May 2026

Present:

- Kenneth Gibson (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Max Bannerman
- Neil Bibby
- Lorna Slater
- Tim Eagle
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Katy Clark
- Clare Adamson
- George Adam

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Sigrid Robinson
- Katrina Venters
- Alex Bruce
- David Millett
- Kath Byrne
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Griffin
- Sam Currie
- Gail Grant
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Joanne Kendall
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 19 May 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to the programme of business for the week beginning 25 May and the weeks beginning 1 and 8 June.
3. The Bureau noted that Members' business will commence in the week commencing 8 June 2026.

Agenda item 3 – Business in the Chamber

4. The Bureau considered a paper on Business in the Chamber. The Bureau agreed to an allocation of non-Government business to the end of the Parliamentary year. The allocation of half sitting days is as follows:

Scottish Labour:	4
Reform UK:	4
Scottish Greens:	3
Scottish Conservatives:	3
Liberal Democrats:	2

5. The Bureau agreed the criteria for the selection of motions for Members' business and noted that motions must have the support of at least two parties or groupings represented on the Parliamentary Bureau.
6. The Bureau noted the dates in relation to the commencement of General Questions in the first week of June and Portfolio Questions in the second week of June.
7. The Bureau considered and agreed the proposed cycle of Portfolio Questions.

Agenda item 4 – Establishment of Committees

8. The Bureau considered a paper on the Establishment of Committees. After discussion, the Bureau agreed that a further paper would be considered at its next meeting.

Agenda item 5 – Parliamentary Calendar Recess Dates

9. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion recommending to the Parliament the dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to and including Christmas recess 2026.

Agenda item 6 – Office of the Clerk Dates

10. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion recommending to the Parliament dates in relation to sitting days and Office of the Clerk days beyond 1 June 2026.

Agenda item 7 – Time for Reflection

11. The Bureau considered an approach to Time for Reflection and agreed —

- that the Presiding Office should determine the programme of contributions for the period up to summer recess; and
- that the Parliamentary Business Team, on behalf of the Presiding Officer, should write to all Members seeking nominations for future contributions for Time for Reflection, and that such nominations should reflect a diverse spectrum of faith and non-faith perspectives, as well as gender balance.

Agenda item 8 – Temporary amendment to Standing Order Rules

12. The Bureau considered and agreed to recommend motions to suspend and vary the Standing Orders in order to make the necessary changes to the rules in relation to the new parliamentary week. It noted that the motions would be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 26 May.

13. The Bureau noted that this rule should remain in effect until 31 January 2027 and agreed to write to the SPPA Committee in due course, inviting it to consider and recommend permanent changes to the rules on parliamentary questions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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