



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

16 June 2026

Present:

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

Apologies

- Tim Eagle

Also attended:

- Katy Clark
- Clare Adamson
- George Adam

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Lynn Russell
- Sigrid Robinson
- Katrina Venters
- Alex Bruce
- Kath Byrne
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Griffin
- Sam Currie
- Gail Grant
- Kate Blackman
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 –Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 9 June 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to the programme of business for the week beginning 15 June and the weeks beginning 22 June and 31 August.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 22 June would be —
 - Tuesday 23 June: Jack Middleton: Save STV North News
 - Wednesday 24 June: Liam Kerr: Nuclear Power in Scotland
 - Thursday 25 June: Marie McNair: Action Mesothelioma Day 2026

Agenda item 3 – Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders

4. The Bureau considered a paper inviting it to agree to temporarily suspend and vary Rule 11.5.1 of Standing Orders. The temporary amendment to the rule is required following revisions by the Presiding Officer on the Guidance on Conduct in Chamber.
5. Following discussion, Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament to suspend and vary Rule 11.5.1 from 22 June 2026 to 31 January 2027 and noted that a motion would be lodged to be taken this week.
6. The Bureau agreed to write to the SPPA Committee to invite it to recommend permanent rule changes to the rules on parliamentary questions in due course. Business Managers noted that the change would be communicated to members to ensure awareness of the rule.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of an LCM

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend under Rule 9B.3.5 that the Parliament designate the LCM on the Sporting Events Bill (UK legislation) to the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 5 – Time for Reflection

8. The Bureau considered its future approach to Time for Reflection nominations. Following discussion, Business Managers noted the ongoing opportunity to propose nominations for future contributors and agreed to delegate the responsibility for approving Time for Reflection nominations to the Presiding Officer.

Agenda item 6 – British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA)

9. The Bureau considered a background paper and proposals for the Party designation of the Scottish Parliament's designation to the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA).
10. Business Managers noted and agreed the Presiding Officer's proposal that a Deputy Presiding Officer be a full member of BIPA and act as head of delegation representing the Scottish Parliament on the Steering Committee.
11. The Bureau considered three options as set out in the paper and, following discussion, agreed that, as in previous parliamentary sessions, the four full Scottish delegation places should be held by one MSP from the four largest parties represented on the Bureau. It agreed the Full Members of the BIPA as follows:

Full Members:

- Deputy Presiding Officer
 - Scottish National Party
 - Reform UK
 - Scottish Labour
 - Scottish Green Party
12. Business Managers agreed to take a different approach for the allocation of the four associate places to previous parliamentary sessions, where they were allocated on a proportional basis. Following discussion, the Bureau agreed the four Associate Members of the BIPA as follows:

Associate Members:

- Scottish National Party
 - Scottish National Party
 - Scottish Conservative Party
 - Scottish Liberal Democrats
13. Business Managers noted that their party's nominated delegate(s) should be forwarded to the International Relations Office as soon as possible.

In closing the meeting, the Presiding Officer advised Business Managers of temporary arrangements relating to journalistic access following First Minister's question sessions and that arrangements would be reviewed in due course by the SPCB.

Parliamentary Business Team
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