



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

27 August 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Katy Clark
- Clare Adamson

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Lynn Russell
- Lucy Scherbert
- Katrina Venters
- Kath Byrne
- Jennifer Griffin
- Sam Currie
- Kate Blackman
- Joanne Kendall
- Fran Iwanyckyj

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 23 June 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Scottish Labour party requested a Ministerial Statement on the potential redundancies at Ferguson Marine, Port Glasgow.
3. The Bureau agreed to the programme of business for the week beginning 31 August and the weeks beginning 7 September and 14 September.

4. The Bureau noted that Members' Business in the week beginning 31 August would be —
 - Tuesday 1 September: Andrew Baxter: The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland
 - Wednesday 2 September: Keith Brown: Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland
 - Thursday 3 September: Thomas Kerr: Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working-Class Educational Outcomes

Agenda item 3 – Committee Substitutes

5. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the appointment of Committee substitutes as set out in Bureau papers and noted that a motion would be taken at Decision Time on Wednesday 2 September to take effect from that point forward.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of Legislative Consent Memorandums

6. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5 —
 - the first LCM and the second LCM on the Commercial Payments Bill to the Energy, Tourism and Energy Committee as lead committee.
 - the LCM on the Health Bill to the Health, Care and Sport Committee as lead committee.
 - the LCM on the Financial Services and Markets Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee.
 - the supplementary LCMs on the Representation of the People Bill to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee as lead committee.
7. Business Managers agreed to recommend, under Rule 9B.3.5 that the Parliament designate:
 - the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice committee as lead committee in consideration of the LCM on the Immigration and Asylum Bill.
 - the Finance and Public Administration Committee as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary LCM on the Public Office Accountability Bill.
 - the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee as lead committee in consideration of the supplementary LCM on the Sporting Events Bill.

Agenda item 5 – Parliamentary Calendar: Recess dates 2027-2028

8. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the following recess dates in 2027-2028.
 - 13 to 21 February 2027 (inclusive); 26 June to 29 August 2027 (inclusive); 9 to 24 October 2027 (inclusive); and 20 December 2027 to 2 January 2028 (inclusive).
9. The Bureau agreed to consider the dates for the Easter recess in 2027 further at its next meeting on Tuesday 1 September, following which, a motion recommending all dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to January 2028 will be lodged for consideration by the Parliament.

Parliamentary Business Team
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