



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

01 September 2026

Present:

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

Apologies

Also attended:

- Katy Clark
- Clare Adamson
- George Adam

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Gavin King
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Lynn Russell
- Lucy Scharbert
- Katrina Venters
- Alex Bruce
- Kath Byrne
- Jennifer Griffin
- Sam Currie
- Gail Grant
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 27 August 2026 subject to one amendment: to record that the Scottish Labour party had requested a Ministerial Statement on potential redundancies at Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Scottish Conservative party requested a Ministerial Statement on the sequence of events leading to the Monklands Hospital delay decision.
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: Graham Simpson: AI Data Centres

Agenda item 3 – Correspondence to SPPA Committee

5. The Bureau considered and agreed correspondence to the SPPA Committee setting out its interim conclusions on the impact of temporary rule 6.

Agenda item 4 – Parliamentary Calendar: Recess dates 2027-2028

6. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the following dates for Easter recess in 2027.
 - 3 to 18 April 2027 (inclusive)

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