Parliamentary Bureau – Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

1. The Parliament agreed on 21 May 2025 to designate the Criminal Justice Committee as lead Committee in consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1. The Committee is currently undertaking scrutiny of the Bill.

Decision

2. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 13 February 2026. The lead Committee, Scottish Government and Member in Charge are content with the requested date.

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

3. The Parliament agreed on 11 June 2025 to designate the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead Committee in consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1. The Committee is currently undertaking scrutiny of the Bill.

Decision

4. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 6 February 2026. The lead Committee, Scottish Government and Member in Charge are content with the requested date.

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

5. The Parliament agreed on 26 November 2025 that Stage 1 consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 16 January 2026.

6. The Criminal Justice Committee has yet to conclude Stage 1 consideration of its report and has requested an extension to the Stage 1 deadline to afford it additional opportunities to consider its Stage 1 report and allow sufficient time between the Committee's report being published and the Stage 1 debate.

7. It is understood that the Committee and Member in Charge's preference is for the Stage 1 deadline to be extended to Friday 30 January 2026 to allow sufficient time for Parliamentary scrutiny, should the Bill proceed beyond Stage 1.

8. The Scottish Government's preference is to extend the deadline to Friday 6 February 2026, due to pressures on the Parliamentary Business Programme in the week commencing 26 January 2026.

Decision

9. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to consider whether it is content to recommend to Parliament that the Stage 1 deadline be extended, and to which date.

Parliamentary Business Team
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