



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 7, Session 7

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 2 June 2026

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members):** Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic (Màiri McAllan MSP) made a statement and answered questions on Phone Free Classrooms.
- 5. Summer of Sport:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs (Maree Todd) moved S7M-00208—That the Parliament welcomes Scotland's Summer of Sport programme, which aims to capitalise on the landmark summer of international sport taking place this year, with Scotland's men's football team competing in the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow in July; recognises that it will provide opportunities for children and young people to take part in free and low-cost activities across the country; believes that providing positive, inclusive and inspiring sporting experiences for children and young people is one of the best things the people of Scotland can do to support physical, mental, and social health, and hopes that these experiences will

encourage lifelong participation in sport, whether through playing, or as future captains, coaches and volunteers across the sporting sector.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S7M-00208.1—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00208 in the name of Maree Todd (Summer of Sport), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to publish a plan and timetable for the provision of free swimming lessons for every primary school child."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Gillian Mackay moved amendment S7M-00208.3—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00208 in the name of Maree Todd (Summer of Sport), insert at end "and believes that to maintain participation in the long term, measures such as a £25 ticket cap for away football fans and support for local authorities to keep local sports venues open, including Aquatec Motherwell, are essential."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 17, Abstentions 16).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S7M-00208.2—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00208 in the name of Maree Todd (Summer of Sport), insert at end "; recognises that sport should be accessible to all people in Scotland, irrespective of background or personal circumstances; recognises the commitments made to ensure physical education is supported in schools, including swimming lessons, and considers that sport in school and in extracurricular activities is the best way to ensure access for all young people; believes that physical education should reflect the sporting opportunities in local communities and local clubs, and considers that investment in sport should reflect the positive impact that it can have in the health of the nation and attainment in Scotland's schools."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes Scotland's Summer of Sport programme, which aims to capitalise on the landmark summer of international sport taking place this year, with Scotland's men's football team competing in the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow in July; recognises that it will provide opportunities for children and young people to take part in free and low-cost activities across the country; believes that providing positive, inclusive and inspiring sporting experiences for children and young people is one of the best things the people of Scotland can do to support physical, mental, and social health; hopes that

these experiences will encourage lifelong participation in sport, whether through playing, or as future captains, coaches and volunteers across the sporting sector; calls on the Scottish Government to publish a plan and timetable for the provision of free swimming lessons for every primary school child; believes that to maintain participation in the long term, measures such as a £25 ticket cap for away football fans and support for local authorities to keep local sports venues open, including Aquatec Motherwell, are essential; recognises that sport should be accessible to all people in Scotland, irrespective of background or personal circumstances; recognises the commitments made to ensure physical education is supported in schools, including swimming lessons, and considers that sport in school and in extracurricular activities is the best way to ensure access for all young people; believes that physical education should reflect the sporting opportunities in local communities and local clubs, and considers that investment in sport should reflect the positive impact that it can have in the health of the nation and attainment in Scotland's schools.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
2 June 2026

## **Appendix**

**(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)**

### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 May 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**UHI North, West and Hebrides Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/97)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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