



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 9 June 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rabbi Moshe Rubin, Giffnock Synagogue & Senior Rabbi of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

Before the next item of business, the Presiding Officer announced the nominees and set out the process for the election of Committee conveners.

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 Climate Action and Rural Affairs (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2024.

5. Growing Scotland's Economy: The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport (Stephen Flynn) moved S7M-00290—That the Parliament recognises that higher economic growth is essential to delivering long-term prosperity, tackling child poverty, improving public services and achieving climate ambitions; agrees that supporting enterprise, investment, innovation and trade is key to maximising productivity and increasing sustainable and inclusive economic growth; supports action to remove unnecessary barriers to success; acknowledges Scotland's economic potential, including its key strengths in sectors such as energy, food and

drink, financial services, and space, and endorses a continued focus on economic growth to build a more resilient, prosperous, and fairer Scotland for all.

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S7M-00290.3—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00290 in the name of Stephen Flynn (Growing Scotland's Economy), insert at end "; notes that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has projected Scotland's 'Tax base performance gap' for 2026-27 to be £785 million while data shows that GDP increased by 8.4% between Q2 2014 and Q2 2024 for Scotland compared to 14.3% across the UK as a whole, and believes that understanding and addressing these gaps is imperative in order to grow jobs, wages and opportunities, as well as maximising revenue for funding public services in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Duncan Massey moved amendment S7M-00290.2—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00290 in the name of Stephen Flynn (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from ", improving" to end and insert "and improving public services; agrees that lowering the tax burden and bureaucracy are essential to support enterprise, investment, innovation and trade, in order to kickstart the economy, which has stalled due to the high tax regime implemented by the SNP administration; supports action to remove unnecessary barriers to success; acknowledges Scotland's economic potential, including its key strengths in sectors such as energy, food and drink, financial services, and space, and endorses a continued focus on economic growth as the best way to create a prosperous Scotland where there is hope for a better future, people can thrive and hard work is fairly rewarded."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 78, Abstentions 16).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S7M-00290.4—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00290 in the name of Stephen Flynn (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "is essential" to end, and insert "does not necessarily deliver prosperity, tackle child poverty, improve public services or achieve climate ambitions, and that only government action can ensure that economic activity helps to achieve these objectives rather than undermining them; believes that growth is needed in areas such as clean energy, housing, nature restoration, as well as social provision, including health, education and care, and that public, community and worker ownership should play an increased role; welcomes the recent publication of the Global Justice Report by the World Inequality Lab, which, it considers, is an important contribution to the debate about how high standards of living for all people can be compatible with decarbonisation and sustainability; urges the Scottish Government to ensure that its economic strategy shows similar ambition in

combining these vital objectives, and rejects the failed idea that GDP growth inevitably builds a fair or sustainable economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 91, Abstentions 16).

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S7M-00290.5—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00290 in the name of Stephen Flynn (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "acknowledges Scotland's economic potential, including its strengths in sectors such as oil and gas, energy, food and drink, financial services and space; recognises the vital contribution of the oil and gas industry to jobs, investment and energy security; regrets the Scottish National Party administration's increases to Scottish Income Tax and failure to reform business rates, which have harmed Scotland's competitiveness; endorses a continued focus on economic growth to build a more resilient and prosperous Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to support continued investment in the North Sea, reform business rates and reduce the tax burden on hard-working people in Scotland over the next five years."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 79, Abstentions 16).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S7M-00290.1—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00290 in the name of Stephen Flynn (Growing Scotland's Economy), insert at end "; believes that Brexit has had a deeply damaging impact on the economy, and agrees that one of the biggest changes that could be made to boost growth, fix trade and cut the cost of living would be a new bespoke customs union between the UK and the EU."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 28, Abstentions 16).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 43, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that higher economic growth is essential to delivering long-term prosperity, tackling child poverty, improving public services and achieving climate ambitions; agrees that supporting enterprise, investment, innovation and trade is key to maximising productivity and increasing sustainable and inclusive economic growth; supports action to remove unnecessary barriers to success; acknowledges Scotland's economic potential, including its key strengths in sectors such as energy, food and drink, financial services, and space; endorses a continued focus on economic growth to build a more resilient, prosperous, and fairer Scotland for all; believes that Brexit has had a deeply damaging impact on the economy, and agrees that one of the

biggest changes that could be made to boost growth, fix trade and cut the cost of living would be a new bespoke customs union between the UK and the EU.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

7. World Pre-Eclampsia Day, 22 May 2026: The Parliament debated S7M-00100 in the name of Patricia Gibson—That the Parliament is aware that 22 May is World Pre-Eclampsia Day; notes that pre-eclampsia is a global issue, with most deaths from this condition occurring in low-income countries; is alarmed that an estimated 76,000 mothers and 500,000 babies worldwide lose their lives to pre-eclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy every year; appreciates that 60% of hypertension-related maternal deaths are potentially preventable but there continue to be missed opportunities for appropriate, recommended care of severe maternal hypertension; understands that women who develop pre-eclampsia in pregnancy have an increased lifelong risk of some serious longer-term health conditions, including cardiovascular issues, kidney problems, diabetes and deep vein thrombosis; laments concerns that women across the UK do not currently receive long-term monitoring following pre-eclampsia in pregnancy and are often not aware of, or informed of, the long-term health risks associated with pre-eclampsia; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to greater support for women who have experienced pre-eclampsia in Phase Two of its Women’s Health Plan, which was published in January 2026, and applauds the work of the charity, Action on Pre-Eclampsia, which is dedicated to raising awareness, improving care and supporting individuals affected by pre-eclampsia.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
9 June 2026

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

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 June 2026 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2026 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/198 (C. 19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 June 2026 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Saving Provisions) and the Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/200 (C. 20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 5 June 2026—

Stephen Flynn, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sporting Events Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-1)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 June 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Nitrogen Use Efficiency in Scotland: Annual Report 2026 (SG/2026/8) laid under Section 5(1)(c) of The Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022

Scottish Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2024 (SG/2026/133) laid under Section 34A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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