



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 11, Session 7

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 10 June 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

Before the first item of business, the Presiding Officer announced the results of the election of Committee conveners.

- 1. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what urgent action it will take in response to the reported violent racist demonstrations that took place last night in Glasgow, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Finance and Local Government, Parliamentary Business and Veterans, and then on Public Service Reform, Europe, External Affairs and Energy, were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Inquiry to Restore Public Trust in Scottish Politics:** Anas Sarwar moved S7M-00294—That the Parliament agrees to conduct an inquiry into the implications and lessons to be learned following the conclusion of Operation Branchform and the embezzlement conviction of Peter Murrell.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Jamie Hepburn) moved amendment S7M-00294.1—

As an amendment to S7M-00294 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Inquiry to Restore Public Trust in Scottish Politics), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "considers the notion of representatives of political parties using a parliamentary committee to inquire into the internal operations of rival political

parties to constitute a conflict of interest; believes that it is vital that independent authorities, including Police Scotland and the Crown Office, are free from political interference to fully and properly investigate and prosecute any and all criminal conduct, and urges elected representatives to use their parliamentary time to address matters that will improve the lives of the people of Scotland including, tackling the cost of living crisis, improving public services such as this NHS and taking climate action."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Ross Greer moved amendment S7M-00294.2—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00294 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Inquiry to Restore Public Trust in Scottish Politics), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "believes there is a need to restore public trust in politics following multiple recent financial scandals, including those uncovered by Operation Branchform; further believes that an independent review into party political finances would go some way towards restoring this trust; believes that, to avoid this becoming a nakedly partisan process, it should be independently led rather than conducted by parliamentary committee, and that its remit must apply to the funding of all political parties; recognises wider concerns about the role of money in politics, including the scale of donations by extremely wealthy individuals, and the influence of organisations that refuse to disclose their funding sources, and calls for the devolution of power over the regulation of political parties and their funding to allow for the implementation of any recommendations of the independent review that would require legislative change."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Russell Findlay moved amendment S7M-00294.3—

As an amendment to S7M-00294 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Inquiry to Restore Public Trust in Scottish Politics), insert at end "; believes that public trust is undermined when legitimate questions go unanswered; notes the conviction of Peter Murrell following Operation Branchform; believes that scrutiny is essential to democratic accountability, and calls for any independent inquiry to establish what lessons must be learned from this scandal and what reforms are required to restore public confidence in Scottish politics."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes there is a need to restore public trust in politics following multiple recent financial scandals, including those uncovered by Operation Branchform; further believes that an independent review into party political finances would go some way towards restoring this trust; believes that, to avoid this becoming a nakedly partisan process, it should be independently led rather than conducted by parliamentary committee, and that its remit must apply to the funding of all political parties; recognises wider concerns about the role of money in politics, including the scale of donations by extremely wealthy individuals, and the influence of organisations that refuse to disclose their funding sources, and calls for the devolution of power over the regulation of political parties and their funding to allow for the implementation of any recommendations of the independent review that would require legislative change.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S7M-00301—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 June 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Investment in 'Our Union Street' and the People's Palace

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strengthening Scotland's Partnership with the Third Sector

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 June 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice; Health and Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Affordable Bus Fares

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 June 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Ministerial Statement: 10th Anniversary of the UK Referendum on EU Membership

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2025-26

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2025-26

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 23 June 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 June 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Rural Affairs; Education, Culture and Gaelic

followed by Reform UK Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 June 2026

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm General Questions

2.00 pm First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 June 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Growing Scotland's Screen Sector: The Parliament debated S7M-00188 in the name of Alyn Smith—That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by Creative Scotland and Screen Scotland to support the film and screen industry and create opportunities for Scotland's cultural and arts sector; recognises what it sees as the potential economic and cultural opportunities that a new studio facility and dedicated screen skills academy could bring to Scotland, including Stirling; notes that Scotland's screen sector reportedly contributed £718 million to the Scottish economy in 2023 and supported 12,260 full-time equivalent jobs; welcomes the fact that the sector is on course to contribute £1 billion annually to the Scottish economy by the end of 2030-31, and commends Screen Scotland, local authority screen offices and all others who have contributed to the continued successful growth of the sector in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
10 June 2026

Appendix

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

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 10 June 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Canals – 2024/25 Annual Report & Accounts (SG/2026/117) laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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