

SPEAKERS LIST – TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026 PM

Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious for Scotland

Italics and underlined indicate that the MSP is a member of the relevant Committee. * Asterisk indicates new Member's first speech.

SG	LAB	REF	GRNS	CONS	LIB DEMS
	Anas Sarwar (8) (opening)	Malcolm Offord (8) (opening)	Ross Greer (6) (opening)	Russell Findlay (5) (opening)	Alex Cole-Hamilton (4) (opening)
Kate Campbell* (6.5)	Donald MacKinnon* (5)	Senga Beresford* (5)	Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill* (5)	Craig Hoy (4)	
Lloyd Melville* (6.5)					
Patricia Gibson* (6.5)					
Alex Kerr* (6.5)					
Michelle Campbell* (6.5)					
George Adam (6.5)					

Emma Roddick (6.5)					
Jackie Dunbar (6.5)					
Jenny Gilruth (10) (closing)	Jackie Baillie (5) (closing)	Julie MacDougall* (5) (closing)	Gillian Mackay (5) (closing)	Rachael Hamilton (4) (closing)	Duncan Dunlop* (4) (closing)

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ITEM	TIME	SCRIPT	NOTES
TIME FOR REFLECTION	2.00 pm	The first item of business this afternoon is Time for Reflection. Our Time for Reflection leader today is Rev Stewart Goudie.	
	2.05 pm	[At 2.05 pm you should move on to the next item of business.]	

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FIRST MINISTER'S STATEMENT: AMBITIOUS FOR SCOTLAND	2.05 pm	The next item of business is a statement by John Swinney on Ambitious for Scotland. The statement will be followed by a debate and there should be no interventions or interruptions.	
	15 mins	I call on John Swinney [FM] . [When the statement has been completed you should inform Members.]	
	2.20 pm	[At approximately 2.20 pm you should move on to the next item of business.]	

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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT DEBATE: AMBITIOUS FOR SCOTLAND	2.20 pm	<p>The next item of business is a debate on motion 105 in the name of John Swinney on Ambitious for Scotland.</p> <p>[Invite Members who wish to speak in the debate to press their request to speak buttons.]</p> <p>I call on John Swinney [FM] to move the motion</p>	<u>Suggested end times</u>
	8 mins	<p>I now call on Anas Sarwar to speak to and move amendment 105.4</p>	2.28 pm
	6 mins	<p>I now call on Ross Greer to speak to and move amendment 105.3</p>	2.34 pm

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	5 mins	I now call on Russell Findlay to speak to and move amendment 105.2	2.39 pm
	4 mins	I now call on Alex Cole-Hamilton to speak to and move amendment 105.1	2.43 pm
	8 mins	I now call on Malcolm Offord [You should then call other Members who wish to speak.]	2.51 pm <u>Note:</u> You may wish to acknowledge new MSPs' first speeches.

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		<u>Suggested end times</u>
	<u>Winding Up</u>	
4.25 pm	Call on Duncan Dunlop. [6 mins]	4.31 pm
4.31 pm	Call on Rachael Hamilton. [4 mins]	4.35 pm
4.35 pm	Call on Gillian Mackay. [5 mins]	4.40 pm
4.40 pm	Call on Julie MacDougall. [5 mins]	4.45 pm
4.45 pm	Call on Jackie Baillie. [5 mins]	4.50 pm
4.50 pm	Call on Jenny Gilruth to wind up. [10 mins]	5.00 pm
	I call on Jenny Gilruth [DFM] to wind up the debate.	
5.00 pm	[At 5.00 pm you should move on to the next item of business.]	
	That concludes the debate on Ambitious for Scotland.	

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		<p>It is now time to move on to the next item of business.</p>	
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URGENT QUESTION	5.00 pm	<p>The next item of business is an Urgent Question. [Please see separate briefing paper]</p> <p>In order to get as many people in as possible, I would prefer short and succinct questions, and answers to match.</p> <p>5.10 pm [At 5.10 pm you should move on to the next item of business.]</p> <p>That concludes the Urgent Question.</p>	

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PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU MOTIONS		<p>The next item of business is consideration of two Parliamentary Bureau motions.</p> <p>I ask Jamie Hepburn, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, to move motions 149 and 150 on Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders.</p> <p>[Member will move motions]</p> <p>The question on these motions will be put at Decision Time.</p>	

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DECISION TIME	5.10 pm	<p>There are six questions to be put as a result of today's business.</p> <p><u>First Question</u></p> <p>The first question is that amendment 105.4 in the name of Anas Sarwar, which seeks to amend motion 105 in the name of John Swinney, on Ambitious for Scotland, be agreed.</p> <p>[Pause for silence]</p> <p>Are we all agreed?</p> <p>[If no Members disagree—]</p> <p><u>The amendment is therefore agreed.</u></p> <p>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></p>	

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		<p>The Parliament is not agreed therefore we will move to a vote. There will be a short suspension to allow Members to access the digital voting system.</p>	

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		<p>PIN entry screen</p> <p>Today's PIN is: 4662</p> <p>Members should then enter the PIN and select either Chamber or Remote as appropriate.</p> <p>Vote screen – No votes currently open</p> <p>Members should now see a screen that says, "There are no votes currently open".</p> <p>Can I ask any Member who, after taking these steps, does not see the screen confirming that there are 'no open votes' to raise their hand, or to put a message in the chat function online so that assistance can be provided.</p> <p>[Once assistance has been provided to Members business can resume.]</p>	

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		<p>Before we restart proceedings, can I ask any Member who has difficulty voting or accessing the voting system to please press their Point of Order button after the vote has closed.</p> <p>We will now restart proceedings.</p>	
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		<p><u>On Resuming – Putting the Question</u></p> <p>The question is that amendment 105.4 in the name of Anas Sarwar, which seeks to amend motion 105 in the name of John Swinney, on Ambitious for Scotland, be agreed.</p>	

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		<p><u>Second Question</u></p> <p>The next question is that amendment 105.3 in the name of Ross Greer, which seeks to amend motion 105 in the name of John Swinney, on Ambitious for Scotland, be agreed.</p> <p>[Pause for silence]</p> <p>Are we all agreed?</p> <p>[If no Members disagree—]</p> <p><u>The amendment is therefore agreed.</u></p> <p>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></p> <p>The Parliament is not agreed therefore we will move to a vote, Members should cast their votes now.</p>	

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		<p><u>Third Question</u></p> <p>The next question is that amendment 105.2 in the name of Russell Findlay, which seeks to amend motion 105 in the name of John Swinney, on Ambitious for Scotland, be agreed.</p> <p>[Pause for silence]</p> <p>Are we all agreed?</p> <p>[If no Members disagree—]</p> <p><u>The amendment is therefore agreed.</u></p> <p>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></p> <p>The Parliament is not agreed therefore we will move to a vote, Members should cast their votes now.</p>	

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		<p><u>Fourth Question</u></p> <p>The next question is that amendment 105.1 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton, which seeks to amend motion 105 in the name of John Swinney, on Ambitious for Scotland, be agreed.</p> <p>[Pause for silence]</p> <p>Are we all agreed?</p> <p>[If no Members disagree—]</p> <p><u>The amendment is therefore agreed.</u></p> <p>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></p> <p>The Parliament is not agreed therefore we will move to a vote, Members should cast their votes now.</p>	

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		<p><u>Fifth Question</u></p> <p>The next question is that motion 105 in the name of John Swinney [as amended], on Ambitious for Scotland, be agreed.</p> <p>[Pause for silence]</p> <p>Are we all agreed?</p> <p>[If no Members disagree—]</p> <p><u>The motion [as amended] is therefore agreed.</u></p> <p>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></p> <p>The Parliament is not agreed therefore we will move to a vote, Members should cast their votes now.</p>	

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		<p><u>Sixth Question</u></p> <p>I propose to ask a single question on two Parliamentary Bureau Motions, does any Member object?</p> <p>[If any Member objects, put a question on each motion separately – see italicised text on page 20.]</p> <p>[If no Member objects]</p> <p>The final question is that motions 149 and 150, in the name of Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, on Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders, be agreed.</p> <p>[Pause for silence]</p> <p>Are we all agreed?</p>	

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	<p>[If no Members disagree—]</p> <p><u>The motions are therefore agreed.</u></p> <p>That concludes Decision Time. I close this meeting.</p> <p>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></p> <p>The Parliament is not agreed, therefore I will put a question for each motion separately. [Go to the next page]</p>	
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		<p><i>[If there is a need to ask separate questions, repeat the below steps for each motion.]</i></p> <p><i>The question is that motion [number] be agreed. Are we all agreed?</i></p> <p><i>[If no Members disagree—]</i></p> <p><u><i>The motion is therefore agreed</i></u></p> <p><i>[If a Member disagrees—] <u>DIVISION</u></i></p> <p><i>The Parliament is not agreed therefore we will move to a vote. Members should cast their votes now.</i></p> <p><i>[Once all questions have been asked]</i></p> <p>That concludes Decision Time. I close this meeting.</p>	

Presiding Officer Rota

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Item	Chair	Clerks
14:00-15:00 : Time For Reflection + First Minister Statement: Ambitious for Scotland + Scottish Government: Ambitious for Scotland	PO	Principal: David McGill / Callum Thomson Minute: Katrina Venters / David Millet / Alex Bruce
15:00-16:00 : Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious for Scotland	AC	Principal: Callum Thomson / Megan Caskie Minute: David Millet / Alex Bruce / Katherine Byrne
16:00-16:50 : Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious for Scotland	KC	Principal: Megan Caskie / Katy Orr Minute: Katherine Byrne / Jason Nairn
16:50-17:00 : Urgent Question + Decision Time	PO	Principal: Katy Orr Minute: Jason Nairn