



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 2, Session 7

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 19 May 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Selection of the First Minister: The following Members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Alex Cole-Hamilton
Russell Findlay
Gillian Mackay
Malcolm Offord
Anas Sarwar
John Swinney

The result of the first round of voting was—

Alex Cole-Hamilton	10
Russell Findlay	12
Gillian Mackay	15
Malcolm Offord	17
Anas Sarwar	17
John Swinney	57
Abstentions	0

Accordingly, Alex Cole-Hamilton was eliminated and a second round of voting was held. The result of the second round of voting was—

Russell Findlay 11

Gillian Mackay	13
Malcolm Offord	17
Anas Sarwar	17
John Swinney	57
Abstentions	0

Accordingly, Russell Findlay was eliminated and a third round of voting was held. The result of the third round of voting was—

Gillian Mackay	15
Malcolm Offord	17
Anas Sarwar	17
John Swinney	56
Abstentions	0

John Swinney was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

2. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland, local authorities and football stakeholders following the disorder seen in Glasgow city centre last weekend, was answered by Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Tom Arthur), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S7M-00074—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business for Thursday 21 May 2026—

2.30pm Parliamentary Bureau Motion (if required)

followed by Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

followed by Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

followed by Presiding Officer's Proposals for the Parliamentary Week

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required)

The motion was agreed to.

4. Membership of the Parliamentary Corporation: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Tom Arthur), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S7M-00075—That the Parliament agrees, with effect from 21 May 2026, that under Rule 3.6.2, the number of appointed Members of the Parliamentary Corporation for this session shall be six.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.08

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
19 May 2026

Appendix

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

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