



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 3, Session 7

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 21 May 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S7M-00108— That the Parliament agrees that Ivan McKee and Stephen Flynn be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 42).

2. First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S7M-00109— That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Gethins, Hannah Mary Goodlad, Jamie Hepburn, Simita Kumar, Kirsten Oswald and Alison Thewliss be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S7M-00109.1—

As an amendment to motion S7M-00109 in the name of John Swinney (First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers), leave out "Jamie Hepburn,".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 11, Against 71, Abstentions 43).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 73, Against 11, Abstentions 42).

3. Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment to the Scottish

Parliamentary Corporate Body—

Maggie Chapman
Jackie Dunbar
Stephen Kerr
Liam McArthur
Pauline McNeill
Graham Simpson

The Parliament voted to elect the six members for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 123, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

4. Presiding Officer's Proposals for the Parliamentary Week: The Presiding Officer set out his proposals for the Parliamentary week.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S7M-00106— That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 May 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by First Minister's Statement: Ambitious for Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 27 May 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: First Homes Fund

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Expanding Childcare

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 28 May 2026

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: It's Scotland's Energy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
21 May 2026

Appendix

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 May 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HMICS Custody inspection report – Edinburgh (HMICS/2026/04) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2026 (INWO/2026/03) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2026 (SPSO/2026/04) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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