



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 10 September 2026

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

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions (Party Leaders): Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).

3. Scotland's Energy Opportunity: The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy (Stephen Gethins) moved S7M-01114—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland's energy transformation provides a generational opportunity to grow the economy, create more high-quality jobs, strengthen communities across Scotland, and place Scotland at the heart of the solution to Europe's energy security challenge; calls on the UK Government to deliver a stable, transparent policy, regulatory and investment environment to enable timely energy deployment in Scotland at scale, and to deepen Scotland's relationship with the rest of Europe on energy, and agrees to work together to accelerate energy deployment and ensure that the full benefits of Scotland's energy transformation are realised for the people of Scotland.

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S7M-01114.3—

As an amendment to motion S7M-01114 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Energy Opportunity), insert at end "; recognises that Scotland's energy future must be built on a secure, affordable and sustainable mix of sources for decades to come; welcomes the UK Government's commitment to putting Scotland at the heart of the UK's renewable energy generation, through

a modern industrial strategy, billions of pounds of public and private investment, and upgrades to the grid to improve electricity transmission, and calls on the Scottish Government to speed up planning, to work with trade unions and industry and to invest in the skills that Scotland's energy sector needs, and to ensure that local communities share in the wealth generated by Scotland's energy.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 40 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Malcolm Offord moved amendment S7M-01114.5—

As an amendment to S7M-01114 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Energy Opportunity), leave out from the first "Scotland's" to end and insert "the most important measure for energy policy is the cost of energy to households and businesses; recognises the reality that hydrocarbons will remain a critical component of Scotland's energy mix; endorses the position of renewables playing a complimentary role in the energy mix and not a dominant one, and agrees to a target for nuclear energy output to match renewable energy output by 2050."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Kristopher Leask moved amendment S7M-01114.1—

As an amendment to motion S7M-01114 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Energy Opportunity), insert at end "recognises that energy policy is a largely reserved competence, but accepts that the Scottish Government should do what it can to provide leadership; believes that Scotland's energy future must and will include significant diversification of ownership of its energy system across private, public and community ownership, and further believes that a ScotWind Wealth Fund should be established during the current parliamentary term, and that consideration should be given to investing the remaining ScotWind leasing options into the new Wealth Fund, which should be tasked with driving community wealth, public and community ownership, and supply chain development."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 24, Abstentions 8).

Liam Kerr moved amendment S7M-01114.4—

As an amendment to motion S7M-01114 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Energy Opportunity), insert at end "expresses deep concern that 1,000 jobs each month are being lost in Scotland's oil and gas industry; calls on the UK Labour administration to scrap the damaging energy profits levy and to approve the Rosebank and Jackdaw oil and gas fields; urges the Scottish Government to publish a new energy strategy, which abandons its presumption against oil and gas; calls on the Scottish Government to stop

blocking new nuclear sites and to explore the roll-out of small modular reactors, and warns that failing to invest in a diverse energy mix will have an adverse effect on Scotland's energy security.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 83 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 8).

Sanne Dijkstra-Downie moved amendment S7M-01114.2—

As an amendment to motion S7M-01114 in the name of Stephen Gethins (Scotland's Energy Opportunity), insert at end "; recognises that work on this transformation also requires urgent action to reduce demand for fossil fuels through the acceleration of electrification and a focus on energy efficiency measures, such as insulation, in order to reduce carbon emissions and lower energy bills, and further calls for the Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments to be made more ambitious than the level set out in the recent working paper, which proposed a real-terms cut compared to the 2014 guidance, based on the principle that people should benefit more from the money that companies make from generating, storing and transmitting renewable energy near them."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 25, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 25, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that Scotland's energy transformation provides a generational opportunity to grow the economy, create more high-quality jobs, strengthen communities across Scotland, and place Scotland at the heart of the solution to Europe's energy security challenge; calls on the UK Government to deliver a stable, transparent policy, regulatory and investment environment to enable timely energy deployment in Scotland at scale, and to deepen Scotland's relationship with the rest of Europe on energy; agrees to work together to accelerate energy deployment and ensure that the full benefits of Scotland's energy transformation are realised for the people of Scotland; recognises that Scotland's energy future must be built on a secure, affordable and sustainable mix of sources for decades to come; welcomes the UK Government's commitment to putting Scotland at the heart of the UK's renewable energy generation, through a modern industrial strategy, billions of pounds of public and private investment, and upgrades to the grid to improve electricity transmission; calls on the Scottish Government to speed up planning, to work with trade unions and industry and to invest in the skills that Scotland's energy sector needs, and to ensure that local communities share in the wealth generated by Scotland's energy; recognises that energy policy is a largely reserved competence, but accepts that the Scottish Government should do what it can to provide leadership; believes that Scotland's energy future must and will include significant diversification of ownership of its energy system across private, public and

community ownership; further believes that a ScotWind Wealth Fund should be established during the current parliamentary term, and that consideration should be given to investing the remaining ScotWind leasing options into the new Wealth Fund, which should be tasked with driving community wealth, public and community ownership, and supply chain development; recognises that work on this transformation also requires urgent action to reduce demand for fossil fuels through the acceleration of electrification and a focus on energy efficiency measures, such as insulation, in order to reduce carbon emissions and lower energy bills, and further calls for the Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments to be made more ambitious than the level set out in the recent working paper, which proposed a real-terms cut compared to the 2014 guidance, based on the principle that people should benefit more from the money that companies make from generating, storing and transmitting renewable energy near them.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Save Queen's Park Glasshouse: The Parliament debated S7M-00899 in the name of Holly Bruce—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the deep cultural, historical and environmental significance of the Queen's Park Glasshouse to the Glasgow Southside constituency and the wider city; notes what it considers to be the significant public support for protecting this cultural heritage asset, evidenced by a Glasgow City Council petition signed by more than 13,000 people; understands that the glasshouse supports a range of crucial community priorities and that maintaining public access is important for heritage preservation, community cohesion, urban greenspace, accessible public toilets and dedicated opportunities for children's play; believes that the safeguarding and sustainable revitalisation of the glasshouse aligns directly with key Scottish Government strategic ambitions, including those under the National Planning Framework 4, the Climate Change Plan and the Health and Social Care Strategy; notes the view that additional investment is required to bring the glasshouse back to its full potential, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to meet with representatives of the Save Queen's Park Glasshouse campaign and Glasgow City Council to discuss all opportunities for the future of the glasshouse.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
10 September 2026

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/259)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2026 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/257 (C. 24))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/258 (C. 25))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 10 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2025-2026 (SG/2026/176)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the Management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 for the Year Ending 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/207) laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on 10 September 2026—

Jenny Gilruth, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-7b)

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S7-12)

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