



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 29 September 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Frank Strang, Founder, Scotland's Four Words of Hope, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S7M-01389— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for

(a) Tuesday 29 September 2026—
after

followed by First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: The Roles and Functions of Scotland's Law Officers

(b) Wednesday 30 September 2026—

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Protecting Scots from Significant Income Tax Rises

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd.

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members): Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).

5. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on The Roles and Functions of Scotland's Law Officers.

6. Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Communities and Strengthening Local Democracy: The Parliament debated Empowering Communities and Strengthening Local Democracy.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

8. Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026: The Parliament debated S7M-00708 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament recognises Breast Cancer Now's Wear It Pink Day 2026, which takes place on 23 October, and commends the vital work of Breast Cancer Now, the UK's leading breast cancer research and support charity; acknowledges the success of the Wear It Pink campaign, which has raised over £45 million since its inception in 2002 for lifesaving breast cancer research and care; notes the calls encouraging people across Scotland to wear pink and fundraise on the day; pays special tribute to the late Christina McKelvie MSP, a dear friend and colleague, whose commitment to breast cancer awareness, equality and compassion continues to inspire; understands that around 4,800 people in Scotland are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and that early detection, timely treatment and ongoing support are vital to improving outcomes and helping achieve the charity's goal that, by 2050, everyone with breast cancer will live and live well; notes the view that there is a need for continued investment in research, improved access to care and increasing awareness of secondary breast cancer, for which, it understands, there is currently no cure, and believes that campaigns such as Wear It Pink can make a real difference to those affected by breast cancer, now and in the future.

9. Motion without Notice: Clare Adamson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
29 September 2026

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was withdrawn on 25 September 2026—

Visitor Levy (Amendment of Returns and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Land Commission - Programme of Work, September 2026 – April 2028 (SG/2026/188) laid under Section 9(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission - Strategic Plan 2026-29 (SG/2026/187) laid under Section 8(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report on Fatal Accident Inquiries that concluded in the financial year 2025/2026 (SG/2026/224) laid under section 29 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2025-2026 (SG/2026/214) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Standards Commission for Scotland's Annual Report 2025/26 (SCfS/2026/01) laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 September 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report: September 2026 (SG/2026/211) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Government of the United Kingdom: Tenth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2026/106) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2025-2026 (SG/2026/195) laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2025-26 (SG/2026/194) laid under Section 32 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

Scottish Government: Tenth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2026/107) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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