



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 2 December 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Emily Nicholl, Scottish Thistles' Captain, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Commonwealth Games - Glasgow 2026.

4. Uniting Local and National Efforts Across Sectors to End Violence Against Women and Girls: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-19970—That the Parliament unites in its commitment to 2025's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign; warns that digital violence is the fastest growing form of abuse against women and girls worldwide; highlights the UN Women campaign, "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls", which reminds everyone that digital safety is central to gender equality; recognises that protecting women and girls online will take concerted societal action from all spheres of government, tech companies, organisations, institutions and individuals, and commits to strengthening efforts to prevent violence against women and girls across all sectors and in all its forms.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-19970.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-19970 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Uniting Local and National Efforts Across Sectors to End Violence Against Women and Girls), insert at end "; recognises, however, that violence against women and girls takes place both online and offline, and that clear action is needed from the Scottish Government to tackle it; emphasises that reported crimes against women and girls in Scotland are rising; welcomes Dr Pam Gosal MBE MSP's Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill, which, if passed, will tackle violence against women; questions the lack of Scottish Government support and legislative deliverance to tackle violence against women and girls; urges all public bodies to ensure that they are following the Supreme Court's judgment on the definition of 'sex'; raises concern about the reports of grooming gangs in Scotland, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to urgently establish an inquiry to understand the extent of the abuse and the action necessary to tackle it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 21).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. International Day of Persons with Disabilities: The Parliament debated S6M-19557 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy—That the Parliament recognises 3 December 2025 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is a day that has been established by the UN to promote the rights and wellbeing of disabled people in all aspects of life; acknowledges that this year's theme is "Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress", which highlights that, when societies remove barriers and create equal opportunities, everyone benefits; commends the contributions that disabled people make to Scotland's communities, economy, culture and public life; recognises the continuing barriers that they face, including in employment, education, transport and access to public services; supports the work of disabled people's organisations, advocacy groups and charities across Scotland that campaign for equality and human rights, and notes the Parliament's commitment to building a fairer, more inclusive Scotland, in which everyone can participate fully and thrive, including through events such as the upcoming Disability Summit, which is set to take place at the Parliament, and online, on 21 February 2026.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
2 December 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 2 December 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 88th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 December 2025 (SP Paper 923)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was withdrawn on 1 December 2025—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft]

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 2 December 2025—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 December 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/380)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 December 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/377 (C. 28))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 December 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/379 (C. 29))
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 1 December 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail is Cunntasan Annual Report & Accounts 2024-2025 SG/2025/288 laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual report and accounts 2024/25 SG/2025/231 laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 SG/2025/259 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 2 December 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scotland's Population 2024 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends SG/2025/301 laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

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