



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 5 February 2026

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

3. 900th Anniversary of Rutherglen as a Royal Burgh: The Parliament debated S6M-20393 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament recognises that 2026 marks the 900th anniversary of Rutherglen receiving the status of Royal Burgh via Royal Charter from King David I of Scotland; understands that although Rutherglen's story began long before 1126, its recognition via the first Burgh Charter gave it special trading rights and a place of importance in medieval Scotland, and that through centuries of change, Rutherglen has continued to play a key role in the region's development; notes that the milestone is being celebrated throughout the year via a series of heritage, art, wellbeing, environmental and sporting events organised by the community-led Rutherglen 900 project; further notes that the project has been built on collaboration between local people, local organisations, schools, community groups and volunteers, who are working together to honour the town's rich cultural legacy and bright future; appreciates the great sense of community within the town that the Rutherglen 900 project reflects, supported by the wide range of organisations and bodies that do great work to support residents; thanks all of those who are involved in planning and promoting the 900th anniversary celebrations, and wishes all those who live and work in Rutherglen all the best for the occasion and the future.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Climate Action and Energy, and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. Ecocide (Scotland) Bill: Monica Lennon moved S6M-20606—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 26, Abstentions 4).

6. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-20646—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT).

7. Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-20632—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
5 February 2026

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 5 February 2026—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6):
Report on the Scottish Budget 2026-27 (SP Paper 986)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2026—

Investigation and Commencement of Repair (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2026 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/47)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/48)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/49)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/52)
laid under sections 112A(4) and 163(1) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/55)
laid under section 58 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2026 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sittings) 2026 (SSI 2026/53)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Documents Subject to Parliamentary Control

The following document was re-laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2026 and is subject to parliamentary control—

Environmental Standards Scotland - Strategy 2026-2031 (ESS/2026/1)
laid under Schedule 2(2)1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union
(Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2026/5) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2026/4) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2026/6) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Environmental Standards Scotland Strategy Accompanying Statement (ESS/2026/02) laid under Schedule 2(2)4 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The 2024/25 audit of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SG/2026/44) laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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