



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 85, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 24 February 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. Alasdair Macleod, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20897—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 24 February 2026—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.35 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20879—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits

being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 2 hours 10 minutes

Groups 6 and 7: 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 47, 49, 7, 50, 51, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 62, 63, 35 and 71.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 31 (For 81, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
- 59 (For 83, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
- 36 (For 83, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
- 37 (For 84, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 38 (For 37, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 23, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 24, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 39 (For 40, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 40 (For 42, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 41 (For 42, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 42A (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 42B (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 42C (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 42 (For 41, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 23, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
- 52 (For 41, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 53 (For 39, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 22 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 23, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
- 27 (For 23, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
- 32 (For 23, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 33 (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
- 61 (For 36, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

- 34 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
- 64 (For 25, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 65 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 66 (For 23, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
- 67A (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
- 67 (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 68, 69 and 70.

6. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

Motion S6M-20865 in the name of Graham Simpson was withdrawn.

7. Scottish Parliament (Recall of Members) Bill: Graham Simpson moved S6M-20904—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Recall of Members) Bill be passed.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 30, Abstentions 66).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.28 pm.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

10. 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz: The Parliament debated 20595 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament commemorates the 85th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz on 13 and 14 March 2026; understands that on these days in 1941, 439 Luftwaffe bombers dropped more than 1,000 bombs in their raid over the Clydeside, which killed 528 people from Clydebank and seriously injured 617, with Second Avenue having the highest number of deaths; notes that the bombings resulted in Clydebank experiencing a massive loss of housing, with 12,000 houses in the town damaged and 4,300 completely destroyed; further notes that the main targets were the armaments factory in the Singer Sewing Machine works, John Brown & Company's shipyard and Beardmore's engine works; acknowledges what it sees as the huge impact the Blitz had on Clydebank, causing incomprehensible hardship, anger and sadness; commends the people of Clydebank for their resilience and celebrates the heroes who saved victims on these dark days and helped with the rebuilding efforts; pays tribute to those who lost their lives, and promises to never forget.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 February 2026

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 20 February 2026—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland (SP Paper 1015)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 6th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Code of Conduct changes - Cross-Party Groups (SP Paper 1017)

The following reports were published on 23 February 2026—

Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Cairngorm funicular railway (SP Paper 1018)

Criminal Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Report on the Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offences) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1019)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1020)

The following reports were published on 24 February 2026—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 9th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1021)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1022)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 11th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1023)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Report on the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1024)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2026 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 165(5)(a) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on 20 February 2026—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland
Troubles Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-68a)

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Supplementary Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-
S6-69a)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2025 (SG/2026/54) laid under section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 February 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The NDA group Strategy - Effective from March 2026 (SG/2026/51) laid under Schedule 2, paragraph 6(3) of the Energy Act 2004

The Representation Of The People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025 - Statement Of The Scottish Ministers Under Section 14(4) Of The Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 (SG/2026/52) laid under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 February 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Direction to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) in Respect of the Hunterston B AGR Station Site – Made under sections 3, 5 and 6 of the Energy Act 2004 (SG/2026/49) laid under sections 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report on the Recognition System - February 2026 (SG/2026/9) laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

Supplementary Costing: Non-Domestic Rates Measures - February 2026

(SFC/2026/2) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 – Reporting Requirement February 2026
(SG/2026/29) laid under section 14 of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018

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