



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 68, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 14 January 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic, and then on, Finance and Local Government were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary, and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on A9 Dualling - Programme for 2035 Completion.

**3. Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes) moved S6M-20389—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes) moved S6M-20377—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—  
(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20420—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

*followed by* Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and  
Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 January 2026, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20421—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 13 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20422—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20423—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 23 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Stage 1 Extension:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20424—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20425—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20426—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

**12. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20427—That the Parliament agrees that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20428—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Placement of Children (Requirements, Effect and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20429—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 as noted above.

**16. The Importance of Football within Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-19672 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament recognises the importance of football, culturally, economically and socially; believes that clubs such as St Mirren FC play a role in tackling issues of health and social inclusion in the community, and understands what it sees as the important economic role they play across Scotland, including in Paisley.

Submitting member has a registered interest.

**17. Motion without Notice:** George Adam 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 6.42 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
14 January 2026

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 14 January 2026—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6):  
Second supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers  
exercisable within devolved competence in the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill  
(SP Paper 958)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2026 (Session 6):  
Delegated powers in the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and  
Governance) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 959)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6):  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law  
Reform Committee on 13 January 2026 (SP Paper 960)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 January 2026 and is  
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous  
Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 January 2026 and  
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Recommendations: The Social  
Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/19)** laid under section 97(9) of the Social  
Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**National Audit Office: Administration of Scottish income tax 2024-25  
(SG/2026/11)** laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the  
Finance Act 2014

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