



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 71, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 21 January 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20498—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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

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 Motion on Legislative Consent: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 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

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 3 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (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 26 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.

3. Scottish Budget 2026-27: Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-20487—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20499—That the Parliament agrees that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20500—That the

Parliament agrees that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20501—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Paul O'Kane as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
21 January 2026

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 21 January 2026—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6):
Legislative Consent Memorandums on the UK Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill
(SP Paper 967)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2026 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

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

Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 21 January 2026—

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Supplementary
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools
Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-60a)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Best Value in policing - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/3) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Competition and Markets Authority Draft Annual Plan 2026 to 2027 (CMA/2026/01) laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, Schedule 4 s13(2)(b)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2026 (SPSO/2026/01) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/27) laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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