



# 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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