



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 91, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 10 March 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly of the 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-21032—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 11 March 2026—

delete

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

and insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

delete

8.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 12 March 2026—

delete

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Tuesday 17 March 2026

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: A year of Progress in Bringing Down Long Waits - Driving Continued Improvement and Building a Stronger NHS

and after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

delete

8.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(d) Wednesday 18 March 2026

after

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

insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

(e) Thursday 19 March 2026

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

delete

6.20 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill: Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21033— That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at stage 3, that Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word "fifth" with "eleventh", so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment was Wednesday 4 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21034— That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 3, that Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word "fifth" with "ninth", so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment was Thursday 5 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister and a Minister.

**6. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21024 — That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) 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 45 minutes  
Groups 3 and 4: 5 hours  
Groups 5 and 6: 6 hours 30 minutes  
Groups 7 and 8: 10 hours 30 minutes  
Groups 9 and 10: 12 hours 30 minutes  
Groups 11 to 14: 15 hours 30 minutes  
Groups 15 to 17: 18 hours  
Groups 18 to 20: 21 hours

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

2 (For 70, Against 47, Abstentions 6)  
86 (For 82, Against 29, Abstentions 5)  
87 (For 86, Against 25, Abstentions 10)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

136 (For 8, Against 111, Abstentions 3)  
137 (For 30, Against 76, Abstentions 13)  
138 (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 5)  
139 (For 31, Against 82, Abstentions 8)  
140 (For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 3)  
141 (For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 5)  
142 (For 37, Against 79, Abstentions 5)  
145 (For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 3)  
147 (For 41, Against 70, Abstentions 8).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 144, 3.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 4

The following amendments were not moved: 1, 143, 146 and 148.

The Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the third time limit by 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A that for the purpose of this item of today's

business, the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A be suspended. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the third time limit by 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**8. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
10 March 2026

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 6 March 2026—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Cross-Committee on Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm Session 6 Legacy Report (SP Paper 1041)

Criminal Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Cross-Committee on Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm Session 6 Legacy Report (SP Paper 1044)

Criminal Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Report on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1047)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 13th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Cross-Committee on Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm Session 6 Legacy Report (SP Paper 1048)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 11th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1049)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 12th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1050)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 13th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1051)

The following reports were published on 9 March 2026—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Standing Order rule changes - Miscellaneous and minor amendments (SP Paper 1052)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 11th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2026 (SP Paper 1053)

The following reports were published on 10 March 2026—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Scottish Aggregates Tax (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SP Paper 1054)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 27th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 March 2026 (SP Paper 1055)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 28th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Motion S6M-20942: The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modifications) Resolution 2026 (SP Paper 1056)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 9th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2026 (SP Paper 1057)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 1058)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 1059)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 1060)

## **Subordinate Legislation**

### **Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 March 2026 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/135)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

### **Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 9 March 2026 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Renters' Rights Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional Provision and Revocation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/125 (C. 13))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/127 (C. 14))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Languages Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/128 (C. 15))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 6)  
Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/129 (C. 16))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 6 March 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Implementation of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024 Statutory Report to the Scottish Parliament under Section 6 of the Act (SG/2026/46)** laid under section 6(1) (b) of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 10 March 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Biometrics Report on the Joint Assurance Review of the Acquisition, Retention, Use and Destruction of Fingerprints for Criminal Justice and Police Purposes in Scotland (SBC/2026/01)** laid under Section 20(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

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