



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 11 March 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Social Care and Wellbeing (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Skye House: Progress and Assurance.
- 3. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Parliament continued its consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 150, 22, 23, 26, 34A, 34 and 37.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 149 (For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 4)
- 24 (For 68, Against 50, Abstentions 3)
- 25 (For 70, Against 49, Abstentions 3)
- 153 (For 82, Against 40, Abstentions 2)
- 154 (For 97, Against 22, Abstentions 5)
- 88 (For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 10)
- 89 (For 87, Against 27, Abstentions 9)
- 27 (For 85, Against 38, Abstentions 1)

158 (For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 3)
28 (For 90, Against 29, Abstentions 5)
159 (For 61, Against 56, Abstentions 3)
30 (For 119, Against 2, Abstentions 3)
31 (For 123, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
32 (For 87, Against 33, Abstentions 5)
160 (For 80, Against 42, Abstentions 2)
162 (For 118, Against 3, Abstentions 3)
33 (For 70, Against 52, Abstentions 3)
164 (For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 3)
165 (For 102, Against 19, Abstentions 3)
166 (For 73, Against 44, Abstentions 5)
167 (For 75, Against 44, Abstentions 4)
168 (For 68, Against 51, Abstentions 4)
169 (For 85, Against 36, Abstentions 4)
171 (For 73, Against 50, Abstentions 2)
173 (For 71, Against 50, Abstentions 2)
35 (For 69, Against 46, Abstentions 8)
176 (For 81, Against 43, Abstentions 1)
177 (For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 1)
36 (For 73, Against 43, Abstentions 6)
179 (For 83, Against 40, Abstentions 1)
180 (For 67, Against 57, Abstentions 1)
9 (For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 6)
183A (For 70, Against 51, Abstentions 1)
183 (For 72, Against 51, Abstentions 2)
185 (For 75, Against 47, Abstentions 2)
93 (For 74, Against 50, Abstentions 1)
188 (For 84, Against 40, Abstentions 1)
38 (For 111, Against 9, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

151 (For 59, Against 62, Abstentions 1)
152 (For 50, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
155 (For 15, Against 101, Abstentions 6)
156 (For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 2)
157 (For 56, Against 63, Abstentions 3)
29 (For 59, Against 60, Abstentions 3)
90 (For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 3)
161 (For 49, Against 72, Abstentions 1)
163 (For 48, Against 74, Abstentions 2)
7 (For 19, Against 100, Abstentions 5)
170 (For 59, Against 65, Abstentions 1)
172 (For 46, Against 74, Abstentions 2)
8 (For 17, Against 101, Abstentions 4)
174 (For 18, Against 102, Abstentions 2)
175 (For 36, Against 85, Abstentions 2)
178 (For 35, Against 88, Abstentions 1)
181 (For 25, Against 97, Abstentions 2)

184 (For 50, Against 71, Abstentions 2)
186 (For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 3)
91 (For 47, Against 75, Abstentions 2)
92 (For 46, Against 76, Abstentions 2).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 6

The following amendments were not moved: 5, 182, 187 and 189.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate on Group 8 to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M- 21077—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Friday 13 March 2026

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.30 am Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, on 13 March 2026, Rule 2.2.3 of Standing Orders be varied to replace "09:30 and 12:30" with "from 9:30".

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 101, Against 19, Abstentions 3).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21035—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

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

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

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

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 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 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

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

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

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 March 2026

10.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 March 2026

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

3.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice and Housing

followed by Motion of Thanks

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 March 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.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment 21035.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-21035 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), after second "followed by Topical Questions" insert "followed by

Ministerial Statement: Update on Baird Family Hospital and ANCHOR Centre".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to by division: For 31, Against 89, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21036—That the Parliament agrees that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 7, Abstentions 1).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21037—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21038—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 2, Abstentions 6).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21039—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 8, Abstentions 0).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21040—That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment 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-21041—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber) 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-21042—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 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-21043—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21044—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21045—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21046—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.42 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
11 March 2026

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 11 March 2026—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2025-26 (SP Paper 1061)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 1062)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 1063)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 11 March 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report on Procurement Activity in Scotland - An overview of procurement activity 2023 to 2024 (SG/2026/55) laid under Section 21 (4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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