



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 17 March 2026

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ronit Quayle, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

3. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21118—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (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 to 3: 45 minutes

Groups 4 and 5: 1 hour 15 minutes

Groups 6 and 7: 1 hour 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 20, 21, 22, 6, 28, 7, 35, 8 and 9.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

10 (For 27, Against 68, Abstentions 15)
11 (For 6, Against 102, Abstentions 2)
12 (For 6, Against 104, Abstentions 2)
13 (For 5, Against 106, Abstentions 1)
14 (For 6, Against 103, Abstentions 1)
15 (For 6, Against 106, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 45, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 6, Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 19)
17 (For 6, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 19)
18 (For 6, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 19)
25 (For 45, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
27 (For 50, Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
31 (For 46, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
34 (For 6, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 17)
36 (For 6, Against 106 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 24.

The following amendments were not moved: 23, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 37.

5. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland)

Bill: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-21100—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 124, Against 0, Abstentions 2).

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21110—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Building Safety Levy (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: 50 minutes
Groups 3 and 4: 1 hour 5 minutes
Groups 5 and 6: 1 hour 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed.

7. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 5, 2 and 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

15 (For 108 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0)

4 (For 106 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 6 (For 47, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 49, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 46, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 47, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1)
- 13 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 48, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 17 (For 46, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 50, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 21 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 8, 10, 18 and 22.

8. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-21101—That the Parliament agrees that the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

9. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

10. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Liam McArthur moved S6M-21005—That the Parliament agrees that the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 69, Abstentions 1).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 8 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.11 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
17 March 2026

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 16 March 2026—

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 2025-2026 (SP Paper 1065)

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Legacy Report of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, Session 6 (SP Paper 1066)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Session 6 Legacy Report (SP Paper 1068)

Criminal Justice Committee, 11th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Report on the Prisoners (Early Release) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1070)

The following reports were published on 17 March 2026—

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Transparency of Intergovernmental activity and its implications for parliamentary scrutiny (SP Paper 1071)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Fourth Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 1074)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 14th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Railways Bill (SP Paper 1075)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Second Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 1076)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 March 2026 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Camouflaged in the education system: The experiences of children and young people from Armed Forces families (CCYP/2026/01) laid under Section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Group Business Plan 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 (SG/2026/75) laid under Paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

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