



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 106, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 6 May 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Karen Campbell, Parish Minister of Marchmont St Giles in Edinburgh and National Chaplain of Royal British Legion Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Programme for Government 2025-26.

**4. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2025-26:** The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2025-26.

**5. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17448—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Education, Children and Young People Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament following Decision Time on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. 30th Anniversary of Eco-Schools and Success for St Andrew's RC Primary School in Gorebridge:** The Parliament debated S6M-17145 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament congratulates St Andrew's RC Primary School in Gorebridge on its commendation for learning for sustainability in the international environmental Eco-Schools programme, by the environmental charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful; understands that St Andrew's RC Primary School has gone above and beyond in its Eco-Schools activities across all of the required categories; further understands that Eco-Schools is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary, and that it is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world, operated internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education and delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, and considers that such schemes are helpful in encouraging young people to take an interest in environmental issues.

The meeting closed at 5.28 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
6 May 2025

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 6 May 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill on 29 April 2025 (SP Paper 776)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 May 2025 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]  
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 [draft]  
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft]  
laid under section 58(3) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 May 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Human Tissue (Supply of Information about Transplants) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/139)  
laid under section 59 of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

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