



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 1, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 13 May 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Richard Raggett, Quaker, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** Liam McArthur moved S6M-17416—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

- 4. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17530 — That the Parliament agrees that—

Stephanie Callaghan be appointed to replace Bill Kidd as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Michael Matheson be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as the Scottish National Party substitute of the Criminal Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. Construction Skills for the Future: The Parliament debated S6M-17049 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament recognises reports of the continued skills gap in the construction sector, including in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency; notes recent statistics from the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) indicating positive shifts in perceptions of the sector across the country and, it understands, that almost three quarters (74%) of young people aged between 16 and 24 in Scotland hold a positive view of construction careers and more than a third (36%) would consider working in the construction sector; further notes the belief that more must be done to increase awareness of careers in the sector to ensure that the construction industry has a steady supply of labour with the necessary skills, and welcomes industry-led initiatives that seek to increase engagement between young people and Scotland's construction sector such as the CIOB's Student Challenge and the Scottish Traditional Building Forum's skills demonstration programmes.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
13 May 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 9 May 2025—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals (SP Paper 779)

The following report was published on 12 May 2025—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (SP Paper 781)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 May 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Recognition of Qualifications) Order 2025 (SI 2025/555)
laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 13 May 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources 2025 (CSVJB/2025/1)
laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

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