



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 43, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 4 November 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mandy Evans Ewing, Humanist, led Time for Reflection
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Minister.
3. **Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship:** The Parliament debated S6M-19487 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Inquiry Into Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship (SP Paper 849).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Parliament continued its consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 179, 182, 183, 188, 189, 190, 192, 195, 209, 210, 324, 325, 326, 327, 345, 224, 228 and 349.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

175 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
176 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
178 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
184 (For 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)

65 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
 187 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 30, Abstentions 0)
 191 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
 14 (For 112 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 7 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 298 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
 300 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
 301 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
 303 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
 194 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
 198 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
 88 (For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 312 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
 313 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
 89A (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
 89D (For 87 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 31, Abstentions 0)
 89E (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
 89F (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
 89 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
 323 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
 211 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
 212 (For 89 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
 214 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
 346 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
 226 (For 96 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 227 (For 99 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 19 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 347 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

52 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 8 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 53 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 9 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 10 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 177 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 11 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 55 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 180 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 181 (For 29, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 59 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 60 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

185 (For 28, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
61 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
291 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
186 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
63 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
64 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
292 (For 27, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
392 (For 31 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
67 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
68 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
69 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
71 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
72 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
193 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
74 (For 29, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
295 (For 28, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
297 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
75 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
2 (For 29, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
15 (For 28 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
76A (For 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
76 (For 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
305 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
306 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
307 (For 25, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
4 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
78 (For 27, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
79 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
80 (For 26, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
81 (For 26, Against 93 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
82 (For 27, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
83 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
84 (For 25, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
85 (For 25, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
86 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
87 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
199 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
201 (For 33, Against 86 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
309 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 99 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
202 (For 52 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
311 (For 8 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 87, Abstentions 20 (including 1 proxy vote))
204 (For 25, Against 87 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

205 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 206 (For 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 91(including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 316 (For 9 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 20 (including 2 proxy votes))
 318 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 1)
 319 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 320 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 321 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 7 (including 2 proxy votes))
 322 (For 24, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 90 (For 25, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 91, 92, 93 and 94 en bloc (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 328 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 215 (For 42 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 216 (For 43 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 217 (For 44(including 1 proxy vote), Against 71(including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 218 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 219 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 95 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 96 (For 45(including 1 proxy vote), Against 72(including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 97 (For 25, Against 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 98 (For 26, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 220 (For 26, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 1)
 221 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 222 (For 26, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 99 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 100 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 101, 102, 103 and 104 en bloc (For 25, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 105 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 348 (For 28, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 196, 208, 317, 213.

The following amendments were not moved: 54, 56, 57, 58, 12, 287, 288, 289, 290, 62, 293, 294, 66, 70, 73, 296, 299, 302, 304, 77, 3, 197, 200, 5, 308, 310, 89C, 89B, 89G, 207, 314, 315, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 223 and 225.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
4 November 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 31 October 2025—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (SP Paper 894)

The following report was published on 3 November 2025—

Criminal Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Early Release of Prisoners (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 902)

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandum was lodged on 31 October 2025—

Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-66)

The following memorandum was lodged on 4 November 2025—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-54a)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 31 October 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under sections 11(3), 14(7) and 19(5) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under paragraph 7(1) of schedule 5 of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 31 October 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Food (Promotion and Placement) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/303)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and section 60(3) of the
Food (Scotland) Act 2015

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 November 2025 and is
subject to the negative procedure—

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/312)
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 31 October 2025 and is
not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Commencement)
(Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/304 (C. 23))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 31 October 2025 and
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Draft Report By The Scottish Ministers In Exercise Of The Power In Section
1(1) Of The UK Withdrawal From The European Union (Continuity) (Scotland)
Act 2021 For The Reporting Period 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025 And
The Intended Future Use Of The Power Under Section 1(1) In The Upcoming
Reporting Period 1 September 2025 – 31 August 2026 (SG/2025/282)** laid under
section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity)
(Scotland) Act 2021

**Environmental Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2024
to 31 March 2025 (ESS/2025/03)** laid under Schedule 1(12)(1) of the UK Withdrawal
for the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

**The Scottish Civil Estate 2024-25: The fifteenth report on the performance and
environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2025/244)** laid
under section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2025
and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**NHS Ayrshire & Arran Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31
March 2025 (SG/2025/217)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2024/25 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran (SG/2025/218) laid under
Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Grampian Health Board (Commonly known as NHS Grampian) Annual
Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/219)** laid under

Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2024/25 audit of NHS Grampian (SG/2025/220) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Consumer Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (CS/2025/02) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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