



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 13 November 2025

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

The meeting opened at 11:40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).

3. Supporting Tourette Scotland and Greater Awareness and Inclusion for People with Tourette Syndrome: The Parliament debated S6M-19389 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital work of Tourette Scotland in providing support, advocacy and education for individuals and families affected by Tourette syndrome across Scotland; welcomes the release of the new documentary film, *I Swear*, which shines a powerful light on the lived experiences of people with this condition and challenges and stigma surrounding it; notes, with concern, reports from parents, educators and young people, including in the Lothian region, that many pupils with the condition are not receiving adequate educational support or understanding in schools; further notes the view that there is an urgent need for national guidance and consistent training for teachers and school staff to ensure that pupils with Tourette syndrome are supported to reach their full potential; notes the calls for the inclusion of Tourette syndrome-specific content in the Scottish Government's wider Additional Support for Learning (ASL) framework and mental health strategies; highlights what it sees as the importance of British Sign Language (BSL) and communication inclusion guidelines to ensure accessibility and understanding for those with the Tourette syndrome and co-occurring conditions, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with Tourette Scotland to

develop a national plan, increase funding for support services, and raise awareness across education, health and social care and the wider public.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Preparedness and National Planning Priorities for Health and Social Care.

6. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill: Graham Simpson moved S6M-19565—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill.

Kevin Stewart moved amendment S6M-19565.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-19565 in the name of Graham Simpson (Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill), insert at end ", and, in so doing, believes that consideration should be given to agreeing a parliamentary complaints and sanctions process, backed by appropriate guidance, in relation to section 2 of the Bill."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 47, Abstentions 2).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 35 (including 2 proxy votes)).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill, and, in so doing, believes that consideration should be given to agreeing a parliamentary complaints and sanctions process, backed by appropriate guidance, in relation to section 2 of the Bill.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
13 November 2025

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

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2025 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Non-Party Campaigner Code of Practice) (Appointed Date) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/347)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Languages Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/348 (C.24))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2024-2025 (SG/2025/251) laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/252) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/253) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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