



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 51, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 20 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 Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

3. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-19074 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place every November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2025, which falls on 20 November; believes that, for decades, pancreatic cancer has been left behind; understands that it receives just 3% of the UK cancer research budget; considers that an increase in long-term investment in such research could transform persistent low survival rates; notes the view that there is an urgent need to improve early diagnosis and outcomes for people affected by the condition; considers that extremely low survival rates in Scotland exist largely due to late-stage diagnosis and limited access to robust diagnostics and treatment resources; notes calls for further action to ensure that people at higher risk of cancer are identified earlier and consistently across the country; further notes the view that both the development of a centralised, nationwide case-finding programme is necessary to proactively identify high-risk people across multiple cancer types and that it is vital to ensure that the provisions of the Rare Cancers Bill are fully implemented, including the development of a national prospective observational cohort study for rare and less survivable cancers to support ongoing research; commends all of the charities and activist organisations,

and their dedicated supporters, on what it sees as their relentless efforts to improve outcomes for people with this condition, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day every success in raising awareness of this devastating disease.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Climate Action and Energy, and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Action and Energy, and Transport.

6. Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-19802—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-18938—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Publication of UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 2ABC Report.

9. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19845—That the Parliament agrees that Sue Webber be appointed to replace Annie Wells as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
20 November 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 20 November 2025—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee
on 19 November 2025 (SP Paper 915)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 85th Report, 2025 (Session
6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 18 November 2025 (SP Paper 916)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 20 November 2025 and
are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 64(4)(a) of the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 and section
7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025

Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 65(6)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 November 2025 and
is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI
2025/355 (C. 27))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 November 2025 and
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Proposal for the Children's Rights Scheme (SG/2025/290) laid under Section 15
of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation)
(Scotland) Act 2024

**Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March
2025 (SG/2025/221)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

The 2024/25 audit of NHS Tayside (SG/2025/222) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited, Annual Report and Accounts For the Year to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/264) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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