



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 54, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 27 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. Glasgow City Council's Plans for an At-city-boundary Congestion Charge and a Toll on Using the Clyde Tunnel:** The Parliament debated S6M-19510 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament notes proposals from Glasgow City Council to introduce an at-city-boundary congestion charge and a toll on using the Clyde Tunnel; recognises that at a meeting of the local authority's Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee on 19 August 2025, it was confirmed that the council would continue to investigate the possibility of putting in place the congestion charge and tolling the tunnel; understands that, if a congestion charge was introduced, it would result in motorists from other local authority areas, including the neighbouring East Renfrewshire, being charged each time that they drive into the city, for reasons such as work, healthcare and education; acknowledges that motorists would also be subject to a further charge if they pass through the Clyde Tunnel in the event that a toll is put in place, and notes the view that, as these plans from Glasgow City Council could have a widespread impact on motorists, and particularly if other local authorities responded by introducing equivalent congestion charges, it is appropriate for Scotland's national parliament to debate the proposals.

**4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice and Housing were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**6. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government when it first became aware that NHS Tayside had destroyed medical record logbooks relevant to the Eljamel Public Inquiry, despite “do not destroy” notices having been issued several months earlier, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray).

**7. Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 47, Against 63 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

2 (For 24, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

**8. Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-19948— That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0).

**9. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.13pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
27 November 2025



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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 27 November 2025—

Criminal Justice Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 920)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 921)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 87th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Public Office (Accountability) Bill (SP Paper 922)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 November 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 November 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Land Commission, Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 SG/2025/319**  
laid under section 20(2)(c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Civil Service Commission Annual report and accounts 2024 to 2025 SG/2025/300** laid under paragraph 16 schedule 1 and paragraph 17 schedule 1 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

**Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 SG/2025/303** laid under section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

**Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 SCoSS/2025/14** laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25**  
**SG/2025/287** laid under section 42A (1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 2024/25 Annual Audit Report – Audit**  
**Scotland SG/2025/305** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and  
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019: 2024/25 Ministerial Annual**  
**Report SG/2025/211** laid under section 9 of the Health and Care (Staffing)  
(Scotland) Act 2019

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