



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 9 October 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. Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025 and Wear It Pink:** The Parliament debated S6M-18752 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament recognises Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025, which takes place on 24 October, and commends what it sees as the vital work of Breast Cancer Now, which, it understands, is the UK's leading breast cancer research and support charity; acknowledges what it considers the importance of the annual Wear It Pink initiative, which raises millions of pounds for lifesaving breast cancer research and care, and notes the calls for individuals, workplaces, schools and communities across Scotland to take part and show their support by wearing pink and fundraising on the day; pays special tribute to the late Christina McKelvie MSP, a dear friend and colleague, whose unwavering support for breast cancer awareness, equality and compassion continues to inspire; understands that around 4,700 people in Scotland are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and that early detection, timely treatment and ongoing support are crucial to improving outcomes; notes the view that there is a need for continued investment in research, improved access to care and increasing awareness of secondary breast cancer, for which, it understands, there is currently no cure, and further notes the view that, by working together, raising

awareness and supporting vital initiatives like Wear It Pink, people can make a real difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer, now and in the future.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Youth Mental Health Support.

**6. Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** Douglas Ross moved S6M-19128—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

**7. Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-19275—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 January 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 78, 90, 98 and 99, and schedule 4, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 10 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 23).

**8. Planning and Infrastructure Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-19276—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 March 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 18 to 24, 46 and 112, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 23, Abstentions 1).

**9. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.26 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**11. Opposition to Proposed Closure of Cambuslang Jobcentre:** The Parliament debated S6M-18364 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament

condemns the proposed closure of jobcentres across the UK, including Cambuslang Jobcentre in the Rutherglen constituency, by the UK Government.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
9 October 2025

### **Appendix**

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

#### **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 9 October 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 75th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (SP Paper 888)

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