



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 24 September 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government were answered by Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretary, and Ministers

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister (Natalie Don-Innes) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Provision and Access to Residential Outdoor Education for Children and Young People in Scotland.

3. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be moved to 9.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Housing (Scotland) Bill: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 178, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 104, 295 and 302.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

286 (For 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

88 (For 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 89 (For 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 90 (For 99 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 9 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 91 (For 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 50 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 92 (For 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 93 (For 101 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 94 (For 83 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
 95 (For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 96 (For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 49 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 212 (For 69 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 39, Abstentions 0)
 97 (For 100 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 98 (For 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 99 (For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 213 (For 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 39, Abstentions 0)
 100 (For 99 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 102 (For 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
 103 (For 53 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 51 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 105 (For 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 21, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

6 (For 6 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 97 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 179 (For 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 180 (For 31 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 73 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 192 (For 25, Against 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 283 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 198A (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 198 (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 197A (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

197 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
44 (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
284A (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
284 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
394, 395, 396, and 397 en bloc (For 40, Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
37 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
288 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
289 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
9 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
199 (For 40 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
12 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
201 (For 43, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
202 (For 40, Against 69 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
203 (For 41, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
204 (For 40, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
205 (For 41, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
206 (For 40, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
207 (For 40, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
208 (For 41, Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
210 (For 39, Against 69 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
38 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 98 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
101 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
13 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
215 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
15 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 82 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
218 (For 39 , Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
219 (For 24, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
45 (For 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 98 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
220 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
221 (For 40, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
222 (For 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 99 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

292 (For 9 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 223 (For 22, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 16)
 224 (For 23, Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 16)
 226 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 229 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 76 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 293 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 294 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 300 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 81 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 232 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 79 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 47 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 77 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 304 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 79 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 305 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 57 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 306 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 106 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 307 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 308 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 193, 194, 195, 196, 8, 7, 285, 287, 10, 200, 209, 211, 14, 214, 216, 217, 290, 291, 225, 227, 228, 296, 297, 231, 230, 298, 299, 301, 233, 234, 235, 303 and 16.

The Presiding Officer exercised their power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the agreed time limit.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the fifth time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised their power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the agreed time limit.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19023—
 That the Parliament—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Techscaler Programme

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 October 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 October 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 October 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 September 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 September 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 24 September 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2025-26 (SP Paper 869)

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