



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 34, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 30 September 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Cameron McGerr, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19134—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 30 September 2025—

delete

7.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

8.20 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 1 October 2025—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Urban Gulls Summit

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 Decision Time

(c) Thursday 2 October 2025—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

and after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Techscaler Programme.

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government who it consulted before producing the *Supporting Transgender Pupils in Schools Guidance for Education Authorities and Schools*, which it published yesterday, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth).

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

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 326, 240, 241, 111, 334, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 367, 262, 387 and 121.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

243 (For 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)

354 (For 75 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 31, Abstentions 0)

355 (For 78 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 30, Abstentions 0)

245 (For 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)

246 (For 83 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)

366 (For 83 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

122 (For 101 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

309 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

310 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

311 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

107 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

312 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

313 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

316 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

109 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

110 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

236 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

237 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

238 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

239 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

328 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

329 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

17 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

18 (For 20 (including 1 proxy votes), Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

332 (For 20 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

330 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

331 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

335 (For 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 13)

333 (For 10 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 13)

46 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote) Against 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
336 (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
337 (For 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
338 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
19 (For 20 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
341 (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
342 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
343 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
347 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
20 (For 20 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
348 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
349 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
350 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
112 (For 28 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 76 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
244 (For 38, Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
352 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
353 (For 12 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 95 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
114 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
113 (For 30 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 79 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
360 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
362 (For 10 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 97 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 2)
365 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 101 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
256 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
115 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
257 (For 28, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
368 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

370 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 371 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 373 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 374 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 258 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 62 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 259 (For 38, Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 382 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 117 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 119 (For 17, Against 91 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 267 (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 268 (For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
 269 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 100 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1)
 393 (For 39, Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was pre-empted: 359

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 339, 351.

The following amendments were not moved: 108, 314, 315, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 327, 340, 344, 345, 346, 247, 356, 357, 358, 361, 363, 364, 255, 21, 369, 372, 375, 376, 377, 260, 39, 40, 263, 22, 264, 266, 265, 50, 378, 379, 116, 380, 381, 383, 385, 384, 48, 49, 261, 386, 51, 388, 389, 390, 118, 23, 24, 25, 120, 391, 392, 26, 27, 28, 29, 41, 42, 43.

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 eighth time-limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

7. Housing (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Housing (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-18992—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

7. Committee Announcement: Stuart McMillan, on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, made an announcement on Instruments considered during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2025-26.

8. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19135—That the Parliament agrees that Sarah Boyack be appointed as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 September 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 26 September 2025—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 866)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous
Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 867)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2025
(Session 6): Report on the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 (SP
Paper 872)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th Report, 2025 (Session
6): Crime and Policing Bill Legislative Consent Memorandums, delegated
powers consideration (SP Paper 873)

The following reports were published on 30 September 2025—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1
report on the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 870)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2025
(Session 6): Report on the Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in
Scotland (SP Paper 874)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Report on the Proposed National Good Food Nation Plan (SP Paper 875)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th Report, 2025 (Session
6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 30 September 2025 (SP Paper 876)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 12th Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Climate Change
(Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025
(SP Paper 877)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 26 September 2025—

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Pension Schemes Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-65)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 26 September 2025 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Data Publication) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/274)

laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/275)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 September 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

National Records of Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2024-2025

(SG/2025/126) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Report on Whole System Civil Emergency

Preparedness 2025 (SG/2025/70) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2024-25

(SG/2025/95) laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2024-25 Annual Report &

Accounts (SG/2025/96) laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SCoSS/2025/11)

laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Transport Scotland: The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities' Functions: 2024 - 2025 (SG/2025/232)

laid under section 12(1)(c) of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

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